



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

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 Prayground 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 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Fugue in G Major"
From "The Eight Little Preludes and Fugues"
Andrew Lising, organ

—J.S. Bach

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Baker

INTROIT

"Have Mercy, God, upon My Life"
The Sanctuary Choir

IRISH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Molly Pruett

One: Despite our faults and failures,

All: we gather in worship.

One: The God of love calls us to this place,

All: our brother, Christ, calls us to this place.

One: The spirit calls us to this place,

All: as forgiven people we gather to worship!

*HYMN #610 (Purple)

"O for a Thousand
Tongues to Sing"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

Molly Pruett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

(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

Ephesians 2:8-10
(Text on page 8.)

Molly Pruett

ANTHEM

"Drop, Drop Slow Tears"
The Sanctuary Choir
(Lyrics on page 15.)

—Orlando Gibbons

SECOND READING

John 1:14-18
(Text on page 8.)

Rev. Baker

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A More Profound Alleluia: Sin and Grace"

Rev. Baker

***HYMN #445** (Purple) "God, How Can We Forgive"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

LEONI

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

Molly Pruett

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone
equally in God's image male and female, of every race and people, to live
as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others
and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and
threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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 #836** (Purple)

“Abide with Me”
(Lyrics on page 7.)

EVENTIDE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

“A Blessing”
The Sanctuary Choir

–Eleanor Daley

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in Eb”
Andrew Lising, organ

–William H. Maxfield

*Please stand.

HYMN #610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.

2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

3 Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

5 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and every given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

HYMN #445

God, How Can We Forgive

LEONI

1 God, how can we forgive
when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
our trust reborn?
When human loving fails
and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own
to face the dawn.

2 When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt,
the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace
surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.

3 Who dares to throw the stone
to damn another's sin,

when you, while knowing all our past,
forgive again?
No more we play the judge,
for by your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin,
may we forgive.

HYMN #836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

John 1:14-18

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son,^[a] full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.^[b] ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who^[c] is close to the Father's heart,^[d] who has made him known.

September 27, 2026

GATHERING

*Your Grace Is Enough

–Matt Maher

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Matt Baker

*Your Grace Finds Me

–Matt Redman

*Come Jesus Come

–Cece Winans

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture

Ephesians 2:8-10

Rev. Baker

John 1:14-18

Message

"A More Profound Alleluia: Sin and Grace"

*Goodness of God

–Bethel Music

PRAYER

Prayers

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

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

*It Really Is Amazing Grace

–Crowder & Wickham

SENDING

*Benediction

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READER(S): Molly Pruett

WELCOMING DEACON(S):

Ralph Morton (10:00) & Leigh Burke (11:15)

AV OPERATOR: Ray Monroe

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

Communion Care

October 4

Complete a BINGO square!

Bring, for example:

- 3 boxes of cereal, or
- 5 boxes of mashed potatoes, or
- 3 cans chili and
- 3 boxes Mac & Cheese



Celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4 by bringing your food offering to worship.

Don't have a BINGO card?
Pick one up in the common area.

WORK DAY At The Church

Saturday, October 3, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Let's show our property some love to keep Providence a warm and welcoming place for all.



Food Pantry BINGO

1. Turn in your completed BINGO card.
2. Pick your favorite hymn or song to be played in worship!

Deadline: October 25



CELEBRATE
Your Freedom to Read!

Banned Book Week:
October 4-10, 2026

**Visit the bookshelf outside the
gym to peruse our selection of
banned books.**

Banned Books Week: October 4-10, 2026

As people of faith, we are called to seek truth, love our neighbors, and practice deep empathy.

October 4-10 marks Banned Books Week, a time to celebrate our freedom to read and reflect on the dangers of censorship. Books that challenge us often help us grow by allowing us to see the world through the eyes of others.

The Adult Ministry Committee invites you to check out our Banned Books Shelf on the bookcase near Mission Hall. You may be surprised by what you find! Feel free to take a book home, read it, and return it so others may enjoy it as well.

Note: Some of these books do address mature themes but are included on many lists of recommended reading for high school students. Parents should use discretion in deciding if a particular book is a good fit for their teenager.



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

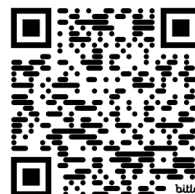
On Sunday, October 18, at 3:30 pm, the Rev. Dr. Katie Callaway from the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty will speak to us about Christian Nationalism. This concept has been much explored in the media and has many adherents.

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

Please register for this event using the link QR code below.
<https://bit.ly/4xu5Xbl>

Questions?

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



ANTHEM

Drop, Drop Slow Tears

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.

Monday, October 5
5:00-7:00 pm

**Birria Beat
Taco Truck**

Rain or Shine.





Monday Night Bible Study: What Is Worship?

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 through October 26
7:30 pm, in the Parlor**

Sabbatical Prayers for Rev. Mary

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



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This Week at Providence

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

Monday, September 28

- Monday Night Bible Study—7:30 pm, Parlor

Tuesday, September 29

- Yoga—10:30 am, Mission Hall
- Yoga—3:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Property Committee Meeting—7:30 pm, Parlor

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 3

- Church Workday—9:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday, October 4

- Next Gen Family Event—1:00 pm, Youth Lounge
- Get Out the Vote! Postcard Writing Campaign—3:00 pm, Taylor Hall
- 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 27, 2026

Bereavement

***The Maiwurm Family**, on the death of Jennifer's father

Recovering from Surgery

***Nancy Jarvie**

Continuing Care

***Bev Pontius**

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

Undergoing Treatment

***Cindy Hamilton**, cousin of Jane Kaye

Julie Janson, friend of Amanda Ranowsky

Nicole Bradshaw, friend of Terry Lamb

Abbey Arnold, sister of Rev. Matt

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 Prosperi

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

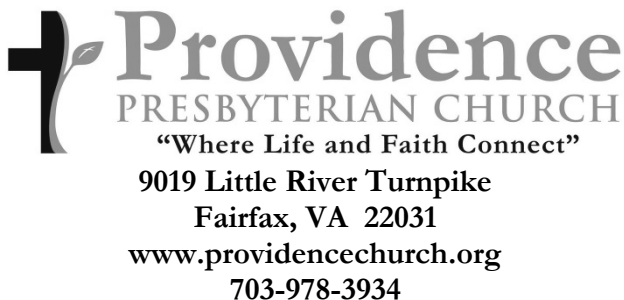
Recovering at Home

Pat Flowe

In Hospice Care

Rev. Dr. Graeme Rosenau, father of Cheryl Crosswait

Eleanor Branch, aunt of Mark Miller



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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

