

Providence

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Where Life and Faith Connect"

Welcome to Providence

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.



Traditional Worship

November 8, 2026 **Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Gathering

PRELUDE "Little Prelude in E Minor" BWV 555 —J.S. Bach
Andew Lising, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME Rev. Matt Baker

INTROIT "We Are Marching in the Light of God" —South African Hymn
The Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Kate Zander

One: Are you awake? Are you alert?
All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Are you watching the signs? Are you interpreting what is happening today?
All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Do you see opportunities for ministry? Do you see the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the needy?
All: Christ is coming into our lives in a new way.
One: Come, let us worship and let us work in the reign of God.
All: Christ has extended the invitation: let us work together in the reign of God on earth.

***HYMN #314** (Purple) "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness" CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
(Lyrics on page 6.)

CALL TO CONFESSION Kate Zander

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You call us home to live with you, O comforter of the lost, but we are too busy right now to listen. We flock to the stores--run by temptation and seduction, seeking the best prices. We rush to judge everyone around us, but we ask you to be more patient with our repeated errors. We feast at the table piled high with broken promises and drink from the cup of fading dreams.

Yet you continue to cry out to us, speaking to us of your love. Forgiveness is the gift for every moment, not just one day; hope is our constant companion as we journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who is your messenger of mercy. (Time for silent and personal confession.)

Traditional Worship

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	Amos 5:18-24 (Text on page 9.)	Rev. Mary Rodgers
ANTHEM	"For the Beauty of the Earth" The Sanctuary Choir (Lyrics on page 14.)	—John Rutter
SECOND READING	Matthew 25:1-13 (Text on page 9.)	Rev. Baker

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

SERMON	"Which Light Switch?"	Rev. Baker
***HYMN #673** (Purple)	"Jesus, Light of Joy" (Lyrics on page 7.)	LAUDA ANIMA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (in unison) Rev. Baker
(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of one's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes one's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation.

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Baker
The Lord's Prayer (debts)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Rodgers
(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 #757** (Purple) "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD
(Lyrics on page 8.)

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Rodgers

(Please remain standing unless otherwise directed.)
***RESPONSE** "Sevenfold Amen" —John Stainer
The Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE "Postlude in C Major" —S.H. Bodenschatz
Andrew Lising, organ

*Please stand.

HYMN #314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain:
Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Refrain)

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. (Refrain)

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. (Refrain)

5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. (Refrain)

Lyrics

HYMN #673 **Jesus, Light of Joy** **LAUDA ANIMA**

1 Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia,
we adore you, light divine.

2 Now the shadows fall around us;
now the evening has begun:
still your gracious light is with us,
brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, alleluia,
God of glory, Three-in-One.

3 With the saints we lift our voices,
God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory,
singing praises day and night:
alleluia, alleluia,
holy, holy, holy light.

Lyrics

HYMN #757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

1 Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

2 God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.

3 Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.

4 May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

Scripture

Amos 5:18-24 The Day of the Lord a Dark Day

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Matthew 25:1-13 The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.[b] **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. **3** When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those young women[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. **11** Later the other young women[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' **13** Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.[e]

Contemporary Worship

November 8, 2026

GATHERING

*Build Your Kingdom Here —Rend Collective

WELCOME

Announcements Rev. Matt Baker
*Be Thou My Passion —Alfred & Ravenhill
*Still Waters (Psalm 23) —Leanna Crawford

GRACE

Prayer of Confession Rev. Baker
Assurance of Pardon
Symbol of Peace

THE WORD

Scripture Amos 5:18-24 Rev. Mary Rodgers
Matthew 25:1-13 Rev. Baker

Message "Which Light Switch?" Rev. Baker

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) —Arr. Chris Tomlin

PRAYER

Prayers Rev. Baker

Offering/Prayer of Dedication Rev. Rodgers
(Please place your tithes & offerings in the basket at the rear of Taylor Hall.)
*Thank You Lord —Paul Baloche

SENDING

*Benediction Rev. Rodgers

**Please stand.*

Announcements

LAY READER(S): Kate Zander
WELCOMING DEACON(S):
Ed Burke (10:00) & Leigh Burke (11:15)
AV OPERATOR: Ray Monroe
THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL are to the glory of God.

TODAY!

Next Generation Ministry Town Hall Meeting: 12:15 pm in the Youth Lounge

Veterans Day is Wednesday, November 11

All who are serving or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Active Duty and Reserves, are welcome to attend worship in uniform on November 15.

Save the Date: Women's Retreat

Providence Ladies:

Mark your calendars for a fabulous spiritual **Women's Day-cation** on Saturday, **April 17, 2027**.

Restore, revive and reconnect with God!

Curious? Stay tuned for details.



Advent Bible Study

Our Christian year begins with Advent, the season of four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time of waiting...waiting for the birth of the Christ child, waiting for Christ to be born anew in our lives, and anticipating the return of Christ. It is the opposite of what our frenetic culture tells us we are supposed to do. It's about waiting…….

In this class, David Kepley will introduce us to the biblical passages relating to Advent. We will meet in the church parlor at 7:30 pm on the following Mondays: November 23 & 30 and December 7 & 21.
If you prefer to participate by Zoom, please let David know and he will provide you with the meeting link.

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

You didn't buy a White House Ornament?

Are you suffering from *FOMO?

Bertha McClintock has extra ornaments for sale.

Find her after worship or at bmcclintock48@verizon.net.

(*fear of missing out)



Make a Difference with

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings

Every child deserves to experience the delight of opening a stocking on Christmas morning. Yet every Christmas there are children in Fairfax County who do not receive gifts because their families are struggling financially. With your help, the Salvation Army provides stockings bursting with toys, games and gifts for boys and girls from ages three to 12 throughout Fairfax County.

Christmas stockings are available for pick-up from November 2nd to 23rd (while supplies last) at the display table outside Taylor Hall across from the kitchen. To participate, take an empty stocking and a cardboard topper with the gender and age of the child for whom you would like to shop. A flyer with stocking stuffer ideas and tips is included with each stocking. Please completely fill the stocking with age-appropriate, NEW gifts, attach the topper, and return your filled stocking to the display table by Wednesday, November 26.

Imagine how your gift can brighten the face of a child this holiday season!

Questions? Contact Paula Rogers (703-495-9144).

Anthem For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Chorus
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of the hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flower
Sun and moon and stars of light

Chorus

For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild

Chorus

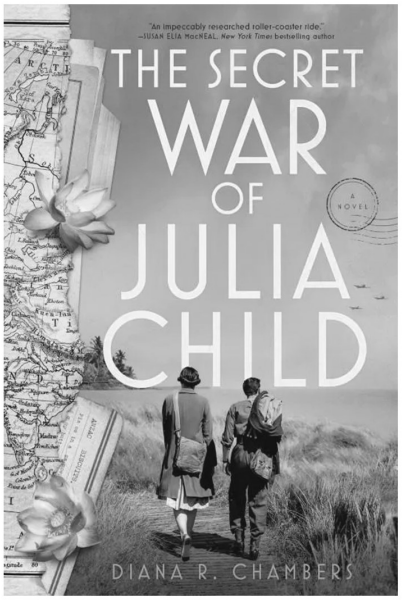
For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n

Chorus



Support Hungry Youth

Drop off leftover Halloween candy at church to restock the Youth Lounge.



Providence Readers

The Secret War of Julia Child
By Diana R. Chambers

November 15, 3:00 pm
In the Parlor

Providence Readers will meet on November 15 at 3:00 pm in the Parlor to discuss *The Secret War of Julia Child*, by Diana R. Chambers.

Long before she discovered French cuisine or became a television personality, 30-year-old Julia McWilliams worked for America's first espionage agency, the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), led by General "Wild Bill" Donovan. This book blends a historical foundation with fictionalized espionage. It follows Julia from her start as a Washington, D.C., file clerk to her role heading Donovan's secret File Registry, to eventually lobbying for an overseas field post.

Sneak Peek: Get a jumpstart on the next meeting. January's book will be the novel, *Everybody's Son*, by Thrity Umrigar.

Questions? Contact Bertha McClintock at bmcclintock48@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 upcoming volunteer opportunities include:

- 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, November 8
- Next Generation Ministry Town Hall Meeting–12:15 pm, Youth Lounge
- Board Game Meetup–3:00 pm, Parlor
- 456ers–3:30 pm, Room 205
- Providence Youth Fellowship–5:30 pm, Youth Lounge

Tuesday, November 10
- Yoga–10:30 am, Mission Hall
- Yoga–3:30 pm, Mission Hall
- Shelter Meal Preparation–5:00 pm, Kitchen
- Session Meeting–7:30 pm, Parlor

Wednesday, November 11
- Church offices are closed in observance of Veterans Day
- Food Pantry is open–12:00-2:00 pm
- Open Youth Lounge–2:30 pm, Youth Lounge
- Shelter Meal Delivery–3:15 pm, Kitchen
- Yoga–4:30 pm, Mission Hall

Thursday, November 12
- Food Pantry is open–6:00-7:30 pm
- Worship Band Rehearsal–7:30 pm, Taylor Hall
- Choir Rehearsal–7:45 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 15
- Children's Choir–11:00 am, Room 202
- Confirmation Class–11:15 am, Room 206
- Pints with the Pastor–12:30 pm, High Side, Fairfax
- Providence Readers–3:00 pm, Parlor
- Next Gen Friendsgiving–5:30 pm, Front Porch

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 ~ November 8, 2026

Recovering from Surgery

***Mike Ackerman,** brother of Danna Rosenberry

Nancy Jarvie

Undergoing Treatment

Owen Bollinger, son of Kirsten Salpini & Matt Bollinger, and grandson of Dean & Joy Salpini. To follow Owen's treatment and recovery, go to CaringBridge.org.

Susan Huckaby, cousin of Allison Hagner

Julie Janson, friend of Amanda Ranowsky

Nicole Bradshaw, friend of Terry Lamb

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

Robin Pokrzywinski, daughter of Bill and Susan Flood

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

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

Jean Coyle, friend of Jan Hufford

Rev. Dr. Graeme Rosenau, father of Cheryl Crosswait

Eleanor Branch, aunt of Mark Miller

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

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