

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Rev. Nancy Coleman
Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
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Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

THE SESSION 2021

Ginny Adamson (Worship) T1	2021-2023
Tom Ballou (Outreach) T1	2020-2021
Allison Christian (Fellowship) T1	2019-2021
Johanna Davis (Youth & Young Adult) T2	2020-2022
Davis Gammon (Stewardship) T1	2021-2023
Jamie Gray (Good Sam) T1	2019-2021
Ruth Hopke (Policy & Personnel) T2	2020-2022
Ayars Lore (Buildings & Grounds, PTP) T1	2019-2021
Leigh Quick (Clerk of Session) T2	2021-2023
Nathan Richards (Planning & Finance) T1	2020-2022
Patricia Robinson (Christian Ed.) T1	2021-2023
Jim Wallace (Nominating) T1	2020-2022



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Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 14, 2021

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS-for the week of March 15-21: Joan Gammon Tipton 15; Denise Caldwell, Ray Davis & Janette Gammon 18; Quinton Blanchard 19.

INVITATIONS

WHAT'S GOING ON-If you would like to be on the e-mail list for "What's going on at PFPC?" please send a request to Cathy Davis at Cathcakes@aol.com with PFPC in the subject line.

CARES AND CONCERNS-Please email Pastor Nancy at revnancy2020@gmail.com with any prayer requests or other concerns you would like to share with the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR INSERT- Please email Barbara Lore barbarahlore@outlook.com

PROCLAIMING GRACE OUTREACH in Barhamsville gladly accept medical equipment donations for their thrift store, however if someone comes by and needs it they always give it to them and often people who can afford it are happy to get a good deal. Call (757) 741-5070 if you need further information.

Easter Sunrise Service At the Gammons *Come join PFPC 7:00 am...for Easter Sunrise Service... Sunday, April 4*
Celebrate Easter, Worship in Fellowship Donuts, Coffee, Tea and Juice served
Masks Required, Social Distancing, Bring a chair (optional)
Please, no food brought in to share
RSVP: SignupGenius Link via email
9620 Pocahontas Trail Providence Forge, VA 23140

ASSISTANCE

ELDER ON DUTY
Allison Christian

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January 2021

Budgeted Revenue \$11,758
Actual Expense \$7,090
\$2,695

Actual Income \$9,785
Monthly Net Income \$2,695; YTD

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 7: 11:00 am Sanctuary: 26 & Zoom: 33

CONTACT INFORMATION

Providence Forge Presbyterian Church **Office hours vary with the absence of an Administrative Asst.**

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Office hours-8:30-12:30 Phone Number – 804-966-2079, Email – pforgepres@gmail.com

*****Nancy Coleman's new in-office work hours are Monday & Friday from 9 am-2:30 pm and working from home Tuesdays & Thursdays. Appointments for visits can be made beginning the 4th week of March – according to CDC guidelines that will be the two-week point past vaccination date. You can contact her at: revnancy2020@gmail.com***

FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Arkin, Evin Stovall, Jacob Allen, Criszon Courtney, Charles & Mary Ann Bowery,
Dee Dee Daniels, John Goodell

PRAYER CONCERNS

Steve Buis (friend of the Lores) Pauline Wright (friend of the Lores), Nancy Wilder, John Brammer, The family of Joe Theimer (Cathy Davis' father), The family of Myrtle Bailey (mother of Nancy Wilder), Louis and Barbara Bell, The family of Judy Lewis (cousin of Laura Richards), Christopher Smith, Leighann Bowery (Cathy Davis' sister), Nicholas Brucker, Michael Minter, Henry Nicholas (Lores' great nephew)

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 14, 2021

LENTEN READING

Chris & Allison Christian

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are invited—

All: Into the story, into this place, into this hour of worship.

One: We are invited—

All: Into reflection, into community, into our own spiritual journeys.

One: We are invited—

All: The broken and bruised, the hopeful, the new, the faithful, the doubting, the wondering, the waiting.

One: We are invited—

All: Because God so loved;

One: So listen, trust the invitation, and bring your whole self.

All: All are invited here.

SONG OF PRAISE #376 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art. Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be. End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive. Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above, pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God—We know that you are near, for you are always here, gathered among us, just a breath away. And despite knowing your nearness, we still stumble over ourselves, unsure of how to pray. So often we talk to you like a stranger, praying prayers of small talk about the weather and surface level concerns. We keep genuine fear and doubt tucked into corners, out of sight, out of mind. And so often we try to think our way to you, as if we could use logic or our minds alone to explain your great unknown. We forget what we knew as children; we forget how to feel our way to you. And too regularly, we limit our experience of you to one hour a Sunday, missing your constant invitation into the holiness all around us. Forgive us. Guide us. We are here, God. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, whether you are standing at the door of a deeper faith journey, unsure of what comes next, or running your way through that threshold, You are claimed, forgiven, and loved by God.

All: Again and again, we are forgiven. Again and again, we are loved. Again and again, we are invited in.

One: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

All: Amen.

FOR CHILDREN Ephesians 3:18 (Easy to Read Version)

And I pray that you will have the power to understand the greatness of Christ's love—how wide, how long, how high, and how deep that love is.

SCRIPTURE John 3:14-21 (NRSV)

14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

ANTHEM

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe God is love—unconditional, constant love. We believe this love exists for all, choosing each and every one of us, day after day, again and again and again. We believe that God’s love is like a river. Rivers cannot help but flow toward the sea; God’s love cannot help but move toward us. We are swimming in it. We believe that God loved first. We believe that God breathed life into dust. We believe that God said, “This is good,” and because we believe that God loved first, we strive to build lives that reflect God’s love. May we begin again here. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook

God of Lent, help us as we continue our journey to the cross and resurrection. Enable us to see your resurrecting power always and already at work in the broken places of our lives and your world. Empower us to step into those places where we can participate in your work of bringing life out of the death-tending places of our world. And we pray for the world of nations, especially for those places where violence is wreaking havoc upon human lives and the life of your creation. We pray for countries dealing with devastation caused by the pandemic. We pray for those in our own country who have lost jobs, revenue, healthcare and loved ones. Help us to serve as agents of your love and care to those who are suffering. And we pray for wise discernment by our nation’s leadership as they negotiate ways in which to aid those most afflicted. O God, you have called us to be church of Jesus Christ in this time and place. Keep us faithful to that calling. Help us love one another and, by so doing, to be a witness to our world of what it means to be disciples of Jesus. Empower us by your love to see each other as your beloved. Enable us also to see that we are all “sinners and saints” who are equal recipients of your magnificent love. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Opportunities are Easytithe <https://app.easytithe.com/App/Giving/pfpc>
C&F Bank for PFPC and mail to P.O. Box 239

**5¢ a Meal can be offered both using Easy Tithe or a separate check sent to the church.*

SONG OF RESPONSE #85 What Wondrous Love is This

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul? What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul?

2 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I’m free I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on, and through eternity I’ll sing on.

BENEDICTION

As you leave this space, May your mouth speak of God’s goodness. May your arms hold those in need. May your feet walk toward justice. May your heart trust its worth. May your soul dance in God’s grace. And may this be your rhythm—again and again and again, until God’s promised day. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Go with courage, go with heart, go in peace. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!

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