



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 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.



October 18, 2026

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering

PRELUDE

"Voluntary No. 7"
Andrew Lising, organ

—John Alcock

CHIMES

WELCOME

Rev. Matt Baker

INTROIT

"My Life Flows On"
The Sanctuary Choir

—Robert Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ray Monroe

One: Though we may be inclined to brag, let us come together with humility.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though we may be tempted to use harsh words, let us come together with gentleness.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though we may want everything to happen quickly, let us come together with patience.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: Though the world around often encourages hate, let us come together in love.

All: How good a thing it is when all of God's people live together in unity.

One: In humility, gentleness, patience, love, and unity,

All: Let us worship the God who has called us together.

***HYMN #339** (Purple)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

LIFT EVERY VOICE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ray Monroe

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, we humble ourselves now in confession:

We want to be followers of Jesus,

but we do not always want to follow Jesus.

We don't even want to listen

when the conversation turns toward darkness and death.

We prefer to indulge ourselves.

We are eager to put down our crosses.

We cling tightly to our lives.

We grasp at worldly rewards.

**Holy and loving God, forgive all of our thoughts and actions
that would protect us from the path of Christ.**

(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 10:5-12
(Text on page 8.)

Ray Monroe

ANTHEM

"I'll Sing"

—Molly Ijames

The Sanctuary Choir
Gil Hoffer, trumpet, and Andrew Lising, piano
(Lyrics on page 13.)

SECOND READING

Mark 8:27-30
(Text on page 8.)

Rev. Baker

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A More Profound Alleluia:
Creeds and Prayers"

Rev. Baker

***HYMN #39** (Purple)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
(Lyrics on page 6.)

FAITHFULNESS

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

Rev. Baker

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

**and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ,
the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith
and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,**

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without
ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(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

Sending

***HYMN #612** (Purple)

"We Praise You, O God"
(Lyrics on page 7.)

KREMSER

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Baker

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)

***RESPONSE**

"Sevenfold Amen"
The Sanctuary Choir

—John Stainer

POSTLUDE

"Psalm 19"
Gil Hoffer, trumpet
Andrew Lising, organ

—Benedetto Marcello
—Arr. Diane Bish

*Please stand.

HYMN #339

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE

1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on, till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died.
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our parents sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3 God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

HYMN #39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

1 *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
(Refrain)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
(Refrain)

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

HYMN #612

"We Praise You, O God"

KREMSER

1 We praise you, O God,
our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion
our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you;
we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name;
glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of
our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest
our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us,
you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord,
our struggles we win.

3 With voices united
our praises we offer

and gladly our songs of
thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us,
your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise!

Romans 10:5-12 **Salvation Is for All**

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because^[a] if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe^[b] in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes^[c] with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes^[d] in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

Mark 8:27-30 **Peter’s Declaration about Jesus**

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi, and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.”^[a] ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

October 18, 2026

GATHERING

*Shout to the North

–Martin Smith

WELCOME

Announcements

Rev. Matt Baker

*God So Loved

–We the Kingdom

*Creed

–Rich Mullins

GRACE

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture

Romans 10:5-12

Rev. Baker

Mark 8:27-30

Message

“A More Profound Alleluia:
Creeds and Prayers”

*You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

–Michael W. Smith

PRAYER

Prayers

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

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

*Love the Lord

–Lincoln Brewster

SENDING

*Benediction

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READER(S): Ray Monroe

WELCOMING DEACON(S):

Jennifer Lewis-Cooper (10:00) & Carmen Santiago (11:15)

AV OPERATOR: TBD

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

TODAY!

Pints with the Pastor

New Location: High Side, 4009 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax

Faithful Responses to Christian Nationalism

Today, at 3:30 pm, the Rev. Dr. Katie Callaway from the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty will speak about Christian Nationalism.

This concept has been much explored in the media and has many adherents.

What is Christian Nationalism?

Where did it come from?

How might Christians respond to its tenets?

Not registered? No worries. All are welcome.

Brought to you by the Adult Ministry Committee.

B*I*N*G*O

Turn in your Food Pantry BINGO cards to the church office by Sunday, October 25, to choose a hymn or song for worship.



**Purchase Semi-quincentennial ornaments
& support PPC buildings and grounds at the same time!**

White House Ornaments: Buy in any combination

Orders & Payment due by October 25 / Delivery expected by November 15

- The 250th Anniversary Celebration Trio (all three shown above): \$60
- The Declaration of Independence (center): \$20
- Eagle Over America (right): \$21
- American Icons (left): \$21

Pre-pay with check, payable to PPC with "ornament" noted on the memo line. Place your check in the offering basket on Sunday, in Bertha McClintock's church mailbox, or mail it to her at 5011 Portsmouth Road, Fairfax, VA, 22032.

See the ornament display in the common area outside the copy room.
Contact Bertha at bmcclintock48@verizon.net to order.

Thank you for your support!



Next Generation Ministry: Trunk or Treat

Next Gen needs your help for our annual Trunk-Or-Treat on Sunday, October 25, from 2:00-4:00 pm!

How does it work? Decorate your car in the theme of your choice. It can be as simple or elaborate as you want. A few pumpkins will do!

Have candy or small toys on hand for about 200 guests. Sit back, and admire adorable children in their costumes!

Cars must be in place by 1:45pm. This is a rain or shine event.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/473b9bu>

ANTHEM**I'll Sing**

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food.
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne.

While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that man can be Thou God art present there.

I'll sing to the Lord while I live, I'll sing!

Donate Greeting Cards – Both Used and Unused!!

Got extra unused cards lying around that you could not bring yourself to throw away, but that you haven't sent for some reason? Still holding onto bunches of greeting cards you received in the mail, but you're not sure why? You know: the extra holiday cards, the free ones that come from charitable groups, used cards that are too pretty to recycle or throw out that only say "Love, Sarah" on the inside, random leftover notecards, etc.

Your cards will be upcycled, repurposed, and repackaged, and then sold in the Ingleside Community Shoppe in Maryland. Proceeds will help seniors stay in their homes if their funds run out and go toward other charitable causes. At the same time, the card upcycling project keeps the community's seniors meaningfully engaged. Learn more about the shop at: <https://bit.ly/3U29dgn>.

Find the card donation box on the bookshelf outside the gym.

Deadline: November 22.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 1, 2026

On November 1 during worship we will remember our spouses, parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, relatives and friends who have passed away this year.

If you have lost a loved one since November 2025 and would like to have his or her name appear in the bulletin, please fill out this form and place it in the offering basket. All names will be read aloud at the traditional service; at the contemporary service names and pictures of loved ones will be shown on the screen.

If you wish to display a photo at the contemporary service, send an image (.png or .jpeg) by email to office@providencechurch.org.

Due Monday, October 26.

Please print:

Name(s) of loved one(s):

Phonetic pronunciation, if needed:

Relationship to you:

Your name:

E-mail or Telephone:

Providence Readers

October 18, 2:00 pm

(Plan to stay for the 3:30 talk on Christian Nationalism)

Providence Readers meets today in the parlor to discuss *Whistler*, by Ann Patchett. All are welcome to join, whether you have read the book or not.

Our next book is *The Secret War of Julia Child* by Diana R. Chambers. This book is based on Julia's life before she became a famous chef.

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

Leave the LEAVES!

As an Earth Care Congregation, Providence encourages its members to take actions at home that will nourish God's Creation.

This autumn you can support pollinators and other invertebrates by providing them with the shelter they need to survive the winter. It's easy— all you need to do is do less yard work!

Leaves, brush piles, fallen logs, plant stems, and flower heads might not be growing anymore, but they are natural homes for wildlife! A layer of leaves is vital insulation from the cold for the many animals that hide within (or in the soil beneath), such as butterflies. Others, like many native bees, nest within stems, flower heads, or pieces of wood. Throwing out all your leaves and other plant material isn't just taking away an animal's shelter; there's a good chance you're tossing out animals that have already settled in!

That's why this year and every year, we are making the case for leaving the leaves. But that doesn't mean sacrificing your yard to the wilderness. A thin layer of leaves is actually healthy for grass, but the leaves also don't need to be left exactly where they fall. You can rake them into garden beds, around tree bases, or into other designated areas. Leaves are great for soil quality: they can suppress weeds, retain moisture, and boost nutrition. Perennial plants appreciate the extra insulation through the winter, too.



The Providence Garden is growing.

We invite you to grow with us.

This year, our congregation is transforming part of our church land into an organic vegetable garden dedicated to feeding our neighbors. We will donate 100% of every tomato, pepper, squash, and bean harvested to local food pantries serving families right here in our community.

This new ministry is simple, joyful, and deeply rooted in our call to love others through action. Whether you enjoy building, planting, watering, harvesting, or simply cheering us on, you have a place in this garden. Together, we can turn sunlight, soil, and service into fresh food and fresh hope and see our Matthew 25 efforts come to life.

Some coming volunteer opportunities include:

- Raised Bed Building Team (October 2026)
- Adding soil to the beds (October 2026)
- Fence Building (November 2026)
- Planting (March 2027)
- Watering
- Weeding
- Harvesting (June-September 2027)
- Community Engagement and Training (January-December 2027)
- Communications/Social Events (January-July 2027)

If you'd like to help or learn more, please reach out – and join us as we plant generosity that grows all season long.

Questions?

Contact Leigh Burke at leigh.burke@cox.net.

This Week at Providence

Sunday, October 18

- Confirmation Class—11:15 am, Room 206
- Pints with the Pastor—12:30 pm, High Side, 4009 Chain Bridge Rd.
- Providence Readers—2:00 pm, Parlor
- Faithful Responses to Christian Nationalism—3:30 pm, Taylor Hall
- 456ers—3:30 pm, Room 205
- Providence Youth Fellowship (PYF)—5:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

- Lydia Circle—9:30 am, Parlor
- Food Pantry is open—12:00-2:00 pm
- Open Youth Lounge—2:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Yoga—4:30 pm, Mission Hall

Thursday, October 22

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

Sunday, October 25

- Trunk or Treat—2:00-4:00 pm, Parking Lot

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 ~ October 18, 2026

Joy

***Angie & Bruce Urbon**, on the October 13 birth of their grandson, Liam Alexander, to parents Ben & Nati Urbon

Undergoing Treatment

***Susan Huckaby**, cousin of Allison Hagner

Cindy Hamilton, cousin of Jane Kaye

Julie Janson, friend of Amanda Ranowsky

Nicole Bradshaw, friend of Terry Lamb

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

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

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

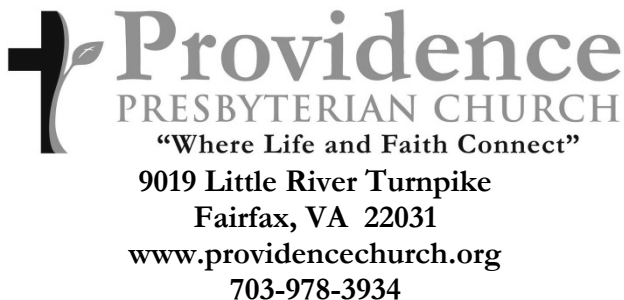
Lucille Daly, cousin of Paul Krumhaus

Jim Saros, brother of Niki Gamble

In Hospice Care

Rev. Dr. Graeme Rosenau, father of Cheryl Crosswait

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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.

TO GIVE:
Scan above or
text Giveppc to 73256

