

**PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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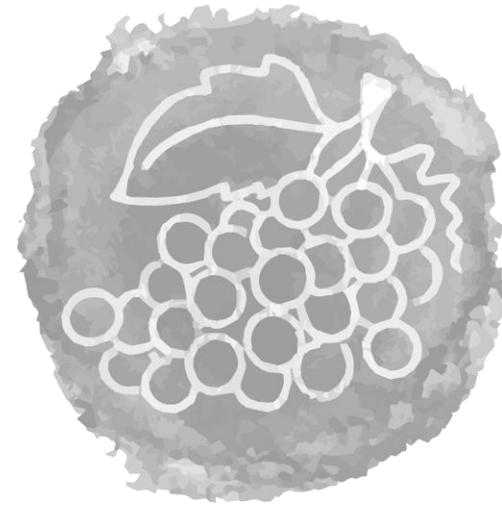
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CHURCH STAFF

Interim Pastor	Rev. Nancy Coleman
Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
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



FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21, 2021

UPCOMING

BIRTHDAYS-for the week of March 21-28: Grady VanDyke 28

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.

A MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7PM ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST. THE SERVICE WILL BE IN-PERSON ONLY; THE SIGNUP LINK WILL BE COMING VIA EMAIL OR CALL CATHY DAVIS TO RSVP.

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.

ASSISTANCE

ELDER ON DUTY

Allison Christian

CHURCH FINANCIALS

January 2021

Budgeted Revenue \$11,758

Actual Income \$9,785

Actual Expense \$7,090

Monthly Net Income \$2,695; YTD \$2,695

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 14: 11:00 am Sanctuary: 20 & Zoom: 29

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

PO Box 239, 9310 Townsend Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140

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

The Family of Margaret Ice, Steve Buis (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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 21, 2021

LENTEN READING

Ginny Adamson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

All: “Here I am. Use me.”

One: Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

All: “Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow.”

One: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

All: “Again and again, make me new.”

One: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

All: We come to this place to be changed.

One: So let us worship the holy God, who created yesterday, will create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE #384 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

**1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee.
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its
flow may richer, fuller be.**

**2 O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to
Thee. My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy
sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.**

**3 O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart
to Thee. I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the
promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.**

**4 O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from
Thee. I lay in dust, life’s glory dead, and from the ground there
blossoms red, life that shall endless be.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, We want to see you. We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus; But not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did I lose our way? Would you please write once again on our fragile hearts? With thankfulness for your amazing grace we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, despite our wanderings, despite our distractions, despite wrong turns time and time again, we are known and loved by God. Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

All: Again and again, we are forgiven; again and again, we are reformed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

FOR CHILDREN

(International Children’s Version)

A grain of wheat must fall to the ground and die. Then it makes many seeds. But if it never dies, it remains only a single seed.

SCRIPTURE

John 12:20-26 (NRSV)

20 Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

ANTHEM

SERMON

Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.2

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Roger Gench, Presbyterian

Outlook

Let us pray for the church, our neighbors in need and the whole world, saying:

Hear our prayer.

Holy One, we pray that you would empower the church to be your beloved community on earth, to live in mutuality and tear down hierarchies that devalue some in order to benefit others. We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

Make us ever mindful of the sick, the homeless, the hungry, the prisoner, the lonely and isolated, that we might be agents of your love and justice to these your children. We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

Enable all who live and work in this region to work for the common good and for the flourishing of all your children. We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

Support the global community as it struggles with the pandemic — delivering needed aid and vaccines for all who are in need. Give each of us courage to take responsibility for measures that protect us all. We pray to you, O God:

Hear our prayer.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

Davis Gammon

OFFERING

Opportunities are Easytithes

<https://app.easytithes.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 Tithes or a separate check sent to the church.*

SONG OF RESPONSE #388 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near: I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3 O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

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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