



Providence
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"Where Life and Faith Connect"

Sunday, May 11, 2025

WELCOME!

Please silence your phone before worship.

WORSHIP AT PROVIDENCE*

The Wiggle Room is located just outside the Sanctuary if you would like a more private space for you and your child. You can view a live stream of both worship services from the Wiggle Room.

10:00 am: Traditional Worship with Choir, Sanctuary

A fully staffed nursery for infants and toddlers up to 4 years old is available in Room 200.

Breakfast & Bible Study, Youth Lounge Café

For youth in 7th grade and above.

Grades 4-6 Sunday School, Room 205

For children in grades 4th-6th.

10:15 am: Godly Play, Room 202

Young children begin in worship with their families. After the anthem, children 4 years old to 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

11:00 am: Children's Choir, Room 202

For children up to 6th grade (every Sunday).

11:15 am: Contemporary Worship with Praise Band, Taylor Hall

A Prayground is available at the back of Taylor Hall for young families.

***On the first Sunday of each month there is no Christian Education so that families can worship together.**

Worship is live streamed and recorded for future viewing. See the "Watch" page at providencechurch.org.

The Sanctuary is equipped with Assistive Hearing Technology.



May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze
Jane Kaye, organ
Robert Prunty, trumpet

–arr. Chuck Seipp

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Baker

INTROIT

Holy, Holy, Holy
The Sanctuary Choir Men

–John Dykes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rosie Urbon

One: Today, we gather in this sacred place.

All: We worship the God who loves us unconditionally and shelters us like a mother hen.

One: Today, we gather in this sacred place.

All: We celebrate the women of faith who have nurtured our walk of faith.

One: Today, we gather in this sacred place.

All: We hear reminders and reflect on the love of the Good Shepherd and Jesus' compassion.

One: Today, we gather in this sacred place.

All: Let us worship our God.

***Hymn #241** (Purple) Woman, Weeping in the Garden
(See page 6.)

KINGDOM

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bruce Urbon

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful and holy one, we approach you in humility and hope. With bowed heads, we lament our actions which have caused harm. We grieve words spoken in anger and malice. We repent of our actions and inactions that work against your Kingdom. Forgive us. In hope, we look up to see you, know you, and be known by you. Welcome us anew with outstretched arms and call us as a shepherd calls the sheep. Allow us to know your voice and hear our earnest prayer.

(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 23
(See page 8.)

Bruce Urbon

ANTHEM

Not Ashamed
The Sanctuary Choir Men
(See page 14.)

–Dan Forrest

(Children are invited to Godly Play.)

SECOND READING

John 10:22-30
(See page 9.)

Rev. Matt Baker

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“When Did Sheep Become an Insult?”
Rev. Matt Baker

Hymn #802 (Purple)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(Psalm 23)
(See page 6.)

ST. COLUMBA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Rev. Mary Rodgers

from A Brief Statement of Faith

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. Rodgers

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

Sending

Hymn #187 (Purple)

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
 (See page 7.)

BRADBURY

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want
 The Sanctuary Choir Men
 (Verse 5)

—Eleanor Daily

POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
 Jane Kaye, piano

—arr. Jan Sanborn

#241 Woman, Weeping in the Garden**KINGDOM**

1 Woman, weeping in the garden,
who has pushed the stone aside?
Who has taken Jesus' body,
Jesus Christ the crucified?

2 Woman, waiting in the garden,
after men have come and gone,
after angels give their witness,
silently you watch the dawn.

3 Woman, walking in the garden,
Jesus takes you by surprise;
when the gardener calls you, "Mary!"
faith and joy meet in your eyes.

4 Woman, weeping in the garden,
weep for joy, for you have seen
Jesus, the Messiah, risen;
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.

5 Woman, dancing from the garden,
find the others and proclaim
Christ is risen as he promised;
tell the world he knew your name!

#802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23) ST. COLUMBA

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

#187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

2 We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.

**Please stand.*

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.

Psalm 23

The Divine Shepherd

A Psalm of David.

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

John 10:22-30

New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

May 11, 2025

GATHERING

*Honey in the Rock

–Lake & Ligertwood

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Matt Baker

*All My Hope

–Crowder & Cash

*A Thousand Hallelujahs

–Brooke Ligertwood

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mary Rodgers

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture

Psalm 23

Rev. Rodgers

John 10:22-30

Rev. Baker

Message

“When Did Sheep Become an Insult?”

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

–Bonar, arr. Goodgame

PRAYER

Prayers

Rev. Rodgers

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Rodgers

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

*I Walk by Faith

–Chris Falson

SENDING

*Benediction

Rev. Baker

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READERS: Bruce Urbon / Rosie Urbon

WELCOMING DEACONS: 10–Charles Brewer; 11:15–Ann Roman

AV OPERATOR: Jason Gwaltney

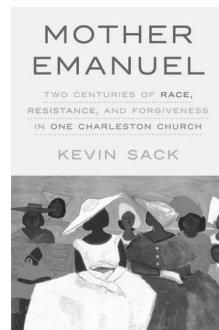
THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are to the glory of God.

BOOK EVENT:

***Mother Emanuel: Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness in One Charleston Church*, by Kevin Sack**

Hear Kevin Sack, Pulitzer-prize-winning former *New York Times* journalist and author of the new book *Mother Emanuel: Two Centuries of Race, Resistance, and Forgiveness in One Charleston Church*. He will be joined by William H. Lamar IV, pastor of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, DC. "Dylann Roof's callous murder of nine people during Bible study opens a window into the power of the Black Church in an historic city in the American South. Race, religion, and terror combine for an extraordinary story of America, the resilience of a people, and their capacity to forgive in order to live with unimaginable grief" (Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., author of *Begin Again*).

The event will be on Friday, June 13, at 7:00 pm at Fairfax Presbyterian Church 10723 Main Street, Fairfax VA 22030. The event is free of charge, but tickets are required. Register using the QR code or with this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yc4htew4>. Questions? Contact Rev. Mary Rodgers at Revmary@providencechurch.org.



Scan me!



SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE ON MONDAYS:

All announcements submitted to the office **by 9:00 am on Monday** will appear in Providence communications for the Sunday immediately following (unless different timing is requested). Items received after that deadline will run on the Sunday of the following week. Prayer requests will be listed in the bulletin as soon as possible.



May 25 to September 7

One service at 10 am

Followed by Summer Fellowship

Summer Fellowship 2025

Join your church friends for light refreshments!

When: May 25–September 7 (following worship)

Where: Taylor Hall

What: Food and Fellowship

Light refreshments such as fruit, cheese and crackers, or cookies are provided by members of the congregation on assigned Sundays according to last name. Coffee set-up and clean-up is the responsibility of a different church committee or group each week. See the schedule on the next page.

Save the Dates:

June 1: Picnic hosted by Congregational Life & Fellowship

Sept. 7: Rally Day!



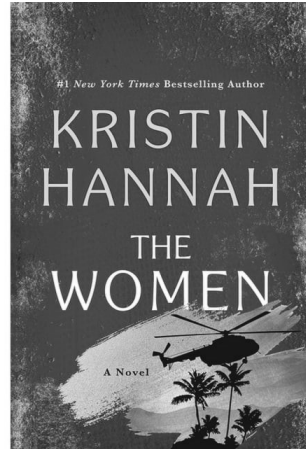
Summer Fellowship Schedule



Date	Bring a Dozen Goodies	Set-up/Clean-up
May 25	Arthur–Burvis	Adult Ministry Committee
June 1	--	Congr. Life & Fellowship
June 8	Campagna–DiGiusto	Next Gen Ministry
June 15	Dimler–Gearing	Earth Care Committee
June 22	Goldich–Jarvie	Mission Committee
June 29	Jones–Levi	Personnel Committee
July 6	Everyone brings treats!	Yogis
July 13	Lewis-Cooper–McKeever	Stewardship & Finance
July 20	Meadows–Nebhut	Worship Committee Flower Guild
July 27	--	Congr. Life & Fellowship
August 3	Parker–Rosenberry	Property Committee
August 10	Everyone brings treats!	Worship Band Technology Committee
August 17	Salpini–Syers	Sanctuary Choir Providence Singers
August 24	Taylor–Zimmerman	Nominating Committee Providence Readers
August 31	Everyone brings treats!	Pastoral Care Lydia Circle
September 7	--	Congr. Life & Fellowship

PROVIDENCE READERS will meet on May 18 at 3:00 pm in the Parlor to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. This book follows a young female nurse who serves during the American conflict in Vietnam in the late 1960s. She is eager to find purpose and quickly grows from a naïve woman to a skilled operating room nurse. However, after her return to the States, the horrors of war make acclimation to civilian life challenging. Providence Readers meets on the third Sunday of most months and is open to all. Stop by whenever the book or topic interests you.

For more information, please contact Paula Rogers at 703-495-9144 or par9144@msn.com.



Anthem

Not Ashamed

—Dan Forrest

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross.

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross.

Jesus, my Lord, I know His name, His name is all my trust, He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.

I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His pow'r, what I've committed to His hands, until my final hour.

Then He shall own my lowly name before His Father's face, and in the new Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord.

Let us celebrate your Grad!

Grads will be recognized in worship on Sunday, June 1.

Share the particulars of their earned degree and their future plans.

Send info by May 25 to:
office@providencechurch.org and
paige@providencechurch.org

Don't forget a picture!



Providence Singers
May 18, 2:00 pm
The Virginian (Assisted Living)

Volunteer in the FOOD PANTRY! Food pantry volunteers have “pantry duty” for one month at a time (usually every 3-4 months). Two volunteers are assigned per month. During their month, volunteers:

- Fill food bags as needed
- Check the food pantry each week to ensure that it is well-stocked
- Bring supplies from the basement to restock the pantry
- Monitor inventory and report to pantry coordinators when its low
- Shelf items donated on Communion Care Sunday

Contact Kathy Hermann (kathy.hermann@verizon.net) or Mary Jo Kavjian (sixkavjians@aol.com) for more information.

Care for Creation with Compost!

In honor of Creation Care Sunday, the Earth Care Committee has installed a compost bin outside the kitchen door near the trash bins. Bring your table scraps to church anytime and deposit them in the marked bin.

Questions? Contact office@providencechurch.org.



Sharing Books at Providence

There are now two ways to share books at Providence!

- Do you have a book that you love and you want your church friends to read? Add it to the **Take A Book, Leave A Book** shelves located inside the rear entrance for others to enjoy.
- Do you have books at home collecting dust? Books in good, readable condition can be placed in the new green book bin located in the rear parking lot. Books **must** have an ISBN barcode label on the cover. Hardcover, paperback and even textbooks are all welcome! The following are **not** accepted: encyclopedias, magazines, or water damaged books.

This Week at Providence

Sunday, May 11

- Mother's Day
- Last day for Building Blocks Hygiene Kit collection
- School supply collection for Webster Springs begins

Monday, May 12

- Short Stories by Jesus—7:30 pm, Parlor

Tuesday, May 13

- Yoga—10:30 am & 3:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Shelter Meal Preparation—5:00 pm, Kitchen

Wednesday, May 14

- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm
- Open Youth Lounge—3:00-6:00 pm, Youth Lounge
- Shelter Meal Delivery—3:15 pm, Kitchen/Offsite
- Yoga—4:30 pm, Mission Hall

Thursday, May 15

- Providence Singers—6:45 pm, Parlor
- Worship Band—7:00 pm, Taylor Hall
- Sanctuary Choir—7:45 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 18

- Providence Singers—2:00 pm, the Virginian
- Providence Readers—3:00 pm, Parlor
- Providence Youth Fellowship—5:00-8:00 pm, Topgolf

*Events are subject to change. For the latest go to
<https://www.providencechurch.org/events/calander/>*





Webster Springs School Supply Mission

May 11-June 8

Providence Presbyterian Church is committed to supporting our friends in Webster County, West Virginia, by providing school supplies and backpacks for families in need. These supplies will be provided to students in grades K-12 at an event sponsored by the Upper Glade Presbyterian Church in early August.

Needed supplies include backpacks, pencils, pens (blue and black), composition notebooks, folders with pockets and prongs, loose leaf paper, crayons, colored pencils, highlighters, glue sticks, blunt scissors, erasers, 3-ring binders, rulers, pencil sharpeners, boxes of facial tissue, and hand sanitizer.

There are three ways to donate:

- » **Purchase items from the Amazon Registry:** Scan the QR Code below and request delivery to the associated address.
- » **Send cash donations to the PPC Financial Manager:** Note that the donation is for school supplies.
- » **Purchase items instore** and place them in the big yellow box at church.

Please make your donations by Sunday, June 8, so items can be packed up and delivered to Webster County by our Webster Springs Mission Team.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1AIJYKJ529TMK>

Thank you for your faithful giving!



Prayer List ~ May 11, 2025

Bereavement

Family of Vince Urick
(colleague of **Jim Durbin**)

Undergoing Treatment

Caroline Wheatley, young
friend of Rhoda Waters

Julie W., friend of Elly
Brtva

Adam DeBacker, young
friend of Susanne Fitch

Terrie McClure, sister of
Maribeth Luftglass

Mary Wire, sister of Jennifer
Lewis-Cooper's sister-in-law

Chuck Rivenbark, friend of
Kate Zander

Gerry Connolly, friend of
many Providence members

Linda L.,
friend of Susan McCannell

Pam B.,
friend of Susan McCannell

Richard Mudd

Faith Perkins,
friend of Kate Zander

Kara Owen,
family friend of
Rhoda Waters

Virginia Holian, friend of
David & Brenda Kepley

Mary C. Davis Bishop,
daughter of Martha Lamb

Continuing Care

Leslie's **daughter**, young
friend of Kathy Dutke

Nicholas,
nephew of Jim Durbin

Pete,
friend of Jim Durbin

Nancy Jones

Carol Linscott,
friend of the Ranowskys

Bill & Elsie Hamilton, father
& mother of Chloe Hamilton

Martyn Cusworth, brother-
in-law of Lesley McKeever

Zachary Hasley,
friend of Toni Medwedeff

Lucille Daly,
cousin of Paul Krumhaus

Jim Saros,
brother of Niki Gamble

Karen Renner,
sister of Doris Gearing

Nancy Evans,
sister of Sara Bennett

Ongoing Concern

Janine Katonah, friend of
Rietta Klair, awaiting
appointment with a brain
specialist

Recovering from Surgery

Lesley McKeever

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

Contact office@providencechurch.org:

- ◇ if someone's status has changed
- ◇ to add a loved one to the prayer list



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CHURCH HOURS

Sunday: 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Monday - Friday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Please ring the doorbell for assistance.



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