



# PROVIDENCE Baptist Church

May 3, 2026

Unity is the main aim, and the most appropriate fruit, of love. There is no other Christian duty urged with more earnestness and vehemence than that of unity.

-John Owen

## **Announcements and Call to Worship**

### **Prelude for Worship**

### **Call to Worship Hymn ..... Come, Praise and Glorify (44)**

Come, praise and glorify our God, the Father of our Lord.  
In Christ, He has in heav'nly realms, His blessings on us poured.  
For pure and blameless in His sight, He destined us to be,  
And now we've been adopted, through His Son eternally.  
To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,  
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!

Come, praise and glorify our God, who gives His grace in Christ.  
In Him our sins are washed away, redeemed through sacrifice.  
In Him God has made known to us, the myst'ry of His will,  
That Christ should be the head of all, His purpose to fulfill.  
To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,  
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!

Come, praise and glorify our God, for we've believed the Word.  
And through our faith we have a seal, the Spirit of the Lord.  
The Spirit guarantees our hope, until redemption's done.  
Until we join in endless praise, to God, the Three in One.  
To the praise of Your glory, to the praise of Your mercy and grace,  
To the praise of Your glory, You are the God who saves!

### **Scripture Reading ..... Deuteronomy 14:22-29**

<sup>22</sup>“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. <sup>23</sup>And before the LORD your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. <sup>24</sup>And if the way is too long for you, so that you are

not able to carry the tithe, when the LORD your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God chooses, to set his name there, <sup>25</sup>then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the LORD your God chooses <sup>26</sup>and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God and rejoice, you and your household. <sup>27</sup>And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you. <sup>28</sup>“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. <sup>29</sup>And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.

**The Lord’s Supper and Pastoral Prayer..... Brian Fourroux**  
*(A gluten-free alternative is available in the transept seating area near the organ.)*

**Hymn ..... O Church of Christ, Invincible (338)**

O Church of Christ, invincible, the people of the Lord;  
empowered by the Spirit’s breath, and nourished by His Word.  
His covenant of grace will be our portion evermore;  
For He who called us will not change, our help and our reward.

O chosen people called by grace, the sons of Abraham,  
who walk by faith in things unseen and on His promise stand,  
That ev’ry nation of the earth will hear of boundless love  
That causes broken hearts to heal and pays our debts with blood.

O Church of Christ in sorrow now, where evil lies in wait,  
when trial and persecutions come this light will never fade.  
For though the hordes of hell may rage, their pow’r will not endure;  
Our times are in the Father’s hand, our anchor is secure.

O Church of Christ, upon that day, when all are gathered in,  
when ev’ry tear is wiped away with ev’ry trace of sin;  
Where justice, truth and beauty shine, and death has passed away;  
Where God and man will dwell as one for all eternity!

**Hymn ..... His Mercy is More (Supplement)**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn; our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn; our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

What riches of kindness he lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford.  
Our sins, they are many, his mercy is more. Praise the Lord, his mercy is more.  
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn; our sins, they are many, his mercy is more.

**Scripture Reading ..... Acts 6:1-7**  
Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

**Worship in Tithes and Offerings**

**Sermon ..... Dr. Daniel Weaver**  
**"Service for Unity in the Mission" Acts 6:1-7**

**Hymn of Commitment ..... To God Be the Glory (19)**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our vict'ry, when Jesus we see.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

### **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**

#### **“Service for Unity in the Mission” Acts 6:1-7**

- I. To fulfill the mission, we must rightly prioritize the needs of the church. vs. 6:1-2
  - a. Neglect of needs leads to disunity. vs. 1
  - b. Neglect of needs leads to disordered priorities. vs. 2
- II. To fulfill the mission, we must delegate to faithful folks of the church. vs. 6:3-4
  - a. Find Godly and wise people. vs. 3
  - b. Allow for priorities to be in order. vs. 4
- III. To fulfill the mission, we must strive for the unity of the church. vs. 6:5-7
  - a. Be agreeable to the wise choices of the church. vs. 5
  - b. Pray for the leaders of these services. vs. 6
  - c. Unity in service leads to a flourishing church. vs. 7

### **K Group Questions for May 6**

1. The problem that came up within the church was the lack of distribution of provisions for a population of the widows in the church. What are some modern-day examples of overlooked needs within a local church? How should we address them?
2. Why must the preaching and teaching of the Word of God take first priority in the church?
3. Why are character and godliness, not skills and talents, mentioned in the qualifications for choosing the seven?
4. Why are order and service essential to unity?

5. How can you help the elders and deacons?

### **Announcements**

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#### **Weekly Happenings:**

##### **Wednesday**

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

Adult Choir Rehearsal Immediately Following K Groups

##### ❖ **Worship Care Volunteer Sign-up**

We are so excited about the growth we are experiencing in the nursery as we welcome new babies and visiting families! To accommodate this growth, we are looking for several additional worship care volunteers who would be willing to serve two times per quarter. Volunteers must be members of PBC and must complete a background check. Students ages 14-18 can volunteer as long as they are serving alongside a parent. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions about it, please contact Susanna Farmer or Brooke Craig. Thank you so much to those who are already serving! If you haven't already, you can let us know your summer availability using the link provided in the PBC weekly email. ([su-sanna.o.farmer@gmail.com](mailto:susanna.o.farmer@gmail.com)) or ([brookecraig0129@gmail.com](mailto:brookecraig0129@gmail.com))

##### **Graduation Sunday – May 17**

All 2026 high school or college graduates, PBC would like to recognize you on May 17 for Graduation Sunday. Contact Joel Blevins to add your name to the list. If you have any questions, contact [joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us](mailto:joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us)

##### **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](mailto:joel.blevins@providencebaptist.us) and sign up on the PBC Website via the link provided.

##### ❖ **VBS – June 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited about our theme this year "The Upside-Down Kingdom – Living the Beatitudes Everyday"! VBS Registration is Open! Please use the links to register:

- **Children's Registration:** [2026 VBS Children's Registration](#)
- **Volunteer Registration:** [2026 Volunteer Registration](#)

❖ **Men's Conference: June 26-27 – Friday 6:30 pm to Saturday 8:00 am**

Our theme this year will be **Living as Witnesses in the World**. To go along with our study of Acts, we will look at how the Bible calls men to live as witnesses of the Lord Jesus in the home, workplace, and beyond. Make plans to attend and invite your friends for a time of Bible teaching and fellowship. *Registration coming soon!*

**Children’s Sunday School**

The Lord is blessing us with lots of little ones, and we will be opening some new classrooms in the new school year beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us in making disciples and proclaiming God's goodness to the next generation. We are looking for a new teacher for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and we need at least six helpers for ages ranging from babies through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Helpers support the teacher, love and pray for our kids and families, and usually fill in for the teacher if they are out. Please contact Kimberly Cox (256) 468-5502 or Susan Herder (256) 270-6156 to volunteer or learn more.

**For Your Calendar**

- May 5 Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- May 10 Mother’s Day
- May 17 Graduation Sunday
- May 19 Elders Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- May 26 Deacons Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- May 29 Games at Valley View @ 2:30 pm
- May 27 Summer Prayer Meetings begin
- May 30-June 3 Student Summer Camp 2026
- June 8-12 VBS
- June 26 Games at Valley View @ 2:30 pm
- June 28 Hymn Sing @ 6:00 pm

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**Congratulations to the Class of 2026!**

**PBC honors the following graduates as they mark this milestone:**

**Grace Anne Ingram**  
Jacksonville State  
Education

**Olivia Waddell**  
University of Alabama  
Environmental Engineering

**Jorryn Zelek**  
University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Chemical Engineering

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