



**Providence**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**“Where Life and Faith Connect”**

Sunday, July 28, 2024

WELCOME VISITORS AND FRIENDS

*Please silence your cell phone before worship.*

**WELCOME FRIEND!** We are glad you are here.

The Sanctuary is equipped with Assistive Hearing Technology.



**Here are some ways to meet people and get involved:**

- Look for someone with a name tag! Ask questions; we're here to help.
- Read this bulletin; see information displays in the Gathering Areas.

**Pew Cards** Please let us know you joined us today by signing a pew card and returning it to the outer aisle of the pew / row. (Bonus: You can learn the names of others in your row!)

**WELCOMING CHILDREN**

- We have a Quiet Room located just outside the Sanctuary if you would like a quieter space for your child.
- A fully staffed nursery for infants and younger children up to 4 years old, in Room 200 at the top of the ramp, is available during worship.
- Children 5 years old through rising 3rd graders may meet in the Godly Play room under adult supervision. Depending on volunteer availability, some weeks both age groups may meet in the same room.

We are glad you are here today! If you have any questions, please see the ushers or ask to be introduced to Paige Bach, our Dir. of Next Gen Ministry.

**FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:** The Providence Flower Guild invites you to make a donation for flowers on a Sunday that has special meaning for you. When you sign up, please indicate the purpose of your flower donation: to the glory of God, in honor or memory of a special person in your life, in celebration of a special occasion. This information will be printed in the bulletin on the Sunday of your choice. The suggested donation for flowers is \$40. You may pay by check (please write "Flower Guild" on your check's memo line). Sign up by QR Code or URL: <https://bit.ly/3KrVQ0B>



The Presbyterian Church (USA) has officially recognized Providence as an Earth Care Congregation. To learn more about this initiative visit <https://www.providencechurch.org/earth-care-congregation/>



July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering**

**PRELUDE**

Deux Arabesques  
Jane Kaye, piano

–Claude Debussy

**WELCOME**

Rev. Matt Baker

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Miles Chen

One: Day after day, an abundance of God's love,  
**All: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:**

One: A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,  
**All: A friend's embrace, a child's smile,**  
One: A new insight, a sense of peace,  
**All: A shared meal, a treasured moment.**

One: All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.  
**All: How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?**

**\*HYMN #687** (Purple) Our God, Our Help in Ages Past  
(Lyrics: See page 6.)

ST. ANNE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Laura Braceland

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***God of grace, though we run so far away, we are never lost from you. Though we take everything for granted and dismiss your grace, you never leave us or forsake us. We confess our tendencies to wander and to forget that all good things come from you. We become so self-absorbed that we don't see you sitting right next to us, desiring to wrap your arms around us. Open our eyes to your presence. Free us from the desire to take life into our own hands. Thank you for always welcoming us home, even when we choose to trust our own ways and make our own paths. We choose today to follow only you.***

(Time for silent and personal confession.)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE** (Purple #240)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**Word**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 4

Miles Chen

(Text: See page 8.)

**ANTHEM**

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands –arr. M. Hogan  
Gene Kaye, bass

**SECOND READING**

Mark 4:35-41

Rev. Baker

(Text: See page 8.)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Planting Peace”

Rev. Matt Baker

**\*HYMN #175** (Purple)

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

(Lyrics: See page 6.)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Paige Back

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

Paige Bach

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(Please place your tithes & offerings in the basket at the rear of the Sanctuary.)*

Paige Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY** (Purple #608)

PRAISE GOD

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise Christ, all people here below;**

**praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Paige Bach

**Sending**

**\*HYMN #838** (Purple)

Standing on the Promises  
(Lyrics: See page 7.)

PROMISES

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

**POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune  
Jane Kaye, organ

–G. F. Händel

***\*Those able are invited to stand.***

*When the Worship Is Over, the Service Begins;  
Every Christian Goes into the World as a Minister*

**#687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE**

1 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:

2 Beneath the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

**#175 Seek Ye First LAFFERTY**

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and its righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find;  
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

3 You shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word  
that proceeds from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, alleluia!

## **#838 Standing on the Promises PROMISES**

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:  
Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)

## Psalm 4, NRSVUE

- <sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
 You gave me room when I was in distress.  
 Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- <sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
 How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? *Selah*
- <sup>3</sup> But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
 the Lord hears when I call to him.
- <sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
 ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices,  
 and put your trust in the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
 Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
- <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart  
 more than when their grain and wine abound.
- <sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace,  
 for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

## Mark 4:35-41, NRSVUE

### Jesus Stills a Storm

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



# Announcements

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**LAY READERS:** Laura Braceland

**WELCOMING DEACON:** Carmen Santiago

**A/V & Live Streaming:** Benjamin Fitch

**THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL** are to the glory of God.

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**SUMMER FELLOWSHIP** will be in Taylor Hall today.

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## Heathens, Heretics & Doubters

Monthly discussions  
with Rev. Matt

**RESCHEDULED TO  
AUG. 11 at 1 pm**

Audacious Aleworks Brewery  
in Fairfax

**EVERYONE** is welcome!

### **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE ON MONDAYS!**

All announcements submitted to Kathy **by 9:00 am on Monday** will appear in Providence communications (bulletin, weekly emails, hallway monitors, etc.) for the Sunday immediately following (unless different timing is requested). Items received after that deadline will begin to run for the Sunday of the following week. For example: the deadline for all communications for **August 4 is Monday, July 29.** (There are different deadlines for worship information and the prayer list.)

**Being Our Best Earth Care Stewards** What is an invasive plant? How does it differ from natives, and why does it matter? In *Bringing Nature Home*, Douglas Tallamy says "Gardeners have become important players in the management of our wildlife." Stop by the Earth Care table to see how you can help sustain our local creatures with your own patch of God's creation. Below are other topics throughout the summer:

July 7: Minimizing Food Waste

July 14: Proper Recycling

**July 28: Invasive Plants / Native Plants**

August 4: Trace, the Zero Waste Shop

August 11: Kitchen Composting

August 25: More Sustainable Products

Soon, ongoing: Trash Art with Susanne Fitch



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**COMMUNION CARE SUNDAY** Help us celebrate Communion on **August 11 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)** by bringing to worship **non-perishable food for our Food Pantry**. Volunteers will be at the Food Closet that Sunday to accept your donations. We request donations of any combination of these items: **Dinty Moore stew (20 oz.), healthy cereals, Helpers**. Please help as you are able. Thank you for all of the food items and monetary gifts donated to our Food Closet. You have made a difference as we continue to do what we can to eradicate systemic poverty.



# Summer Fellowship 2024

Through September 8, we invite everyone to come together for fellowship after our 10 am Summer Worship! We'll meet in Mission Hall for light refreshments (fruit, cheese and crackers, cookies, coffee, tea) and light conversation. Snacks are provided by members of the congregation, grouped by surname as listed below. On one Sunday, snacks will be OPEN FOR ALL to donate, no specific assignments. The coffee service set-up and clean-up will be under the direction of one or two committees or church groups each week. The final Summer Sunday is sponsored by CL&F (Congregational Life & Fellowship).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bring a Dozen Goodies</b>	<b>Committee / Group (Coffee Service)</b>
August 4	Miller - Parker	Next Gen/PYF Youth
August 11	Pavord - Santiago	Sanctuary Choir
August 18	Singleton - Thronsen	Mission/Nominating
August 25	Urbon - Zimmerman	Worship/S&F
Sept. 1	OPEN FOR ALL	Flower Guild
<b>Sept. 8</b>	-	<b>CL&amp;F: Fall Kick-off Picnic</b>

**NOTES: What gave me pause in the scripture and sermon today?**

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# Calendar

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## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE (most Sundays)**

(Worship is live streamed through Providence's YouTube channel.)

**Summer Worship at 10 am, The Sanctuary**  
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will resume in September**

### **Sunday, July 28**

Summer Fellowship—11:00 am, Mission Hall

Snacks: Leyden-McKeever; Set-up: Adult Ministry and Technology

Popsicles on the Playground—11:00 am, Playground

Heathens, Heretics & Doubters—**RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 11**

### **Monday, July 29**

Matthew 25 meeting—7:30 pm, Zoom

### **Wednesday, July 31**

Food Pantry open—12-2 pm

### **Sunday, August 4**

Summer Fellowship—11:00 am, Mission Hall

Snacks: Miller-Parker; Set-up: Next Gen/PYF Youth

Youth Kings Dominion trip—10:00 am

**NOTE: Communion, Communion Care Sunday and First Sunday will be on August 11.**

Core office hours: Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm.

It is church practice to keep the doors locked most of the time, even during core hours.

Please ring the doorbell for assistance or make arrangements ahead of your visit.

Subject to change ~ for current information, go to  
<https://www.providencechurch.org/events/calander/>



# *Providence Prayer Ministries*

Many of us have experienced the power of prayer. In times of crisis, change, loss, fear – and joy – it is encouraging to have the prayerful support and gratitude of a body of friends and believers. Here are two ways to offer prayers for friends and loved ones:

**Bulletin Prayer List:** Each week we print the names of those requested by loved ones to be included on our Prayer List (see back inside cover). Please contact the church office with your prayer request. Requests for prayer will be listed in the bulletin for up to three weeks. If you wish to continue prayers, simply notify us. Those on the deployed list remain until they return from their duties.

**Prayer Blossom:** For the times when you need the prayers of others, let the Providence “Prayer Blossom” take care of you. When you fill out a Prayer Request card or send an email request to the church office, a member of the Pastoral Care Committee will write a prayer specifically for you; that prayer will be sent through our Prayer Blossom email chain to the committee along with a few other members of our congregation. Prayer Request cards can be found in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and at the back of the Taylor Hall worship space. Our Prayer Blossom email chain is open to all members of our congregation; please notify the church office if you would like to be added to the list.

# Prayer List ~ July 28, 2024

## Recovering from Surgery

**Cecelia Porter**

**Bob Dutton**

## Undergoing Treatment

**\*Matthew Hausman**,  
husband of Hillary Nebhut,  
son-in-law of David &  
Kathy Nebhut

**Nancy Jones**

**Richard Mudd**

**Glynda Johnson**,  
friend of Niki Gamble

**Mitzi Anh Kweder**, child-  
hood friend of Kate Zander

**Faith Perkins & Katie  
Pulsifer**, 16-year-old friends  
of Kate Zander

**Kara Owen**, family friend of  
Rhoda Waters

**Guy Goodwin**, USCG (Ret.),  
friend of Rick Witton

**Virginia Holian**, friend of  
David & Brenda Kepley

**Jennifer Porter**,  
cousin of David Kepley

**Mary C. Davis Bishop**,  
daughter of Martha Lamb

## Continuing Care

**Gerri Shea**,  
sister of Brenda Kepley

**Martyn Cusworth**, brother-  
in-law of Lesley McKeever

**Zachary Hasley**,  
friend of Toni Medwedeff

**Michiyo Laing**,  
sister of Chikako Hadeisho

**Lucille Daly**,  
cousin of Paul Krumhaus

**Rick Hofscher**, nephew of  
David & Kathi Ranowsky

**Mike Gelb**,  
friend of David Kepley

**Janet Knorr**,  
mother of Ed Knorr

**Jim Saros**,  
brother of Niki Gamble

**Elsie Hamilton**, mother of  
Chloe Hamilton Sapp

**Karen Renner**,  
sister of Doris Gearing

**Nancy Evans**,  
sister of Sara Bennett

## Ongoing Concern

**The Ardan Family**, who live  
in Lviv, Ukr.; extended  
family of Elly (Ardan) Brtva

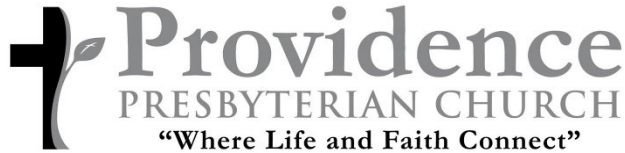
### **\*New to Prayer List / Change in listing**

*Help us keep the Prayer List up to date:*

*Please contact the church office when anyone's status has changed.*

*If you wish to add a loved one to our prayer list,*

*contact the church office at [office@providencechurch.org](mailto:office@providencechurch.org).*



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text Giveppc to 73256