



Providence
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Where Life and Faith Connect”

WELCOME!

Please silence your phone before worship.

SUMMER 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 the livestream of the worship service from the Wiggle Room.

Busy Boards with crayons, paper, and small toys are available in the Sanctuary for children to use during worship.

10:00 am: Summer Worship, Sanctuary

A fully staffed nursery for infants and young children through Pre-K is available in Room 200.

11:00 am: Summer Fellowship, Taylor Hall

Join church friends for fellowship and light refreshments.

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

The Sanctuary is equipped with Assistive Hearing Technology.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will resume on September 20.

Breakfast & Bible Study

For youth in 7th grade and above.

Grades 4-6 Sunday School

For children in grades 4th-6th.

Godly Play

For children 4 years old to 3rd grade.

July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Major Op. 21 No. 7
Andrew Lising, organ

—Adolf Merkel

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Baker

CALL TO WORSHIP

Cath Krebs

From Psalm 145

One: The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

All: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

One: The Lord is just in all ways and kind in all doings.

All: The Lord is near to all who call, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

***HYMN #15** (Purple)
(Verses 1-3, 6)

"All Creatures
of Our Lord and King"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Cath Krebs

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You have given us a world of beauty, and we have spoilt it.

A world to feed us, and so many go hungry.

A world of riches, and we are unwilling to share.

A world to care for, and we think only of ourselves.

Forgive us, gracious God, for those times your heart is saddened by our selfishness;

for those times we have no thought for others, no cares but ours.

Enable us to see this world anew as a gift from you, to be shared and nurtured, and those who live upon it to be loved and cared for.

(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

Rev. Baker

Word

FIRST READING

Job 12:7-10
 (Text on page 9.)

Cath Krebs

ANTHEM

"The Lord's Prayer"
 Sanctuary Choir Small Ensemble
 (Lyrics on page 15.)

—Linda V. Hannah

SECOND READING

Romans 8:18-25
 (Text on page 9.)

Rev. Baker

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

SERMON

"All Dogs Go to Heaven.
 What About Cats?"

Rev. Baker

***HYMN #20** (Purple)

"All Things
 Bright and Beautiful"
 (Lyrics on page 7.)

ROYAL OAK

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison)
 (From the Confession of 1967)

Cath Krebs

**In Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a
 Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs,
 temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and**

deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful people. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin and death for all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PETS

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

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso
Andrew Lising, organ

—Charles Marshall

*Please stand.

***HYMN #15 All Creatures of Our Lord and King**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind with clouds and rain,
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O brother fire, so warm and bright,
chase off the shadows of the night.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolds such blessings on our way,
sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***HYMN #20 All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK**

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:
(Refrain)

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.
(Refrain)

4 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

***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!

Job 12:7-10

- ⁷ "But ask the animals, and they will teach you,
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
⁸ ask the plants of the earth,^[a] and they will teach you,
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.
⁹ Who among all these does not know
that the hand of the Lord has done this?
¹⁰ In his hand is the life of every living thing
and the breath of every human being.

Romans 8:18-25

Future Glory

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in^[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Announcements

LAY READER(S): Cath Krebs

WELCOMING DEACON(S): Leigh Burke

AV OPERATOR: Ray Monroe

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

Ice Cream, Ice Cream, Ice Cream

If those words are music to your ears, join Rev. Matt at the new Moo Thru in Burke for everyone's favorite cool confection. The first scoops are on him!

Wednesday, August 5

Anytime between 3:30 and 4:30 pm

Moo Thru Burke

6025 Burke Center Parkway, Burke 22015



CHURCH
DIRECTORY
UPDATE

A large, dark gray circle with the words "CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The circle is centered over a background of light gray, dotted, radiating lines that resemble sunbeams. The entire graphic is set against a light gray rectangular background.

Please email office@providencechurch.org
if your contact info has changed.

Communion Care

Sunday, August 2



Please bring to worship:

- Soup (cans)
- Mac n' Cheese
- Tuna Helper

Monday, August 3
5:00-7:00 pm



Rain or Shine.



Get "Hangry" on Monday, August 3! Asian fusion street food meets loaded tater tots, tender brisket, and crispy tofu.

Webster Springs: More Great Stories to Tell

By Terry Lamb

On Sunday, July 12, we celebrated our annual Webster Springs Mission Trip (WSMT). John Hill's sermon framed the testimony given by Doug Ericson, Kathy Dutke, Terry Lamb, and Ben Fitch. Additionally, Jen Prunty called us to worship, Kate Zander sang, and Ray Monroe was the lay reader – all



members of the recent WSMT26. The congregational response was delightful – you were surprised and inspired; you saw how you might participate next year. However, we did not name everyone who went to Webster Springs, nor have time to mention a few other essential components of every Webster Springs Mission Trip that offer other, less publicized, ways to contribute. Here are more stories from this year.

The contributions of the youth and young adults to every WSMT are essential to the success of each mission: this year they ranged in age from 13 to 20, and included Luke Ericson, Ben Fitch, Carter Gwaltney, Robert Prunty and Niccolo Romano. Each provided important and valuable services throughout the week. This year, Ben and Luke were called late in the week to work with Ken DeJong and John Hill on an unexpected third project that Ben described beautifully in our service. They solved engineering problems for a new wheelchair ramp and did all the work, but got a little help with post holes from Jake Tyle. John was called away from the project, so on Friday, Ken, Ben and Luke soldiered on despite an interrupting rain shower. Working into the night, they completed a safe, sturdy, gently sloped ramp.

Robert Prunty and Ray Monroe spent many hours kneeling and supine under a camper. Robert's perseverance, determination, and commitment to accuracy in a very complex, unusual project reflect a wonderful maturity. Ray could have never finished without such good help.

Carter worked side by side with a team of adults on the roofing project. He worked hard, with enthusiasm, skill, and a good sense of humor.

Niccolo, who brought a beautifully illustrated Bible for devotions, found his calling this

year helping to build the eight-foot deck and stairs for the camper. He was comfortable with the precision measurements and alignment required for this part of the project. The mission was another opportunity for us see the talents and maturity of our young people as we worked and did devotions together throughout the week.

Jen Prunty, a first-time adult on the crew, worked side by side with Kate on the roof with strength, skill and good spirits. She carried our tent, cooler, sandwiches, snacks and other supplies in her van each day, and supplied us with helpful math lessons on the roof.

Kathy Knorr also joined us for the first time, something she had considered doing many times before. Now that she is retired, she joined us at her son's encouragement. Her work on the camper project was essential - she learned how to dig post holes to support the deck and the steps that the team added to the camper so that its owner, Terry, could safely go in and out with the oxygen tank he relies on to breathe. She became the skilled metal cutter of the group, making it possible to get accurate and timely custom cuts of the metal sheeting used to skirt the trailer.

Ruth DeJong, who also spent quite a bit of time under the camper to help secure the metal skirting to the scaffolding, wrote how the camper presented an unexpected challenge:

"We can adapt to sleeping conditions, working in rain, and relying on the Y-Mart and Custard Stand. But metal sheeting nearly defeated us. Our tin snips were totally inadequate. The metal refused to bend to our will! Then Kathy Knorr became the cutting expert with support from me and Doug Ericson. It became possible, to push and shove, slither under the camper, to engineer each custom cut 36" piece into Ray's engineered frame. Our devotional theme of "hope" became very concrete with each newly specially cut piece as we carried it to the camper and said some version of, "I sure hope this one is easier to attach than the last one!" While we hope never to have a project like this again, the owner of the camper overwhelmed us with his gratitude, and as he survives on oxygen, we trust that next winter he will be warmer than before."

There are two other types of work at every Webster Springs Mission I have joined: housekeeping and meal preparation. Ruth DeJong spearheaded the meal planning, grocery shopping, refrigerator stocking, and laying out cereals, snacks, meal preparation, etc. She and her teammates made sure the water coolers were full of ice and water for each project each day. She coordinated a meal at the church which we shared with several local families we have worked with in previous years. She

supervised all of us as we helped with cleanup, and even reorganized several cabinets in the kitchen and enlisted Ray and Ken to fix a broken kitchen drawer. She helped marshal the youth on the last day to vacuum and clean bathrooms as we always do at the end our stay.

Lastly, Kate always makes sure we have the opportunity to work with local, disadvantaged children. This year we hosted an ice cream social at Mountain Mission. Kate showed some children how to make tissue paper flowers while she talked about lessons from the Bible. She also drove to a nearby public housing project to give youth a Bible lesson with hands on activities. Some of us spent two afternoons at Mountain Mission packing school supplies into backpacks that our congregation provided for high school and elementary students this Fall.

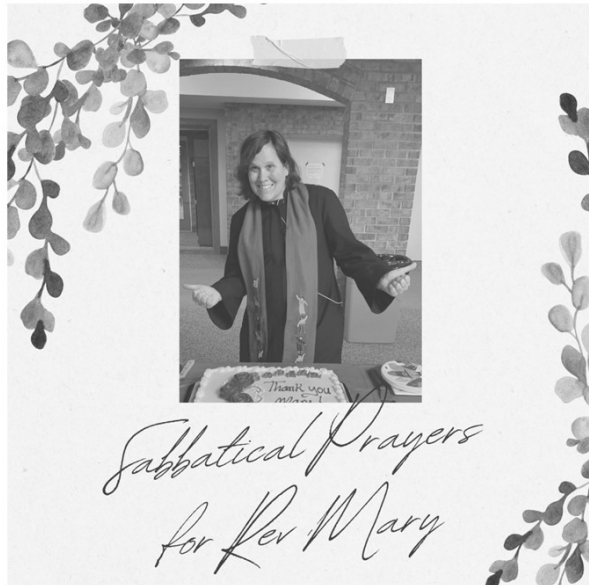
On the drive back to Fairfax, Kathy Knorr told me about a powerful realization she had early Thursday morning: her heart felt like it had grown three sizes - like the Grinch Who Stole Christmas says at the end of his story. For many of us the week at Webster Springs left us feeling like our hearts grew three sizes. Perhaps, like the Grinch, we also grew stronger than "ten Grinches plus two!" ♦



From *The Webster Echo*, July 22, 2026

Sabbatical Prayers for Rev. Mary

Focus on her in your
personal prayers.



ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.



See Watt's Possible

11:00 am-12:00 pm, August 2, Taylor Hall

The Providence Earth Care Committee invites you to explore simple ways to reduce your energy costs and your carbon footprint at home.

During Summer Fellowship on August 2, you will have the opportunity to visit information tables to interact with climate volunteers, watch videos, and pick up brochures filled with climate tips and links to additional resources.

Booths include:

- Water saving tips
- How to stay cool for less
- How to insulate/weatherize your home
- Going solar
- Energy tips for renters
- Climate friendly yards

Sponsored by:

Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN)
Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS).



Tech Tutoring for Seniors

Provides supportive programs and services, personal enrichment, and volunteer engagement that enable our senior neighbors to live full and productive lives while aging in place.

Do you ever feel like your phone or computer has a mind of its own? You're not alone!

You'll Learn:

- How to better use your cell phone
- What "Talk to Text" means
- How to send emails
- How to set up online payments
- How to download and use apps
- What social media is — and more!

Monthly Tech Tutoring Sessions

This event is **free** and open to all older adults.

When: July 29, 2026

Location: Providence
Presbyterian Church
9019 Little River Turnpike
Fairfax, VA 22031

Wednesday, July 29, 11:00 am

How to Register

Reserve your spot by contacting the **Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke**, **703-323-4788**. Leave your name, phone number, and note that you'd like to attend. Or **register online** at our website, www.scfbva.org or directly at this link <https://dsnnp.co/vbC6YV>

This Week at Providence

Sunday, July 26

- Summer Worship followed by Fellowship—10:00 am
- Youth depart for Montreat

Monday, July 27

- Church offices closed

Tuesday, July 28

- Property Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Parlor

Wednesday, July 29

- Tech Tutoring for Seniors (Shepherd's Center)—11:00 am, Taylor Hall
- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm

Thursday, July 30

- Food Pantry is open—6:00-7:30 pm

Saturday, August 1

- Youth return from Montreat

Sunday, August 2

- Communion Care Sunday
- Summer Worship followed by Fellowship—10:00 am

Summer Fellowship on August 2

Treats are provided by families Marchal to Miller.
Earth Care Committee / Adult Ministry Study Group

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: Prayer requests and updates can be submitted to 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 ~ July 26, 2026

Joy

***Nan Curran**, on the July 16 birth of her grand-son, Klaus Sumrow, child of Hannah and Dylan Sumrow and brother of Kayden

Bereavement

Pat Flowe, on the death of her son, Rick Flowe

In Hospital

Shenali, friend of Kit Stevens

Recovering at Home

***Angela Schroeder**, fiancée of Rev. Matt

Pat Flowe

John Menke & Nancy Menke

In Hospice Care

Rev. Dr. Graeme Rosenau, father of Cheryl Crosswait

Eleanor Branch, aunt of Mark Miller

Undergoing Treatment

***Nicole Bradshaw**, friend of Terry Lamb

Abbey Arnold, sister of Rev. Matt

Kathi Ranowsky

Eddie Ortiz, Adam Levitan, and Ree & Ed Whiting, friends of Bill and Susan Flood

Jean Coyle, friend of Jan Hufford

Robin Pokrzywinski, daughter of Bill and Susan Flood

Jackson McClellan, nephew of Jane Prosperi

Darlene Lane

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

Clint K. & Pam B., friends of Susan McCannell

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

Faith Perkins, friend of Kate Zander

Kara Owen, family friend of Rhoda Waters

Continuing Care

Esa and Lauren, friends of Kathy Dutke

Nancy Evans & Bob Arnold, sister and brother-in-law of Sara Bennett

Janice Barrett Evans, mother of Sara Bennett

Virginia Holian, friend of David & Brenda Kepley

Pete, friend of Jim Durbin

Nancy Jones

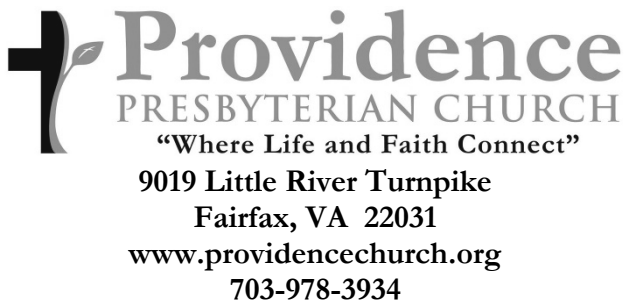
Bill & Elsie Hamilton, father & mother of Chloe Hamilton

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



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CHURCH HOURS

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

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