

# PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor Rev. Nancy Coleman

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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



FIRST SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

## PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 21, 2021

### UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS-for the week of February 22-28: Curtis Sheridan 23<sup>rd</sup>, Lucy Adamson & Catherine Strotmeyer 24<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Adams 26<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*March 7<sup>th</sup> the Fellowship Team is planning for a "Virtual Game Day" offering Jeopardy, Family Feud and Scavenger Hunt (for the kids) via Zoom. There will be a SignupGenius coming soon.

### 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](mailto:Cathcakes@aol.com) with PFPC in the subject line.

CARES AND CONCERNS-Please email Pastor Nancy at [revnancy2020@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:barbarahlore@outlook.com)

### ASSISTANCE

#### ELDER ON DUTY

Jamie Gray

### CHURCH FINANCIALS

#### December 2020

Budgeted Income \$12,571

Actual Income \$33,639

Actual Expense \$7,225

Net Income \$26,414; YTD \$72,580

### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

February 14: 11:00 am – via Zoom: 53

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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[Nancy Coleman will continue working from home for the next few weeks.](#)

[Her work hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 am-3:30 pm. You can contact her at \[revnancy2020@gmail.com\]\(mailto:revnancy2020@gmail.com\)](#)

### FAMILY & FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Christopher Arkin, Evin Stovall, Jacob Allen, Criszon Courtney, Charles &

Mary Ann Bowery,

Dee Dee Daniels, John Goodell

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Nancy Wilder, John Brammer, Charlotte Sellers (cousin to Nancy Coleman), 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 (Lore's great nephew)

**PROVIDENCE FORGEPRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021**

**Lenten Reading**

**Dave & Marcia Gardy**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises, before the wound heals, before there are answers, before there is closure.**

One: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent, where laughter is contagious, where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk, and where people gather around the table.**

One: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water, at the beginning of the wilderness, at the start of something new, on the edge of faith.**

One: And if God meets us in all those places, Then surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

One: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

**SONG OF PRAISE #81 Lord Who Throughout These Forty Day**

**1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray, Teach us to overcome our sins, and close by You to stay.**

**2 As You with Satan did contend and did the victory win, O give us strength in You to fight, in You to conquer sin**

**3 As You did hunger and did thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, To die to self, and only live by Your most holy wo**

**4 And through these days of penitence, and through Your Passion-tide, for evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

**5 Abide with us that, when this life of suffering is past, An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: God who meets us where we are—there is nowhere we can go that you are not.

**All: You were with Jesus at his baptism. You were with him in the wilderness, and even in between, you were there, saying aloud, “This is my beloved.”**

One: We know that you are with us too—in the good, the bad, and everything in between—but so often we act like we are alone.

**All: Instead of coming to you with our hurt, we hold it in or cast it onto others. Instead of coming to you with our joy, we credit ourselves and offer you nothing.**

One: How can we long for a deeper relationship with you while living like you are nowhere to be found?

**All: Forgive our self-centered ways. remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.**

One: You are the God who meets us where we are.

**All: Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.**

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this: God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning, and God calls you beloved.

**All: We are washed by the water. We are called beloved. Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

**FOR CHILDREN Mark 1:11 (International Children’s Version)**

A voice came from heaven and said: “You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you.”

**SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 1:9-15 (NRSV)**

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." 12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. 13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**ANTHEM**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Nancy Coleman**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here, bigger than the sky and in the smallest details, all at once and in every moment. We believe that God meets us where we are—in heartbreak and high hopes, around crowded tables and in quiet homes, in joy and in suffering, in loneliness and in connection, in sanctuaries and in living rooms, in marches and in waiting rooms. We believe that nothing we do or leave undone can distance us from God’s love. God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in. Again and again, God meets us where we are and invites us into wholeness. Thanks be to God for a love like that.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Roger Gench, Presbyterian Outlook

Holy God, we pray that you would empower us with courage and faithfulness as we embark on this Lenten journey. We seek renewal and restoration during these 40 days. Help us to remember Jesus’ faithfulness in the wilderness, tempted by Satan. Be with us in our temptation. Let your grace follow us and go before us in each step of this journey. Let us pray and be especially attentive to the needs of others and to our own spiritual needs. God of the nations, we pray for peace throughout the world, so that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. Move the hearts of leaders throughout the world to hear the cries of the poor and hungry and to ensure a rightful share of the resources needed to sustain life. As we continue to grapple with overwhelming pandemic challenges, we pray that you would grant special measures of strength and endurance to healthcare workers and other essential workers who labor on the front lines of this struggle. We pray for all who are now facilitating vaccination and for those who are providing the vaccines. We pray for your comfort for all who are sick and for all who have lost loved ones. Grant us all wisdom and courage for the living of this hour. 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 ##302 I Danced in the Morning

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth; at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He, and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He.*

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, but they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow Me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; they came with Me and the dance went on. *[Refrain]*

3 I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame: The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung Me high, and left Me there on a Cross to die. *[Refrain]*

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried My body and they thought I'd gone; but I am the Dance and I still go on. *[Refrain]*

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you'll live in Me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. *[Refrain]*

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## 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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