

**PROVIDENCE FORGE
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THE SESSION 2021

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| 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 |



**Providence Forge
Presbyterian Church**

To further God's Kingdom on Earth, one soul at a time.

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021

PRELUDE Merry Sue Hill

WELCOME Barbara Lore

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION Merry Sue Hill

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Anna George Traynham, Atlanta, GA

Leader: We worship God with song and dance,

People: Singing God's praise and shouting for joy.

Leader: We worship God with silence and sighs,

People: Grieving for loss and longing for comfort.

Leader: We worship God with prayers and hands,

People: Praying for healing and working for peace.

Leader: Let us create a sabbath space

All: And worship the God who gives us life.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you send prophetic truth-tellers to shed light on the ways we have failed, the ways we need to grow, the ways we can be and become better. Yet, we turn from these harsh truths.

We avoid situations where we might receive constructive criticism. We disempower people whose voices are necessary for our own growth and liberation. Forgive us, we pray, and help us become willing listeners to your prophets, to people of different perspectives and to those bold enough to preach and speak the truth. Amen. *(Silent prayer)*

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

TIME FOR CHILDREN Micah 6:8 (Easy to Read Version)

This is what God wants from you: Be fair to other people. Love kindness and loyalty, and humbly obey your God.

SCRIPTURE Amos 7:7-15 (NRSV); Pew Bible p. 748

ANTHEM

SERMON Rev. Nancy Coleman

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

BENEDICTION

Following God's Spirit out into the world, may we go in grace, go in peace, go in God's love for us all. May God bless you and keep you. May God be kind and gracious to you. May God look upon you with favor and bring you peace. Amen.

People: Peace be with you!

POSTLUDE

Merry Sue Hill

"I AM SETTING A
PLUMB LINE
in the midst of my people Israel."
AMOS 7:8, NRSV



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***All who are able are invited to stand**