



Providence
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
“Where Life and Faith Connect”

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 (resumes 9/27)

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.

11:15 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.



September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major
Andrew Lising, organ

—Ignace Gibsone

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Baker

INTROIT

"Shall We Gather at the River"
The Sanctuary Choir

—Robert Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bing Van Nuys

One: Divine Parent, we worship you this day,

All: as we bring our praise to this sacred space.

One: Jesus Christ, we worship you this day,

All: as we are your beloved siblings.

One: Holy Spirit, we worship you this day,

All: as we feel your binding presence in our midst.

One: Triune God, we worship you this day,

All: as you enfold us into the mystery of faith.

*HYMN #2 (Purple)

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Bing Van Nuys

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we give so little thought to your Triune nature as we live our ordinary and extraordinary lives. We imagine you as being hidden out of sight in spaces too big for us to comprehend or too small for us to see. We treat others as objects that can provide utility to our purposes, rather than beloved children who have been enfolded in your immense love. We treat ourselves with shame and derision, rather than seeing the love and forgiveness of the Christ who washes us clean.

Forgive our narrow-mindedness. Forgive our small thoughts. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to see you in every facet of creation and rejoice that you are at work in our midst.

(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

Romans 8:14-17
(Text on page 8.)

Bing Van Nuys

ANTHEM

"Ubi Caritas"
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics on page 16.)

—Maurice Duruflé

SECOND READING

John 4:1-26
(Text on page 9.)

Rev. Baker

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A More Profound Alleluia:
The Trinity We Worship"

Rev. Baker

***HYMN #393** (Purple) "O Day of Rest and Gladness"
(Lyrics on page 7.)

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KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

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

Bing Van Nuys

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 #8** (Purple)

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
(Lyrics on page 7.)

MELITA

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

“A Blessing”

–Eleanor Daley

The Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Major
Andrew Lising, organ

–Caleb Simper

*Please stand.

HYMN #2**Come, Thou Almighty King****ITALIAN HYMN**

1 Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise:
Father, all glorious,
o'er all victorious,
come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

2 Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord,
our prayer attend.
Come, and thy people bless,
and give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness,
on us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour.
Thou who almighty art,
now rule in every heart,
and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.

4 To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be,
hence evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.

HYMN #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright;
on you, the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing "Holy, holy, holy"
to the great God triune.

2 On you, at earth's creation
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
sent Spirit forth from heaven.
And thus on you, most glorious,
a triple light was given.

3 On you, God's people, meeting,
the Holy Scripture hear,
Christ's living presence greeting,
through bread and wine made near.
New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.

HYMN #8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

Romans 8:14-17

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. **15** For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba!^[a] Father!" **16** it is that very Spirit bearing witness ^[b] with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 4:1-26**Jesus and the Woman of Samaria**

4 Now when Jesus^[a] learned that the Pharisees had heard, "Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John" **2** (although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized), **3** he left Judea and started back to Galilee. **4** But he had to go through Samaria. **5** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. **7** A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)^[b] **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." **11** The woman said to him, "Sir,^[c] you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." **15** The woman said to him, "Sir,^[d] give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." **17** The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" **19** The woman said to him, "Sir,^[e] I see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^[f] say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." **21** Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you^[g] will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You^[h] worship what you^[i] do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." **25** The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." **26** Jesus said to her, "I am he,^[j] the one who is speaking to you."

September 20, 2026

GATHERING

*River of Life

–Mac Powell

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Matt Baker

*It Is Well with My Soul

–Matt Redman

*Holy Forever

–Cece Winans

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture

Romans 8:14-17

Rev. Baker

John 4:1-26

Message

“A More Profound Alleluia:
The Trinity We Worship”

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son

–Tomlin & Cash

PRAYER

Prayers

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

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

*All the People Said Amen

–Matt Maher

SENDING

*Benediction

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READER(S): Bing Van Nuys

WELCOMING DEACON(S):

Ralph Morton (10:00) & Jennifer Lewis Cooper (11:15)

AV OPERATOR: Charlie Brewer

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are in celebration of the September 19 wedding of Douglas Flood, son of Bill and Susan Flood, and Vanessa Díez, in Lake Tahoe, California.

A Note from Rev. Diane Maloney

Providence Presbyterian:

I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your love and support of my ordination. I'm so grateful for the ways our churches are in shared ministry. Thank you for the lovely stole and the reminder of our stories!

In Christ,

Diane

Monday Night Bible Study: What Is Worship?

Worship introduces us to the Triune God in powerful, intentional ways. At Monday Night Bible Study, Rev. Matt Baker will explore where our worship and our theology meet. Guided, in part, by the book "A More Profound Alleluia," we will engage in conversation based on the previous Sunday's sermon and liturgy. Come for a lively conversation around the liturgical flow of the worship service and the beliefs that undergird our prayer and praise.

**Mondays, September 21 to October 26
7:30 pm, in the Parlor**



Get Out the Vote!

Postcard Writing Campaign



Two Opportunities:

Sunday, October 4, 3:00-4:30 pm

& Monday, October 5, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

In partnership with the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, the Providence Adult Ministry and Mission Committees invite you to encourage fellow residents of Virginia to exercise their precious right to vote in the upcoming general election. We will have everything you need to write postcards!

To participate, please sign up at the link below or use the QR code.
<https://bit.ly/3VfIRZv>

Questions?

Contact Kathy Dutke at kathydutke@gmail.com.



What is Christian Nationalism?

Brought to you by the Adult Ministry Committee:

Faithful Responses to Christian Nationalism

On Sunday, October 18, at 3:30 pm, the Rev. Dr. Katie Callaway from the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty will speak to us about Christian Nationalism. This concept has been much explored in the media and has many adherents.

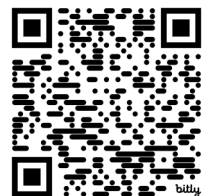
So, what is Christian Nationalism? Where did it come from? How might Christians respond to its tenants?

Please register for this event using the link QR code below.

<https://bit.ly/4xu5Xbl>

Questions?

Contact David Kepley at kepley.david@gmail.com.



Fall In with Fabulous Offerings from Adult Ministry

What do you enjoy? How will you challenge yourself?

Adult Ministry has many opportunities on offer – fall in with what’s right for you!

Special Events

Learn about Christian Nationalism

What are the defining differences between our theology and Christian Nationalism? The Rev. Dr. Katie Callaway, Director of Development at Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, will answer that question and explain how the social witness policy, “Standing Against White Christian Nationalism,” approved by the 227th General Assembly (2026), applies to us.

When: October 18, 3:30-5:00 pm

Questions? Contact David Kepley at kepley.david@gmail.com.

Get Out the Vote! Postcard Writing Campaign

The Providence Adult Ministry and Mission Committees invite you to remind fellow citizens to exercise the precious right to vote in the November 3 election. Mark your calendars to attend one (or both!) non-partisan postcard writing sessions. We have 500 postcards to write - the more the merrier!

When: October 4 & 5

Questions? Contact Kathy Dutke at kathydutke@gmail.com.

Banned Book Shelf

Keep your eyes open for the banned books shelf during Banned Books Week. Let’s celebrate our freedom to read, which is a gift that can open our minds to diverse human experiences and can deepen our faith and empathy.

When: October

Questions? Contact Kathy Hermann at kathy.hermann@verizon.net.

Ongoing

Monday Night Bible Study

Rev. Matt will explore where our worship and our theology meet. Guided, in part, by the book “A More Profound Alleluia,” the group will engage in conversation based on the previous Sunday’s sermon and liturgy. Join for a lively conversation around the liturgical flow of the worship service and the beliefs that undergird our prayer and praise. Then, join David Kepley in late November to study Advent.

When: Weekly on six Mondays, September 21 to October 26, at 7:30 pm and select Mondays in November starting on November 23.

Questions? Contact Rev. Matt at RevMatt@providencechurch.org or David Kepley at kepley.david@gmail.com

Create, Craft & Connect

Set aside some time to catch up with old friends and make new ones. All people and projects are welcome: knitting, needlework, paper crafts, sketching and more. Come for the crafting and stay for the connections!

When: First Monday of the month, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Questions? Contact Kathy Knorr at ksknorr84@verizon.net.

Pints with the Pastor

Come talk about what is on your mind and in your heart in casual conversation over a drink.

When: Third Sunday of the month, 12:30 -2:00pm, Offsite

Questions? Contact Rev. Matt at RevMatt@providencechurch.org.

Providence Readers

This group of casual bibliophiles reads and discusses fiction and non-fiction books that they select together.

When: Third Sunday of the month, 3:00-4:30 pm

Questions? Contact Bertha McClintock at bmclintock48@verizon.net.

Lydia Circle

This year, the bible study group will explore "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians." As in the past, they will pack hypothermia bags from December to March for the Bailey's Shelter. Study books will be available at the first meeting.

When: Third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am.

Questions? Contact Susan Leyden at libbook55@gmail.com.

Fun for the Whole Family

Board Game Meetup

Escape the heat (or cold, rain, snow) while enjoying an afternoon of games.

Come once or join in every month; bring your favorite game or try a new one.

When: Second Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm

Questions? Contact Jennifer Maiwurm at rosenbaj@fastmail.fm.

Ice Cream with the Pastor

Drop in, enjoy a treat, and chat with Rev. Matt and other church friends.

When: On occasional dates to be announced, at Moo Thru in Burke

Questions? Contact Rev. Matt at RevMatt@providencechurch.org.

ANTHEM

Ubi Caritas

Translation:

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
Amen.

Sabbatical Prayers for Rev. Mary

Please sign up for a specific day to be in prayer for Rev. Mary:

<https://bit.ly/44bA3Ep>



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Providence Readers: All Are Welcome!

Providence Readers meets today from 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the parlor to discuss *We Are Not Ourselves* by Matthew Thomas.

Questions? Contact Bertha McClintock at bmcclintock48@verizon.net.



Fellowship Is Brewing at Providence

Congregational Life & Fellowship thanks all the individuals and committees – as well as Facilities Assistants Cam Breece and Zack Dutke – who made this summer's time of fellowship successful, fun and welcoming, week after week! Each Sunday we enjoyed a terrific set up, lots of goodies, and the company of one another.

Now that fall is upon us, we are happy to announce that Zack Dutke will continue to brew coffee and set up and clean up the Sunday coffee service. Please enjoy a cup of coffee and continued fellowship between services!

Pints with the Pastor

**September 20
12:30-2:00 pm
(Third Sundays)**



This Week at Providence

Sunday, September 20

- Two worship services and Christian education resume
- Pints with the Pastor—12:30 pm, Audacious Aleworks, Fairfax
- Providence Readers—3:00 pm, Parlor

Monday, September 21

- Youth Fall Retreat concludes
- Monday Night Bible Study—7:30 pm, Parlor

Tuesday, September 22

- Yoga—10:30 am, Mission Hall
- Yoga—3:30 pm, Mission Hall

Wednesday, September 23

- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm
- Open Youth Lounge—2:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Yoga—4:00 pm, Mission Hall
- Mission Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Parlor

Thursday, September 24

- Food Pantry is open—6:00 pm-7:30 pm
- Worship Band Rehearsal—7:00 pm, Taylor Hall
- Choir Rehearsal—7:45 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 27

- Confirmation Class—11:15 am, Room 206
- 456ers—3:30 pm, Room 206
- Providence Youth Fellowship (PYF)—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: 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 ~ September 20, 2026

Bereavement

Linda Wood and family, on the death of Linda's mother, Joan McAnulty

The family of Eric Skibinski, cousin of Kyle Durbin

The family of Lynne C., cousin of Susan McCannell

The family of Pam B., friend of Susan McCannell

Recovering at Home

Ray Monroe

Pat Flowe

Undergoing Treatment

Julie Janson, friend of Amanda Ranowsky

Nicole Bradshaw, friend of Terry Lamb

Abbey Arnold, sister of Rev. Matt

Kathi Ranowsky

Eddie Ortiz, 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 Proseri

Darlene Lane

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

Caroline Wheatley, 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

In Hospice Care

Rev. Dr. Graeme Rosenau, father of Cheryl Crosswait

Eleanor Branch, aunt of Mark Miller

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

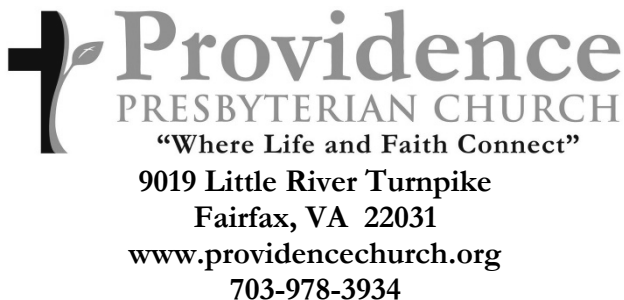
Bill & Elsie Hamilton, father & mother of Chloe Hamilton

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

Please ring the doorbell for assistance.

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