



Providence
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Where Life and Faith Connect”

Sunday, November 30, 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.

Godly Play, Room 202

For children 4 years old to 3rd grade.

Grades 4-6 Sunday School, Room 205

For children in grades 4th-6th.

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

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

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

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

***On the first Sunday of each month there is no Christian Education.
Families 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.



November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Gathering

PRELUDE Of the Father's Love Begotten —Arr. Mark Hayes
Jane Kaye, piano

CHIMES

WELCOME Rev. Mary Rodgers

INTROIT Lord Jesus Christ, —Arr. Daniel Gawthrop
Be Present Now
The Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING The Urban Family

One: There will be signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and unrest in the nations like those being tossed by the waves of the sea.

All: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.

One: The powers of the heavens will be shaken at the expectation of the coming of the Lord.

All: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.

One: You will see Christ coming in the clouds with power and glory. When this happens, lift up your heads, because your redemption is close.

All: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.

One: This generation will not pass away until all things are accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will last forever.

All: Be watchful at all times for God's Kingdom is near.

One: The Lord is coming to make all things new.

All: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Today we light the First Candle of Advent. The Candle of Hope.

***HYMN #1** (Blue) Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus STUTTGART
(Lyrics on page 6.)

CALL TO CONFESSION Laura Braceland

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, life is too much whirl and frenzy. Do we ever take the time to look deep into another's eyes? Do we linger with a child, hold on to a hug, cry on another's shoulder, acknowledge our loneliness, befriend our grief? We move so swiftly from one moment to the next, rushing past feelings, looking through people, focused on the next thing, consumed with the shallow triumph of getting one more thing done. Forgive us for our distraction. Take us this Advent into the depths of your love so we may hear our names, help us to be still, to cease striving, so that we may remember fully that you are our God. Take us into the silence of our hearts so we can hear your voice and find your words which are ours to speak. Amen. (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 72: 1-7; 18-19
(Text on page 8.)

Laura Braceland

ANTHEM

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics on page 16.)

—J.S. Bach

SECOND READING

Mark 13: 24-27
(Text on page 9.)

Rev. Rodgers

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Jesus and Tomatoes Coming”

Rev. Mary Rodgers

***HYMN #503** (Blue)

Come Risen Lord
(Lyrics on page 6.)

SURSUM CORDA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Rev. Matt Baker

By Ann Weems

Our God is the One who comes to us in a burning bush, in an angel's song, in a newborn child. Our God is the One who cannot be found locked in the church, not even in the sanctuary. Our God will be where God will be with no constraints, no predictability. Our God lives where our God lives, and destruction has no power and even death cannot stop the living. Our God will be born where God will be born, but there is no place to look for the One who comes to us. When God is ready God will come even to a

godforsaken place like a stable in Bethlehem. Our God is the One who comes to us. Amen.

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

Sending

***HYMN #8** (Blue)

Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates
(Lyrics on page 7.)

TRURO

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

God Be in My Head
The Sanctuary Choir

–Arr. Daniel Gawthrop

POSTLUDE

People, Look East
Jane Kaye, organ

–Kristina Langlouis

*When the worship is over, the service begins;
every Christian goes into the world as a minister.*

HYMN #1 (Blue)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

3 Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

HYMN #503 (Blue)

Come Risen Lord

SURSUM CORDA

1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
Nay let us be Thy guests; the feast is Thine;
Thyself at Thine own board make manifest
In Thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

2 We meet, as in that upper room they met,
Thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand;
"This is My body"; so Thou givest yet:
Faith still receives the cup as from Thy hand.

3 One body we, one body who partake,
One church united in communion blest;
One name we bear, one bread of life we break,
With all Thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

4 One with each other, Lord, for one in Thee,
Who art one Savior and one living head;
Then open Thou our eyes, that we may see;
Be known to us in breaking of the bread.

HYMN #8 (Blue)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

Psalm 72: 1-7; 18-19

Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King Of Solomon.

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness
and your poor with justice.
- ³ May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
- ⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
- ⁵ May he live^[a] while the sun endures
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- ⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
- ⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

Mark 13:24-27

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴ "But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels and gather the [\[a\]](#) elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

November 30, 2025

GATHERING

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

—For King + Country

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Mary Rodgers

*Glory (Let There Be Peace)

—Stevens, Maher & Popadic

*God with Us

—Ingram, Jordan;

Alls Sons & Daughters

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Baker

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture

Psalms 72: 1-7; 18-19

Rev. Baker

Mark 13: 24-27

Rev. Mary Rodgers

Message

"Jesus and Tomatoes Coming"

*Hope for Everyone

—Matt 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. Baker

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READERWS: Laura Braceland, The Urbon Family

WELCOMING DEACONS:

Danna Rosenberry (10:00 am) & David Nebhut (11:15 am)

AV OPERATOR: Jason Gwaltney

So much happened in the life of the church...in 2025.

Deadline for Annual Report Submissions: January 6, 2026

Staff, officers, and committee chairs, please send your submissions to office@providencechurch.org by – or before – January 6. Thank you!



Communion Care

Sunday, December 7

Bring your cans:

14.5, 15, and 15.5 ounces



The Church is our Rock

2026 Stewardship Campaign: What does our Rock mean to you?

To make your pledge, pick up a pledge card in the common area or scan this QR code:





Join Next Gen families on Saturday, December 6, in the Providence Circle (at the front entrance) for festivities, food, and fun.

This community event is open to all ages.

Bring your friends and neighbors!

Escape the hubbub of the holiday season—
try something different,
something peaceful, quiet, and calming.
Attend our ecumenical contemplative service—

Music & Reflections for Advent

Monday, December 15, at 7:30 pm

The hour-long program alternates among
readings, music, and silence.

Come as you are. Sit, listen, and pause before you leave in silence.

(Sponsored by the Contemplative Prayer Group at Providence Presbyterian Church)

Providence

CAN!

For the third year running Providence will build a CAN-tree. What is a CAN-tree? It's a tree made entirely of canned goods, and it helps support the church's food ministries throughout the year.

We need 528 cans to complete one tree, so please bring in your donations of any **14.5, 15, or 15.5-ounce** canned foods. (Cans of other sizes will be donated directly to the Food Pantry).

Watch the tree grow week by week as you bring in your food offerings! Look for the specially marked boxes in the common area.



Dear Friends at Providence,

I can hardly believe it is time for my annual visit to Providence.
Your decorations are always so beautiful!

I hope when I am settled in the common area you will start
decorating my branches with cozy gear for the children at the
ACCA Child Development Center. See you soon!

Gratefully,

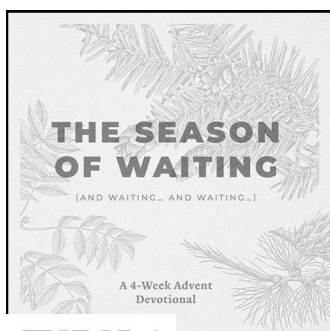
The Littlest Tree

Wish List for Kids 3-mos. to 6-years:

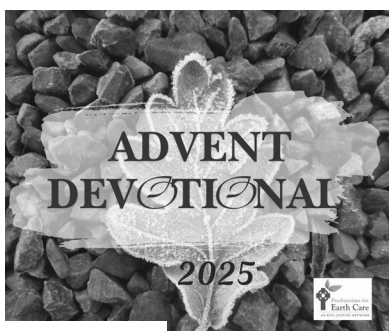
- New underwear, especially for boys
- Socks
- Mittens, hats and scarves



Advent Devotionals 2025



The Season
of Waiting



Presbyterians
for Earth Care

Download

your Advent Devotional using
the QR codes at left, the link in
the Providence weekly emails,
or request a hard copy at
office@providencechurch.org.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS



Providence is partnering with the ACCA Child Development Center to help low income families enjoy a more festive Christmas.

How does it work? You provide the “fixins” for a holiday meal or gift cards for the family to purchase ingredients or prepared dishes. You also purchase gifts for the family’s children who are 18 years old and younger. Information about the family will be shared with you to inform your shopping choices.

Questions? Ready to adopt a family? Contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at ddmld@verizon.net or 703-256-9513, or complete the slip below and leave it in the offering basket by **December 7**.

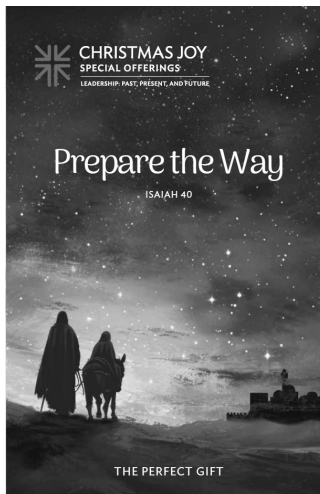
I/We want to adopt a family for Christmas!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please leave this form in the offering basket.



Christmas Joy Offering

When we give to the Christmas Joy Offering, we prepare the way for past, present and future leaders of our Church.

50% of your gifts smooth the path for current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need.

50% of your gifts prepare students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Please give ... for when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Look for giving envelopes in the pews coming soon or scan the code on the left.

Anthem

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but hear the angel's warning:
this child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be,
the pow'r of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.



Christmas Flowers

You can contribute to the beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our sanctuary for Christmas.

To do so, complete this form and place it in the offering basket or the office manager's mailbox by December 16.

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 acknowledged in the December 24th and 28th bulletins.



You can also complete the form online with this QR code or at: bit.ly/3KrVQ0B

This Week at Providence

Sunday, November 30

- Providence Youth Fellowship—5:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Monday, December 1

- Create, Craft & Connect—10:00 am, Parlor
- Worship Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Virtual

Tuesday, December 2

- Yoga Level One—10:30 am, Mission Hall
- Yoga Level Three—3:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Next Gen Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Congregational Life & Fellowship—7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 3

- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm
- Mission Committee Meeting—1:30 pm, Parlor
- Open Youth Lounge—2:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Yoga Level Two—4:30 pm, Mission Hall

Thursday, December 4

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

Saturday, December 6

- Advent Festival—12:30 pm, Porch

Sunday, December 7

- Communion Care Sunday
- Children's Choir Sings—10:00 am & 11:15 am
- Providence Singers Christmas Extravaganza—3:00 pm, Greenspring
- Providence Youth Fellowship—5:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting—12:15 pm, Room 206

HOW TO GET ANNOUNCEMENTS INTO THE BULLETIN: Announcements submitted to the office **by Monday** will appear in Providence communications for the Sunday immediately following. Items received after Monday will run the following Sunday.

HOW TO GET PRAYER REQUESTS INTO THE BULLETIN: Pray Requests and updates can be submitted to office@providencechurch.org any time and will be included as soon as possible.

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



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Prayer List ~ November 30, 2025

Bereavement

*The family of **Girum Teruneh**, brother of Laura Braceland's former student

In Hospice Care

Carolynn Baer, mother of David Baer

Eleanor Branch, aunt of Mark Miller

Undergoing Treatment

Jennifer Dirscherl, daughter of Martie McDowall

Esa and **Lauren**, friends of Kathy Dutke

Carol **Kaiserian**, sister-in-law of Mary Jo Kavjian

Nancy Sowa, friend of the Ranowsky family

Clint K., **Linda L.** & **Pam B.**, friends of Susan McCannell

Doug Martin, son of Martie McDowall

Caroline Wheatley, young friend of Rhoda Waters

Terrie McClure, sister of Maribeth Luftglass

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

Richard Mudd

Chuck Rivenbark & **Faith Perkins**, friends of Kate Zander

Kara Owen, family friend of Rhoda Waters

Mary C. Davis Bishop, daughter of Martha Lamb

Continuing Care

Virginia Holian, friend of David & Brenda Kepley

Fred Krebs

Janice Barrett Evans, mother, and **Nancy Evans**, sister of Sara Bennett

Nicholas, nephew, & **Pete**, friend of Jim Durbin

Nancy Jones

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

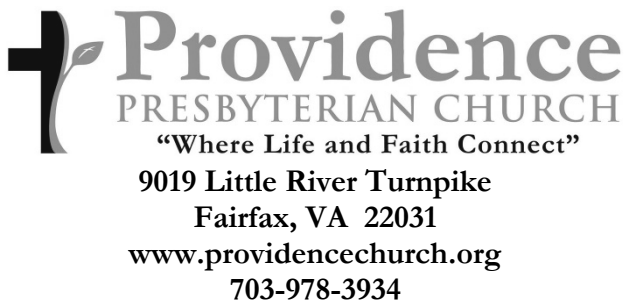
Deployed

Matt, U.S. Army, son-in-law of Mitch and Cheryl Crosswait, stationed overseas

Prayer Update

***Fatima Z.**, coworker of Laura Braceland, no longer requires treatment

An asterisk () indicates that someone is new to the prayer list or that their listing has changed.*



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To inquire about renting our facilities, contact rentals@providencechurch.org.

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.



TO GIVE:
Scan above or
text Giveppc to 73256