



Providence
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Where Life and Faith Connect”

Sunday, October 20, 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 toddlers up to 4 years old, in Room 200 at the top of the ramp on the left, is available during worship services.
- Most Sundays, children up to 3rd grade begin in worship with their families. After the anthem, children 4 years old to 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play. Breakfast & Bible Study and 4-6 Sunday School begin at 10 am.
- Children's Choir, for children 6th grade and younger, meets in the Godly Play Room from 11-11:45 am.

On first Sundays there is no Christian Education as we encourage families to worship together. We are glad you are here today! If you have any questions, please see the ushers or look for 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/>



October 20, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Aria
Jane Kaye, organ

–Paul Manz

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Baker

INTROIT

I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say –Bernadette Farrell
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics: See page 7.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mary Rodgers

One: God, you created us as individuals but call us to community.

All: Give us hearts for our neighbor.

One: Your creation and re-creation began in gardens.

All: We admire the beauty all around us.

One: You promise a beautiful city throughout the scripture.

All: We praise you for peoples brought together.

One: Pull us into your story, today.

All: We come to worship and grow.

*HYMN #286 (Purple)

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(Lyrics: See page 7.)

TRENTHAM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Braceland

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.

Move among us, O God; give us life: Let your people rejoice in you. Make our hearts clean within us: Renew us in mind and in Spirit. Give us again the joy of your help: with your Spirit of freedom sustain us.

(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

Genesis 2:4b-9
(Text: See page 10.)

Laura Braceland

ANTHEM

Offertory
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics: See page 7.)

–John Ness Beck

(Children are invited to Godly Play.)

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-4
(Text: See page 10.)

Rev. Baker

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Structures of Scripture: "From the Garden to the City"*
Rev. Matt Baker

***HYMN #517** (Purple) Here, O Our Lord, We See You
(Lyrics: See page 8.)

MORECAMBE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)
(from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Rev. Rodgers

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the

planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Baker

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Rodgers

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

***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**

Rev. Rodgers

SPECIAL MUSIC

He's Got the Whole World
in His Hands
Children's Choir

–Traditional,
arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

Sending

***HYMN #539 (BLUE)** Savior, Again to Thy Name We Raise
(Lyrics: See page 8.)

ELLERS

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Rodgers

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

Go Ye Now in Peace
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics: See page 9.)

–Joyce Eilers

POSTLUDE

Kingsfold (as a chorale)
Jane Kaye, organ

–David P. Dahl

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GATHERING

*1000 Tongues

–Vertical Worship

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Matt Baker

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

–Traditional, arr. Nordmeyer

Children's Choir

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Baker

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

*Rejoice

–Keith & Kristyn Getty/Rend Collective

THE WORD

Scripture

Genesis 2:4b-9

Rev. Mary Rodgers

Revelation 21:1-4

Rev. Baker

Message *Structures of Scripture: "From the Garden to the City"*

Counting My Blessings

–Schlueter/Maher

PRAYER

Prayers

Rev. Baker

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Rodgers

(Please place your tithes & offerings in the basket at the rear of Taylor Hall.)

*All the People Said Amen

–Matt Maher

SENDING

*Benediction

Rev. Rodgers

**Please stand.*

INTROIT I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say –Bernadette Farrell

2 Like a temple of unity
is the city, Jerusalem.
It is there all tribes will gather,
all the tribes of the house of God.

Refrain:

Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here.
Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

#286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

ANTHEM Offertory –John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on High?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my first born for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God?

#517 Here, O Our Lord, We See You MORECAMBE

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
Here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all our weariness upon you lean.

2 Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal cup of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

3 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table for us spread.
Here let us feast and, feasting, still prolong
the fellowship of living wine and bread.

4 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
the bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still our shield and sun.

5 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

#539 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise ELLERS

Is this text correct?

1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
We stand to bless thee ere our worship cease,
And, now departing, wait thy word of peace.

2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.

3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.

4 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

RESPONSE Go Ye Now in Peace –Joyce Eilers

Go ye now in peace,
and know that the love of God will guide you.
Feel His presence here beside you
showing you the way.
In your time of trouble,
when hurt and despair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will never leave you.
He will bring you courage.
Know that the Lord who sent His Son to die
that you may live will never leave you
lost and alone in His beloved world.
Go ye now in peace. Go ye now in peace.

Genesis 2:4b-9, NRSVUE

Another Account of the Creation

^{4b}In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Revelation 21:1-4, NRSVUE

The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

Announcements

LAY READER: Laura Braceland

WELCOMING DEACONS: 10–Brian Singleton; 11:15–Helen Hwang

A/V & Live Streaming: 10–Jason Gwaltney; 11:15–Rose Clark

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

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HELENE RELIEF

The Mission Committee has approved a donation of \$500 to Black Mountain Presbyterian Church (BMPC), for North Carolina hurricane relief. The committee expects to provide additional support during what will be a lengthy period of the area's recovery from the devastating flooding. BMPC is located near Montreat, the home of the conference center used annually by Providence youth. Anyone who desires to support the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church relief efforts may write a check payable to Providence, marked BMPC (we will forward the funds), or give on the BMPC website: <https://onrealm.org/BlackMountainPr/-/form/give/HeleneReliefFund>

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Just in time for the holidays! We are augmenting our Sanctuary Choir with additional singers to create a **Christmas Choir**. This year's Special Music Sunday, where we substitute an Advent music



program for the sermon, is December 15. You can be a part of that amazing program without having to make a full-time commitment to the choir. On Thursdays at 8:00 pm, we will dedicate the first 45 minutes of our regular Thursday rehearsal to the prep of our special music program. The choir has already begun preparing this music so you will feel immediately supported as soon as you come to rehearsal. If you can read music, great. But if you can learn music by ear – and every one of us who has learned a song just by listening to it on the radio has this skill – then please give our Christmas Choir a try.

This is NOT a pop-up choir. You won't be able to show up on the morning of December 15 and wonder where to stand. This music is well within our reach, but it requires rehearsing. Give yourself the joy that only comes from making beautiful music with wonderful people. **Contact Gene Kaye at DirMus@providencechurch.org.**

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See bulletin deadline information on page 13.



Tired of figuring out what's for dinner? We've got you.

We know weeknights are stressful and you've got a lot to figure out, so we're inviting all of our neighbors to dinner. Come as you are—with a friend, with your family or just bring yourself.

We'll have a food truck ready to serve you!

**October 21st, 5-7pm (Rain or Shine!)
Roaming Coyote Taco Truck
FREE drinks and dessert**

Open Playground + Lawn Games



Join the fun in this popular community event. Please sign up to decorate your trunk for this year's Trunk or Treat. Scan the QR code or use this URL: <https://bit.ly/3zkUF10>



Connecting with Other Adults

ADULT MIN FIELD TRIP Please join us for a tour of the historic site of the Bull Run Baptist Church and cemetery at Bull Run Regional Park on Saturday, November 16 at 2:00 pm. We'll meet our tour guide at the parking lot of the Atlantis Waterpark, 7700 Bull Run Dr., Centreville, VA 20121. The tour will help participants reflect on how religious faith can inspire political courage and how enslaved persons and their descendants have helped to build our community.

The tour will be led by Chrystal Gaskins, who has compiled a history of the Harris family – descendants of enslaved persons controlled by Carter – and by John Dister, co-chair of the Religious Affairs Committee of the Fairfax County NAACP.

–Adult Ministry Committee



A silver marker and rock show where a grave is located at the Harris Cemetery in Bull Run Park.

–Jared Wenzelburger, Fairfax County Times

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Providence Readers meets today, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in Room 206 to discuss *Mr. Jimmy from Around the Way* by Jeffrey Blount. All are welcome; please come join us for a lively book discussion. For more information, please contact Paula Rogers at 703-495-9144 or par9144@msn.com.

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LISTEN TOGETHER to Meredith Hall, author of the wonderful book, ***Beneficence***. (Rev. Mary loved this book!) Meet at Providence Nov. 9 at 1:15 pm; together we will head to Falls Church Presbyterian to hear the author speak at 2 pm. Donations are accepted to cover the cost. (And if you haven't read the book, you still have time!) Interested? RSVP to Rev. Mary at revmary@providencechurch.org.

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE ON MONDAYS (USUALLY)!

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. The deadline for all communications for **October 27 WAS Friday, October 18.** (There are different deadlines for worship information and the prayer list.) **Please note: the deadline for November 3 is October 28.**

EVENT RECOMMENDED BY EARTH CARE COMMITTEE

The Reformed Institute is hosting a webinar featuring Mark Stoll,
author of *Inherit the Holy Mountain:
Religion and the Rise of American Environmentalism.*
November 20 at 7:00 pm (link sent to RSVPers).
Register for the event:
[https://reformedinstitute.org/event/
reformed-contributions-to-the-ecological-movement/](https://reformedinstitute.org/event/reformed-contributions-to-the-ecological-movement/)

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MATTHEW 25



Matthew 25 Task Force Invites You to ...

Stay involved!

Sign up to receive email updates on opportunities to
care for the most vulnerable.

You'll get email alerts when issues/opportunities
are presented,

You can opt out any time.

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

Several members, friends and families of Providence have lost beloved spouses, parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, relatives and friends to death this past year. During worship services on November 3 we will be taking a moment to remember the departed. If you have lost a loved one since November 2023 and would like to have his or her name printed in the bulletin, please fill out this form and put it in the offering basket. All names will be read aloud at the Traditional service; at the Contemporary service names and pictures of loved ones will be shown on the screen.

For those wanting to display a picture at the Contemporary service, please send an image (in png or jpeg format) by email no later than **Monday, October 28** to Kathy Knorr at office@providencechurch.org.

(Please print)

Name of loved one _____

Phonetic pronunciation, if needed _____

Relationship to requestor _____

Name of person making request _____

E-mail / Telephone _____



WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

As in past years, White House Ornaments will once again be sold as a fundraiser at Providence.

This year, proceeds will be put towards church improvements, managed by the Property Committee.

**The ornament price is \$20 each.
Please email your order to
bmclintock48@verizon.**

All orders and checks are due by **October 20** with an expected delivery at church on October 27. Checks should be made payable to Providence Presbyterian Church with "ornament" on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

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Do you LOVE coffee?
Please sign up for Coffee Service on Sundays.
Slots for Traditional and Contemporary services.



NEW! Scan the QR Code to sign up through March 2025.

Calendar

SUNDAY SCHEDULE (most Sundays)

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

Traditional worship at 10 am, The Sanctuary, with Choir

Contemporary worship at 11:15, Taylor Hall, with Band

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION at 10:00 am (every Sunday, except First Sunday):

Breakfast & Bible Study (YL Cafe); Confirmation (Rm 206);

4-6 Sunday School (Rm 205); Godly Play (GP Rm/202)

Children's Choir-11 am (GP Rm/202)

Sunday, October 20

Providence Readers-3:00 pm, Room 206

PYF Kickball Game-4:00 pm, Offsite

Monday, October 21

Food Truck-5:00 to 7:30 pm, Parking Lot, Playground

Tuesday, October 22

CL&F Yoga-10:30 am and 4:00 pm, Mission Hall

Next Gen Committee meeting-7:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Wednesday, October 23

Food Pantry open-12-2 pm

CL&F Yoga-4:30 pm, Mission Hall

Thursday, October 24 (music rehearsals)

Providence Singers-6:45 pm, Parlor

Worship Band-7:00 pm, Taylor Hall

Christmas Choir / Sanctuary Choir-8:00 pm, Sanctuary

Events subject to change ~
for current information, go to
[https://www.providencechurch.org/
events/calander/](https://www.providencechurch.org/events/calander/)



Sunday, October 27

Heathens, Heretics & Doubters-1:00 pm, Audacious Aleworks, Fairfax

Trunk or Treat-2:00 to 4:00 pm, Parking Lot

NOTE: Clocks "fall back" November 3

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.

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 ~ October 20, 2024

Recovering from Surgery

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

Recovering from COVID

Jim Trefil

Undergoing Treatment

Nancy Jones

Linda L.,
friend of Susan McCannell

Pam B.,
friend of Susan McCannell

Richard Mudd

Glynda Johnson,
friend of Niki Gamble

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

Mitzi Anh Kweder, child-
hood friend 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

Cecelia Porter

Bill & Elsie Hamilton, father
& mother of Chloe Hamilton

Gerri Shea,
sister of Brenda Kepley

Martyn Cusworth, brother-
in-law of Lesley McKeever

Zachary Hasley,
friend of Toni Medwedeff

Lucille Daly,

cousin of Paul Krumhaus

Rick Hofscher, nephew of
David & Kathi Ranowsky

Mike Gelb,
friend of David Kepley

Jim Saros,
brother of Niki Gamble

Karen Renner,
sister of Doris Gearing

Nancy Evans,
sister of Sara Bennett

Ongoing Concern

Karen Culpeper, friend of
David & Kathi Ranowsky

**Rev Steve Elderbrock
and family**,
friends of Rick Witton

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

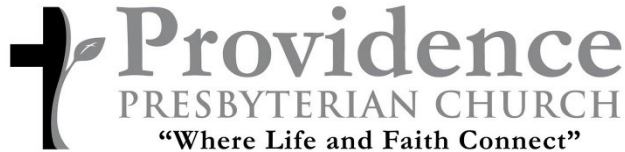
***New to Prayer List / Change in listing**

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.



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text Giveppc to 73256