



**Providence**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
“Where Life and Faith Connect”

Sunday, February 15, 2026

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](http://providencechurch.org).

The Sanctuary is equipped with Assistive Hearing Technology.



February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of the Lord

## Gathering

### PRELUDE

"Cantabile on HOUSTON"  
Jane Kaye, organ

—John Behnke

### CHIMES

### WELCOME

Rev. Mary Rodgers

### INTROIT

"Will You Come and Follow Me"  
The Sanctuary Choir

—John Bell

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Matt Baker

One: Even as we enter the wilderness of Lent,

**All: We rest in the shelter of the Most High;**

One: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;

**All: We find refuge under the wings of our Holy Parent.**

One: We trust that the angels of God,

**All: The words of God,**

One: The people of God,

**All: The hands of God**

One: Will somehow bear us up.

**All: And so we come to call on God who has promised to answer.**

**\*HYMN #331** (Purple)

"God of the Ages,  
Whose Almighty Hand"  
(Lyrics on page 6.)

NATIONAL HYMN

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Cath Krebs

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

**Merciful God, you love us with a profound, outrageous love, and you generously give to us all that you have. Yet we fail to appreciate you or to respond in gratitude to your love. Like the younger brother, we stubbornly choose our selfish ambition rather than receive your wise counsel. We pursue the pleasures of this world, believing that they will make us happy, only to discover that we're left with poverty of both soul and spirit. Or, like the elder brother, we hold ourselves aloof and apart, judging others and withholding compassion and mercy. Neither of these brothers understood that their truest treasure lay in their relationship with the Father – and that is our sin as well. We ask for your forgiveness and your grace, merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ. 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 32  
 (Text on page 8.)

Cath Krebs

**ANTHEM**

“The Road Home”  
 The Sanctuary Choir  
 (Lyrics on page 16.)

–Stephen Paulus

**SECOND READING**

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32  
 (Text on page 9.)

Rev. Rodgers

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Homegoing”

Rev. Rodgers

**\*HYMN #475** (Purple)

“Come, Thou Fount  
 of Every Blessing”  
 (Lyrics on page 6.)

NETTLETON

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

Cath Krebs

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**

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 #774** (Purple) "There is Now a New Creation"  
(Lyrics on page 7.)

STUTTGART

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

*(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)*

**\*RESPONSE**

"God Be in My Head"  
The Sanctuary Choir

—Daniel Gawthrop

**POSTLUDE**

"Fantasia on HOUSTON"  
Jane Kaye, organ

—John Behnke

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

## **HYMN #331** God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past.  
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:  
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## **HYMN # 475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

1 Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;

he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

## **HYMN #774** There Is Now a New Creation STUTTGART

1 There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ,  
peace and reconciliation  
with the God of endless life.

2 Call the lost and found together;  
tell the news to everyone:  
now the past is gone forever  
and a new life has begun.

3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome;  
run to greet the wayward child.  
All is finished and forgiven;  
let us now be reconciled.

4 Come and join the celebration;  
come and join this happy feast;  
Jesus makes an invitation  
to the greatest and the least.

5 There is now a new creation  
through the grace of Jesus Christ.  
Sing, with thanks and adoration,  
to the God of endless life!

## Psalm 32

### The Joy of Forgiveness Of David. A Maskil.

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup> Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> While I kept silent, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up<sup>[a]</sup> as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress,<sup>[b]</sup> the rush of mighty waters  
shall not reach them.
- <sup>7</sup> You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*
- <sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.
- <sup>10</sup> Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

## Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**15** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."



<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:

### **The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother**

<sup>11b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach<sup>[b]</sup> with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> Then the father<sup>[d]</sup> said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

**February 15, 2026**

## **GATHERING**

\*Home

–Phillip Phillips

## **WELCOME**

Announcements

Rev. Mary Rodgers

\*Come as You Are

–Crowder, Glover & Maher

\*All My Hope

–Crowder & Cash

## **GRACE**

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Baker

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

## **THE WORD**

Scripture

Psalm 32

Rev. Baker

Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

Rev. Rodgers

Message

"Homegoing"

Rev. Rodgers

\*Goodness of God

–CeCe Winnans

## **PRAYER**

Prayers

Rev. Baker

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Rodgers

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

\*This Is Amazing Grace

–Phil Wickham

## **SENDING**

\*Benediction

Rev. Baker

*\*Please stand.*

# Announcements

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**LAY READER(S):** Cath Krebs

**WELCOMING DEACON(S):**

Ed Burke (10:00 am) & David Nebhut (11:15 am)

**AV OPERATOR:** Charlie Brewer

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

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## Offerings for the New Year: What are they?

**PER CAPITA** Per Capita is the designated dollar amount that is asked of each member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a yearly voluntary contribution. Our per capita donations are collected by the National Capital Presbytery, and support the administrative operations of our denomination through its three governing bodies: Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The requested Per Capita donation in 2026 is \$51.28 per individual member. Providence is required to pay this assessment, about \$17,000, so your donations are much appreciated.

**INITIAL OFFERING** Your initial offering helps Providence to start the new year strong with a little bit extra to help defray the administrative costs related to running our active church.

### Two offerings are twice as nice!

Please note "initial offering" and/or "per capita" on your check, or give online (see QR code at right) and select "initial offering" and/or "per capita." For those using envelopes, they are available in the Common Area for pick up.

Questions? Contact Kyle Durbin, Financial Manager.



**Providence Readers** meets today, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the parlor to discuss *James* by Percival Everett. All are welcome, so please come join us for a lively book discussion. For more information, please contact Paula Rogers at par9144@msn.com.



## Meal Packaging Event

**Sunday, February 22, 12:30-2:30 pm**

Register by February 15

**Question:** Why is Rise Against Hunger one of our church's favorite missions?

**Answer:** Because it provides thousands of nutritious meals wherever the need is greatest, EVERYONE can participate, and it's fun to see your friends in hairnets! Whether you're 9 or 90, a whole family or flying solo, need to burn off some extra energy or take it easy, there is a job for you at the Rise Against Hunger event.

The Mission Committee will provide pizza and drinks to fuel everyone up for a busy and fun-filled afternoon as we pack as many meals as we can before the final gong.

**Just a few more volunteers needed!**

To sign up, scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/3Zb35Bz](https://bit.ly/3Zb35Bz).

Questions? Contact Brad Fitch at [bradfordfitch@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordfitch@gmail.com).





## Lenten Opportunity

**40 FOODS**

**40 DAYS**

### **Don't Give Up, Give to Others!** **40 Foods in 40 Days**

If the thought of giving up your favorite candy bar, TV show, or coffee indulgence for 40 days has got you down, consider this alternative for Lent:

Starting on Ash Wednesday (February 18), and ending on Easter (April 5), individuals and families are invited to donate 40 (or more!) food items to the Providence food ministry.

For every food item donated, your Food Pantry Team will place a jellybean in a jar. Watch as the jar fills over the course of the season, thanks to your abundant gifts. On Easter Day, jellybeans will be enjoyed by all!

**Needed items:** Canned Beans (not green beans!), Canned Chicken, Canned Fruit, Cereal, Crackers, Stew, Tuna Helper

***Items not needed:*** Chili, Corn, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Tuna



## Flowers in the Chancel

Make a donation for flowers to mark an occasion or simply to the glory of God.

[office@providencechurch.org](mailto:office@providencechurch.org)



## Providence Singers

February 15, 2:00 pm

The Virginian



## **Ash Wednesday Service**

February 18, 7:30 pm

In the Sanctuary

(also livestreamed)



## **Breaking of the Fast (Iftar) with ATFA**

**Sunday, March 1**

**5:30-7:30 pm in Taylor Hall**

RSVP by February 22

Join us as we host our ATFA friends as they break their fast (Iftar). We will share a meal and traditions, build friendships, and celebrate community in America's 250th year.

Our Turkish friends are generously providing the food; we all will bring the fun and fellowship!

RSVP at the link or QR code below by February 22.  
<https://bit.ly/4tcdxpX>





## Celtic Evensong Service

Sunday, March 1,  
7:30 pm

In the Sanctuary

### ANTHEM

### **The Road Home**

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago? All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song; there is no such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.





## **It's COLD Outside!**

### **Volunteer your time and talent to the Hypothermia Shelter at Fairfax UMC**

Fairfax United Methodist Church will host a Hypothermia Shelter the week of March 1-8. Shelter guests will begin to arrive on Sunday evening, March 1, and will stay at the church each night from 5:00 pm to 7:00 am the next morning until March 8. The church works with FACETS (Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services) and is one of many churches providing overnight shelter for our neighbors without housing.

Volunteer opportunities include: providing an evening meal for 50 people, providing breakfast casseroles, greeting and socializing with guests in the evening or at breakfast, and setting up snacks before guests arrive. Donations of clothing, travel hygiene items, and gift cards are appreciated, as are gifts of special talents (like leading sing-a-longs, organizing game night, performing musical pieces, etc.).

**Sign up here** or use the QR code above to volunteer:  
<https://bit.ly/4txtS94>

### **Questions?**

Contact Christie Johnson at [christie.johnson92@gmail.com](mailto:christie.johnson92@gmail.com).

# This Week at Providence

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## **Sunday, February 15**

- Pints with the Pastor—12:30 pm, Audacious Aleworks, Fairfax
- Providence Singers—2:00 pm, The Virginian
- Providence Readers—3:00 pm, Parlor
- PYF Food Tour—5:30 pm, IHOP

## **Monday, February 16**

- Office closed in honor of Presidents' Day
- "Great Ends of the Church"—7:30 pm, Parlor

## **Tuesday, February 17**

- Yoga Level One—10:30 am, Mission Hall
- Yoga Level Three—3:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Board of Deacons Meeting—7:30 pm, Parlor

## **Wednesday, February 18**

- Lydia Circle—9:30 am, Parlor
- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm
- Open Youth Lounge—2:30-7:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Yoga Level Two—4:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Ash Wednesday service—7:30 pm, Sanctuary

## **Thursday, February 19**

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

## **Sunday, February 22**

- Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event—12:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Providence Youth Fellowship—5:30 pm, Youth Lounge

**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](mailto:office@providencechurch.org) at 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/>



# Prayer List ~ February 15, 2026

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## Joy

**\*Charlotte Rose Dierks**, born on February 11, daughter of Lisa & Jonny Dierks; granddaughter of Ed & Mary Jo Kavjian

## Recovering at Home

**Kathy Snead**

## In Hospital

**Nicholas**, nephew of Jim Durbin

## In Hospice Care

**Eleanor Branch**, aunt of Mark Miller

## Undergoing Treatment

**\*Darlene Lane**

**Lily**, age two, student at Providence Nursery School

**Jennifer Dirscherl**, daughter of Martie McDowall

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

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

**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

## Continuing Care

**Walter Sapp**

**Beverly Van Nort**, mother of Kyle Durbin

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

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

**Pete**, friend of Jim Durbin

**Nancy Jones**

**Bill & Elsie Hamilton**, father & mother of Chloe Hamilton

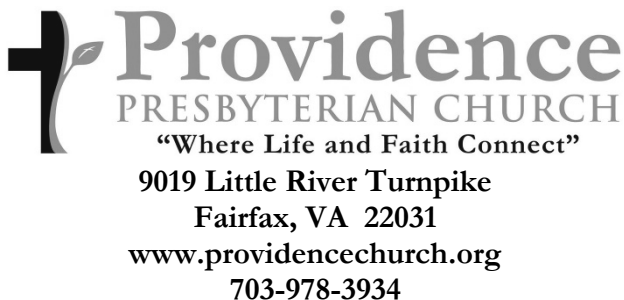
**Martyn Cusworth**, brother-in-law of Lesley McKeever

**Zachary Hasley**, friend of Toni Medwedeff

**Lucille Daly**, cousin of Paul Krumhaus

**Jim Saros**, brother of Niki Gamble

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



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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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