



PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

April 5, 2026

‘The steadiest thing on a shaking world is a disciple whose life is hid with Christ in God, and whose heart is loosened from its cleaving to the dust. His weight hangs on heaven, and shaking of the earth under his feet does not imperil his position, or disturb his repose.’

William Arnot (1808-1875), Studies in Acts

Announcements and Call to Worship

Prelude for Worship **Adult Choir**
“No More Night”

Call to Worship Hymn **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (312)**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll’wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Scripture Reading **Ezekiel 36:22-38**

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the

nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹ Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. ³² It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel. ³³ "Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵ And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' ³⁶ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it. ³⁷ "Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. ³⁸ Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

The Lord's Supper and Pastoral Prayer..... Dr. Daniel Weaver
(A gluten-free alternative will be served in the transept seating area near the organ)

Hymn See the Destined Day Arise (298)

See the destined day arise!
See a willing sacrifice!
Jesus, to redeem our loss,
hangs upon the shameful cross;
Jesus, who but You could bear
wrath so great and justice fair?
Ev'ry pang and bitter throe,
finishing Your life of woe?

REFRAIN:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lamb of God for sinners slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ, we praise Your name!

Who but Christ had dared to drain,
steeped in gall, the cup of pain,
and with tender body bear
thorns and nails and piercing spear?
Slain for us, the water flowed,
mingled from Your side with blood;
sign to all attesting eyes
of the finished sacrifice.

REFRAIN

Holy Jesus, grant us grace
in that sacrifice to place
all our trust for life renewed,
pardoned sin, and promised good.
Grant us grace to sing Your praise,
'round Your throne through endless days,
ever with the sons of light:
"Blessing, honor, glory, might!"

REFRAIN

Hymn Christ Arose! (307)

Low in the grave He lay— Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day— Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose, (He arose,)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes. (He arose!)
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! (He arose,) He arose! (He arose!)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed— Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead— Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose, (He arose,)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes. (He arose!)
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! (He arose,) He arose! (He arose!)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey— Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away— Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose, (He arose,)
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes. (He arose!)

He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! (He arose,) He arose! (He arose!)
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Scripture Reading Acts 4:13-37

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old. ²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed' ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness. ³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Sermon Dr. Blair Waddell

'What difference does the resurrection make?'
-The Public Witness of the Risen Jesus' Acts 4:32-37

Hymn of Commitment All I Have Is Christ (389)

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indiff'rent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed,
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me,
Now all I know is grace.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone,
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.
Oh, Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose,
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sermon Outline
'What difference does the resurrection make?'
-The Public Witness of the Risen Jesus' Acts 4:32-37

- I. Consider Life Before (Luke 22-24 - But hope Luke 24:44-49)
- II. Look at Life After
 - A. The Disciples in the Upper Room (Acts 1:8, 12-14)
 - B. The new believers at Pentecost (Acts 2: 4, 11, 14, 41-47)
 - C. The believers AFTER opposition (John 16:33, Acts 4:23-37)
- III. Characteristics
 - A. Received the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; Romans 8:11-16)
 - B. Radical Dependence on God (4:23-30)
 - C. Boldness to make Christ Known (4:31)
 - D. Unusual Unity (2:44; like David's men 1 Chronicles 12:38)
 - E. Powerful teaching (2:46)
 - F. Unusual generosity (2:45; Deuteronomy 15:4-5; 1 John 3:17-18)
 - G. Great Grace (2:47; Matthew 18:22; Colossians 3:13; Ephesians 4:1-3)
 - H. The example of Joseph (Numbers 18:20; Deuteronomy 10:9)
- IV. Lessons that still apply today - Gospel belief, brings Gospel Change. This is part of the witness!
 - A. The Gospel produces love for God and love for others.
 - B. The Gospel tears down dividing walls - economic, ethnic, personalities.
 - C. The Gospel unifies doctrine - you will value holiness. (Ephesians 4:4-7)
 - D. The Gospel causes you to live for the next life not this one.

K Group Questions for April 8

- 1. How were the disciples different after the resurrection?
- 2. Why must belief in the gospel bring a change in your life? What does a 'saved' Christian look like?
- 3. How does the gospel tear down dividing walls?
- 4. In what ways does the gospel produce holiness? What does that look like?
- 5. How are the verbal witness of the gospel and the visible witness of the church tied together? What does it accomplish?

Announcements

- ❖ - New Announcement

Weekly Happenings:

Monday-Saturday

Men's Morning Bible Study – Contact Scott Dolloff

Wednesday

K Groups @ 6:00 PM - Host Homes/Youth at PBC

Adult Choir Rehearsal Immediately Following K Groups

Thursday

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study - Contact Sue Carter

❖ Men's Ministry – April 18

Men's Ministry will meet at Top Golf on April 18th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Sign up in the lobby. Contact Evan Dolloff with questions: esdolloff@gmail.com

Student Summer Camp 2026 – May 30-June 3

Join us for our summer camp with Crossings at Cedarmore from May 30 - June 3! This camp is for all our middle and high school students. We'll ride up in a couple of vans to beautiful Bagdad, Kentucky. We'll have all the fun experiences of lake life, swimming, water zip-lines, laser tag, and much, much more (see the link below for all the activities you can choose from). The staff and curriculum are top-notch, along with meaningful worship and messages. This camp has become a favorite of our students. Do not miss this amazing, life-changing week of camp! Contact Joel Blevins with questions: joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us and [Sign up at this link!](#)

For Your Calendar

April 7	Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 11	Ladies Book Group @ 9:15 am
April 14	Missions Ministry Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 18	Men's Ministry at Top Golf @ 2:00 pm
April 21	Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 24	Games at Valley View @ 2:30 pm
April 28	Deacons Meeting @ 6:30 pm
May 10	Mother's Day
May 17	Graduation Sunday
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