

In name, Providence Forge Presbyterian Church has existed since 1934, but the congregation traces its history back to Colonial America. Charles Jeffreys Smith, a Presbyterian missionary, established the village of Providence. And with a congregation that he brought with him, a thriving village existed by the time of the American Revolution.

After the Revolution, the congregation used St. Peter's Church, along with local Episcopalians for Sunday worship. In 1855, the Presbyterians decided it was time to have a church of their own and they purchased property just north of Providence Forge and established Olivet Church. Scarred by the War Between the States, Olivet survived as an active church until 1934.

Attendance at Olivet waned, partially due to the poor road conditions, but also due to the use of Townsend's Chapel, located in the Forge. Another chapel, Windsor Shades, also held Presbyterian services. Together with Bethany (in Charles City), these three small churches shared a minister until 1946 when Windsor Shades was dissolved. Later, in 1953, the union between Bethany and PFPC was dissolved.

PFPC has been served by six full time ministers: Lawrence Avent (1953-57), Vernon Inman (1957-1970), William Cox (1970-1976), Hall Wallof (1976-1998), Phillip Jacobs (1999-2004) and Stephen Hodges (2005-2019).

The Session serves as the governing body of PFPC. It oversees all phases of the church's life, including Finances, Christian Education, and Outreach, to mention a few.

The building has under gone many changes over the years. It began as a small clapboard building, with no bathroom facilities. Additions were made as the congregation grew, to include restrooms, a kitchen, a library and various classrooms and offices. The final addition to the church occurred in 1961 when the brick educational wing was built. The history of PFPC can be seen throughout the building in the form of donations to the church. But the heart of the church is the congregation.

Martha Martin Daugherty, 2011

welcome



Providence Forge
Presbyterian Church

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



**PROVIDENCE FORGE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 8, 2022**

PRELUDE

Melody Raef

WELCOME

Martha Martin Daugherty

MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Litany for Mother's Day

<http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/a-call-to-worship-on-mothering-sunday/>

Today, we give thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms:

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children:

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms:

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings:

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care:

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

***SONG OF PRAISE #220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) PCUSA, Book of Common Worship**
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we

are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

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

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you ... And also with you.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

While we "Pass the Peace" please consider filling out a "Welcome to our Church Family" card. Drop your card in the offering plate.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Luke 2:19(ERV)

Mary continued to think about these things, trying to understand them.

PRESBYTERIAN MINUTE

READING from the PSALMS

**Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18
Pew Bible p 503**

READING from the OLD TESTAMENT

**Isaiah 49: 8-18
Pew Bible pp 592-593**

ANTHEM

SERMON

"Pass It On"

Rev. Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito

***CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Please see additional insert

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

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

SONG OF RESPONSE

#555 Now Thank We All Our God

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef