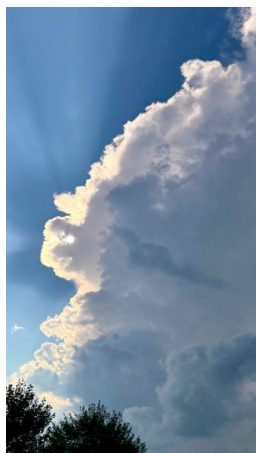


Providence Creation Celebration!



Sunday, April 26, 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.

The Sanctuary is equipped with Assistive Hearing Technology.



April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

PRELUDE "All Things Bright and Beautiful" –Robert J. Powell
Jane Kaye, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME Rev. Matt Baker
A Moment for Earth Care Paige Legenhausen

INTROIT "O Sing to the Lord" –Eleanor Daley
The Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 1) Jennifer Maiwurm

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

All: In all that they do, they prosper.

***HYMN #35** (Purple) "Praise Ye the Lord, LOBE DEN HERREN
the Almighty"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

CALL TO CONFESSION Jennifer Maiwurm

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Creator God, we know that love is the foundation of creation and all life, your love and ours. We know that all things are possible with love—that the least becomes the most important, the last becomes the first. Yet we also know that we do not always love, especially in our attitudes toward earth. Forgive our greed and apathy, our waste and disdain. Breathe fresh life into weary souls and show us grace. Creator God, forgive us. Help us to show—more actively—our love for you to the earth, our community, and our world.

(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 #606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:4-9
(Text on page 8.)

Jennifer Maiwurm

ANTHEM

“Music of Creation”
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics on page 13.)

–Sheldon Ridge Love

SECOND READING

John 20:11-18
(Text on page 9.)

Rev. Baker

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“I Come to the Garden”

Rev. Baker

***HYMN #667** (Purple) “When Morning Gilds the Skies”
(Lyrics on page 6.)

LAUDES DOMINI

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

Jennifer Maiwurm

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. Baker

(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. Baker

Sending

***HYMN #37** (Purple)

"Let All Things Now Living"
(Lyrics on page 7.)

ASH GROVE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

"O God Who Has Called Us"
The Sanctuary Choir

–Eleanor Daley

POSTLUDE

"Allegro" from Cello Sonata No. 6
Jane Kaye, organ

–J.S. Bach

*Please stand.

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

HYMN #35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

HYMN #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

HYMN #37

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE

1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2 By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

Genesis 2:4-9

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the Lord^[a] 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^[b] 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.

John 20:11-18

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir,^[b] if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[c] "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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GATHERING

*Good God Almighty

–David Crowder

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Matt Baker

*All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises

–Paul Baloche

*God of Wonders

–Baloche & Brewster

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Baker

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture

Genesis 2:4-9

Rev. Baker

John 20:11-18

Message

“I Come to the Garden”

*A Thousand Hallelujahs

–Brooke Ligertwood

PRAYER

Prayers

Rev. Baker

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

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

*How Great Thou Art

–Wesley & Hine

–Arr. Baloche

SENDING

*Benediction

Rev. Baker

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READER(S): Jennifer Maiwurm

WELCOMING DEACON(S):

Danna Rosenberry (10:00 am) & Leigh Burke (11:15 am)

AV OPERATOR: Jason Gwaltney

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

Concert Today!

You are invited to a special concert. Our own Dr. Cecelia Hopkins Porter is performing a concert of classical music to honor her late husband, Douglas Porter, at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 26, in the Sanctuary. She will play selections on the organ and piano, and accompany a piece played on Doug's cello by Kathy (Porter) Dutke. All are welcome to attend this FREE concert.

Communion Care

Sunday, May 3

Please bring to worship:

- Mixed Vegetables (cans)
- Peanut Butter
- Mashed Potato Boxes/Bags



Providence Field Trip

Learn about the Native Americans of Northern Virginia

Sunday, May 3, 3:30-5:00 pm

The Adult Ministry Committee invites you and your family to Riverbend Park to learn about the customs and values of the indigenous tribes that historically lived in the Potomac region.

Our field trip will explore the exhibit inside the visitor center and interpret a warrior model, real artifacts, and tool replicas. Then we will take a short hike along the river in search of food and herbal medicine traditionally hunted and gathered by the native peoples. The goal of this program is to help us appreciate, connect with, and care for the plants, animals, and earth as indigenous people do and to leave with resources to learn how to support the tribes who are still here today.

Register for this event by emailing David Kepley at kepley.david@gmail.com.

Webster Springs Mission Trip

June 20-27



Registration now open!



Questions?

Contact Kate Zander at 703-887-8103 or Kathryn.e.zander@gmail.com

Monday, May 4
5:00-7:00 pm

Roaming Coyote

Rain or Shine.



ANTHEM

Music of Creation

For the music of creation, for the song your spirit sings, for your sound's divine expression, burst of joy in living things: God, our God, the world's composer, hear us, echoes of your voice. Music is Your art, Your glory; let the human heart rejoice! All creation will rejoice!

Psalms and symphonies exalt You - drum and trumpet string and reed. Simple melodies acclaim You - tunes that rise from deepest need, songs of longing and belonging, carols from a cheerful throat, lilt of lullaby and love song, catching Heaven with a note.

All the voices of the ages in transcendent chorus meet; worship lifting up the senses; hands that praise and dancing feet. Ove discord and division music speaks your joy and peace. Harmony of Earth and Heaven - song of God that cannot cease. All creation joins to sing! Amen!

It's Creation Celebration Sunday!



Today! Visit the Earth Care Committee's art show in the common area and also online, featuring works by Providence's very own creative community. Some examples are on the cover of this bulletin.

Continue the celebration by adopting a native tree seedling to plant at your home! See the order form on the insert in today's bulletin.

April Creation Awareness Brought to You by the Earth Care Committee

Missed a week? You can find the following flyers on the Visitor Information table in the common area.

- Textile Recycling at Providence
- Care for Creation with Compost
- Caring for God's Garden: Focus on Native Plants

Creation Celebration Sunday is a day to glorify God through song, worship, and study that emphasizes God's Creation and our role as stewards of Creation.

View the online gallery using the QR code or the link below:

<https://www.providencechurch.org/earth-care-congregation/>





What Do We Believe— and Why Does It Matter?

The Adult Ministry Committee invites you to a three-week class exploring the PC(USA) *Brief Statement of Faith*—a powerful, modern expression of what we believe about God, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit at work in the world today. Whether you're new to Presbyterian theology or looking to deepen your faith, this class will connect timeless truths to real life in thoughtful, accessible ways. David Kepley will lead the study.

Dates: May 4, 11, 18

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: The Parlor

Come for engaging conversation, fresh insight, and a chance to reflect on the faith we share. All are welcome.



A coalition of churches serving those in need

Providence Presbyterian Church
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Furniture Day
Saturday, May 9, 8-11 am
Contact Ed Burke: eburke11@cox.net

Building Blocks Hygiene Kits

April 19–May 17

Spring means that summer is just around the corner. It is time to collect hygiene kit items for at-risk students at Annandale High School as part of our church's partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools. Students will receive their kits before the end of the school year so they can use them during summer vacation. Please leave your donations in the common area in the marked box.

Thank you for your donation of medium-sized items.

Any brand is fine!

- **Body wash**
- **Shampoo and conditioner**
- **Disposable razors**
- **Deodorant**
- **Toothpaste and toothbrushes**



Questions? Contact :

Kathy Hermann (kathy.hermann@verizon.net)

Beverly Harris (bev Harris280@hotmail.com).



Celtic Evensong Service

**Sunday, May 3,
7:30 pm**

In the Sanctuary

You are cordially invited to join members of the Property Committee on

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

At a Work (Fun) Day

Help us maintain a welcoming environment for our church and community.

Come for an hour – for the day – or anything in between.

Lunch will be provided by Chef Brian Singleton.

RSVP to Bertha McClintock at bmcclintock48@verizon.net.

Work Day Goals Include:

- Cut back ivy in picnic area and vines on trees as needed
- Cut back vines on trees along meditation path
- Clean up picnic area
- Patch crumbled pavement
- Reset parking space header
- Paint Little Pantry
- Remove rocks from drainage ditch near picnic area

**Please bring tools for whatever project interests you.
The church has some gardening tools.**



This Week at Providence

Sunday, April 26

- Creation Celebration Art Show—10:00 am, Common Area
- Concert with Dr. Cecilia Hopkins Porter—2:00 pm, Sanctuary
- 456ers—3:30 pm, Room 205
- Providence Youth Fellowship—5:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, April 28

- Yoga Level One—10:30 am, Mission Hall
- Yoga Level Three—3:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Property Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Parlor
- Worship Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Virtual

Wednesday, April 29

- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm
- Open Youth Lounge—2:30-5:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Yoga Level Two—4:30 pm, Mission Hall

Thursday, April 30

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

Saturday, May 2

- Church Work Day—9:00 am-2:00pm

Sunday, May 3

- Communion Care
- The Native Americans of Northern Virginia—3:30 pm, Riverbend Park
- Providence Youth Fellowship—5:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Celtic Evensong Service—7:30 pm, Sanctuary

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.

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



Prayer List ~ April 26, 2026

Bereavement

***The Roellke Family**, on the death of Trisha Roellke

***Cathryn Krebs**, on the death of her brother, Philip Evans Stanley

In Hospice Care

Eleanor Branch, aunt of Mark Miller

Undergoing Treatment

Jackson McClellan, nephew of Jane Proseri

Mary Burke, friend of Cecelia Porter

Ed Whiting, friend of Bill and Susan Flood

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

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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