



Providence
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"Where Life and Faith Connect"

Sunday, November 21, 2021

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 and see the information displays in the Gathering Areas.

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 3 years old, in Room 200 at the top of the ramp, is available during worship services.
- Children and Students begin in worship with their families. After the first scripture reading(s) at both services children 3 years old to 3rd grade, are invited to **Godly Play**.

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: SUSPENDED DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT
Accepting requests for January 2, 2022 onward.

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) or online (select the Flower Guild fund). Send your request to office@providencechurch.org at least one full week before your chosen Sunday.



The Presbyterian Church (USA) has officially recognized Providence as an Earth Care Congregation. To learn more about this initiative visit www.providencechurch.org/serving/home/community/caring-for-the-creation/



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Word

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 93
(See page 9.)

Ken De Jong

(Children are invited to Godly Play.)

ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord of Harvest
The Sanctuary Choir

Healey Willan

NEW TESTAMENT

Colossians 1:1-20
(See page 9.)

The Rev. Rodgers

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remember the Laminin
The Rev. Mary Rodgers

***HYMN #559** (Blue)

We Gather Together
(See page 8.)

KREMSER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

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 Rev. Dr. Burns

The Lord's Prayer (debt)

DEDICATION OF 2022 PLEDGES

The Rev. Dr. Burns

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Sending

***HYMN #151** (Blue)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

(See page 8.)

***BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Mary Rodgers

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

All the People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

The Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Thanksgiving

Charles Callahan

Jane Kaye, organ

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

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

November 21, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Perronet / Holden, arr. Baloché

**Rescuer*

Rend Collective

WELCOME

**Eye of the Storm*

Fowler, Stevenson

PRAYER OF CONFESSION /
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FIRST READING

Psalm 93

(Children are invited to Godly Play.)

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1-20

SERMON

Remember the Laminin

The Rev. Mary Rodgers

**The Blessing*

Kari Jobe

PRAYERS

DEDICATION OF 2022 PLEDGES /
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Deep (Way Down)*

Selah

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand.*

#143 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! DIADEM

1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall,
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all!

#559 We Gather Together KREMSER

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!

3 We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

#151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Psalm 93, NRSV

The Majesty of God's Rule

- ¹The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
- ² your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
- ³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring.
- ⁴More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!
- ⁵Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

Colossians 1:1-20, NRSV

Salutation

- 1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Paul Thanks God for the Colossians

- ³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Announcements

GREETER: Doris Gearing

Lay Reader: Ken De Jong

DEACON ON DUTY: 10:00–Pete Schmid; 11:15–Polly McAllister

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THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL

are given by Susan McCannell in thanksgiving.

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INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Monday, November 22, 7:30 pm

at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St, Fairfax, VA 22030

Thanksgiving is the one true interfaith American holiday.

You are invited to join members of other faith congregations in giving thanks to God with song, word, and prayer. **Masks required.**

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ADULT MINISTRY NOTE: Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah
Due to unforeseen circumstances, this Advent Study has been cancelled.
We hope to reschedule it at a later time.

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PROVIDENCE READERS will meet today from 3:00 - 4:30 pm in the Parlor to discuss *Brave Girl, Quiet Girl* by Catherine Ryan Hyde. All are welcome; please come join us for a lively book discussion. For more information, contact Paula Rogers at par9144@msn.com or 703-495-9144.

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Table Talk

The next **TABLE TALK** will be November 24 at noon, hosted by The Rev. Dr. Mick Burns. "Table Talk" is a Zoom chat usually held on second and fourth Wednesdays. After we check in with each other and have a time of prayer, we have conversations on various topics, such as New Discoveries in Biblical Archaeology, Christian Theology, Biblical History, Church History, the Book of Confessions, etc. The Zoom link will be emailed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Revive to Thrive!

For the past few Sundays, Rev. Mick, Rev. Mary, several Elders and bulletin “blurbs” have addressed our Fall pledge campaign **“Revive to Thrive,”** and how important your financial contributions have been, and will be, for Providence. During Covid, we continued our activities and supported all our mission-related partners. Now that we are back inside, let’s “Rekindle the gift of God that is within us” (2 Timothy 1:6), as we make our financial pledges in the next few weeks so Providence can grow and thrive in 2022!

As you may know, most of our church’s revenue comes from pledges which help us plan and budget for the following year. Because we depend on your donations, we ask that you consider increasing your pledge.

TODAY we dedicate our pledges with prayer. Pledge cards and letter have been mailed. The letter contains the ways you can notify the church of your pledge. Please open your hearts and pray about your upcoming pledge. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians - “You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11,12)

[Pledge here:](https://onrealm.org/providencechurch/AddPledge/pledges)

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & FELLOWSHIP



The CL&F Committee, thankful for the opportunity and ability to help those in need, has adopted the Little Pantry for the week of November 21. Today, as you drop off your non-perishable item in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Taylor Hall, you will be invited to write down what **you** are thankful for; your message will be added to this bulletin board.

And then, CL&F is sponsoring a **Silly Wacky Crazy Goofy Zany** Festive Christmas Sweater Sunday. Check your holiday sweater collection—patch up an old favorite or buy a new one! On Sunday, December 12 we invite you all to wear your SWCGZ Festive Christmas sweater to worship. Pictures will be taken! Be sure to look for a sweet surprise / treat.





Christmas Giving Opportunity: Make a Difference with Salvation Army Christmas Stockings



DOING THE MOST GOOD

Every Christmas there are children in Fairfax County who do not receive gifts because their families are struggling financially and cannot afford the expense. The Salvation Army's Christmas Stocking Program ensures that these children have a wonderful holiday season with their families.

This program serves boys and girls, ages 3 - 12 years old, in need throughout the Fairfax County community. The Salvation Army Fairfax Corps' goal this year is to serve as many children as possible, and Providence members and friends can help them reach that goal.

Christmas stockings are available for pick-up through **November 28** at the display table across from the kitchen. Please take an empty stocking and a cardboard topper with the gender and age of the child for whom you would like to fill a stocking. Flyers with stocking stuffer ideas and tips are also available at the display table.

Please completely fill the stockings with age-appropriate, **NEW** gifts, attach the topper, and return your filled stocking to the display table **by Wednesday, December 1.**

This is a great Christmas giving activity for the whole family. Thanks to your generosity, you will make a difference in the lives of the children who receive a stocking filled with gifts. For questions or more information, please contact Sarah Davis (703-503-9592) or Paula Rogers (703-495-9144).





Christmas Flowers

If you would like to contribute to the wreaths, poinsettias and swags that decorate the sanctuary for Christmas, please complete this form and place it in the offering basket.

YOUR NAME: _____

To the glory of God: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In celebration of: _____

Please note "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line of your check.

Contributions will be accepted until December 15.

Contributors will be acknowledged in the bulletins on Christmas Eve and December 26.

NOTE: Donations for Flowers in the Chancel are still available through 11/21/21. Then, weekly donations will be suspended for the rest of the calendar year as we begin to celebrate the season of Advent with special arrangements in the Sanctuary. We are accepting requests for January 2, 2022 onward.

Calendar

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

Traditional Worship at 10:00 am

Contemporary Worship at 11:15 am

Next Gen Sunday School classes (except First Sundays):

Breakfast & Bible Study, 7th-12th graders, 10 am

Godly Play, 4 year olds-3rd graders, 10 am & 11:15 am

Adult Ministry offerings:

The New Testament You Never Knew, Sundays at 11:15, Room 205

PLUS

Sunday, November 21

Pledge Dedication

Providence Readers—3:00 pm, Parlor

Next Gen Friendsgiving—5:30 pm, Parking Lot

Monday, November 22

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service—7:30 pm,

Fairfax Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, November 23

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

Wednesday, November 24

Table Talk—12:00 pm, by Zoom

Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED; Happy Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

CHURCH HOURS

**On Sundays, we are open
from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.**

During the week, our doors
are unlocked during these

core office hours:

**Monday through Friday,
10 am to 2 pm.**

**When a staff
member is alone in the
building, we do keep the
doors locked, even during
core hours.** Please ring the
doorbell for assistance.

**Subject to change ~
for up-to-date information, go to www.providencechurch.org/events/calendar**

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 three 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 and COVID first responder lists remain until they return from their duties.

Prayer Blossom: Prayer requests can be made to the “Prayer Blossom”, our e-mail prayer chain of Providence members. All Prayer Blossom requests should be made to the church office. And, if you would like to pray for someone on a Prayer Blossom, please notify the church office that you wish to be added to the e-mail chain.

Prayer Request Cards: You can fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering plate on Sundays. Members of the Pastoral Care committee will pray for you and your loved one. Prayer cards can be found in the pew racks in the Sanctuary, or you can ask an usher.

Prayer List ~ November 21, 2021

COVID First Responders

Sarah Richards,

daughter of Penny Dimler, RN
Cardiac ICU, WVU Ruby Memorial Hospital

Deployed

Sgt. Rebekah Schmid, ANG,

daughter of
Linda & Peter Schmid,
deployed to Erbil, Iraq

LTJG Hoang Ho, USN,

friend/neighbor of
Toby & Helen Fitzkee,
deployed to Syria

Bereavement

***The Tillapaugh Family,**

on the death of Rochelle
Tillapaugh, close friend of
the Ranoswkys and
Mary Rodgers

***The McSween Family,**

on the death of Greg McSween,
an Upward Basketball family
and neighbors of the Hagners

Under Hospice Care

Larry Jones, friend of Jim &
JoAnn Hathaway

Mary Stuart,

mother of Kathy Knorr

Recovering from Injury

***Emma Singleton**

Undergoing Treatment

***Debbie Graves,**

friend of the Ranowsky family

Kathi Ranowsky

Tom Dollard,

friend of Ed Knorr

Laura, friend of Kathy Dutke,
in advanced stage of cancer

Bonny Tynch,

friend of Jane Kaye

James Shea, nephew of
David & Brenda Kepley

Dave Rabadan, friend of
David & Brenda Kepley and
Paul & Joyce Miller

Rebecca Hersman,

friend of Kate Zander

Jeff Lewis, brother-in-law of
the late Jim McKeever

Gail Siefker Hayes,

friend of Kathy Knorr

Mitchell Monroe, son of Ray
Monroe & Terry Lamb

Jennifer Porter,

cousin of David Kepley

Betsy Miller,

mother of Mark Miller

Mary C. Davis Bishop,
daughter of Martha Lamb

Michael Munsel,

12-year-old friend of
Mary Lee Di Spirito

Continuing Care

Janice Hufford

Elden Wright

Joe Policastro,

father of Sharon Miller

Jim Saros,

brother of Niki Gamble

Carol Hinkle,

sister of Sue Baker

Eric Goplerud, friend of

David & Brenda Kepley

Elsie Hamilton, mother of

Chloe Hamilton Sapp

George Hill,

friend of Mary Darr

Christian Harris, friend of David
& Brenda Kepley

Alice Fletcher,

mother of Diana Stoneberg

Ruth Curtis, mother-in-law of

Tommie Curtis

Karen Renner,

sister of Doris Gearing

Nancy Evans,

sister of Sara Bennett

*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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