

**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



**Providence Forge  
Presbyterian Church**

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

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 12, 2021

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Barbara Lore

**MOMENT FOR REFLECTION** Melody Raef

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Adapted from Psalm 19

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**People: And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

**People: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;**

Leader: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**People: Great is your name, O Lord. May all the earth rejoice!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord, you have called us to take up our cross and follow you: to carry the truth of your justice like a banner and to bear the yoke of life as your servant. We are hesitant, O God, to serve anyone but ourselves. We draw away from the imagery of the cross, forgetting that, in you, it has become a source of glory. Forgive us, O God, and call us once more to set aside our selfishness and follow in your way. (Time of silence)**

**\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

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

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** James 3:8 (NRSV)



No one can tame the tongue.

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 8:27-38 NRSV, Pew Bible p 820

**SERMON**

Rev. Nancy Coleman

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

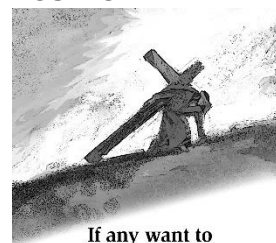
**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** #335 Though I May Speak

**\*BENEDICTION**

**People: Peace be with you!**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef



If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Mark 8:34, NRSV

*Prayer of Confession is by Anna George Traynham, Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia*

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