

welcome  
to our church family



Providence Forge  
Presbyterian Church

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
APRIL 28, 2024**

*Thank you to the youth who are serving  
in our worship service this morning.*

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE**

**Melody Raef**

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

**Give Me Jesus**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you, I will fulfill my vows.

**People: The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—may your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

**People: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

**All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, they will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it!**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE**

***#469 Morning Has Broken***

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we confess we don't love others the way you love us. Please help us to be more like you. God, we confess that we cannot do anything without your support and love, it is only in you that we can accomplish anything. Gracious God, we acknowledge that we do not put ourselves on the line for our friends, the way you ask us to. Forgive us, and fill us with your mercy. Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Christ says, "Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on

everything I've heard from the Father. I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love." Amen.

**\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE**

***#579 Gloria Patri***

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever and shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

**Youth of PFPC**

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL**

**SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP**

**FIRST LESSON**

***John 15:1-8 Pew Bible p. 878***

**SECOND LESSON**

***1 John 4:7-14; Pew Bible p. 991***

**ANTHEM**

***Glorious Name***

**SERMON**

**"Abide in Me"**

**Rev. Crystal Varner Parker**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE**

***#372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20***

**We believe that God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which we are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables us to receive forgiveness as we forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as we make peace among ourselves. We believe that in spite of our sin, the Holy Spirit gives us power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news of reconciliation to all.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SILENT PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, they 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.

**WE OFFER OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD  
OFFERTORY**

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE** #592 *Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*SONG OF SENDING** #514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Melody Raef

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**THE SESSION 2024**

**Clerk of Session**

Ruth Hopke 2024-2026

**Administration**

Pete Adamson	2024-2026	Jamie Gray	2022-2024
Ayars Lore	2022-2024	Nathan Richards	2023-2025

**Christian Life**

Paul Davis	2023-2025	Patricia Robinson	2024-2026
Mary-Catherine Sheridan	2024-2026		

**Community & Mission**

Davis Gammon	2024-2026	Jo White	2022-2024
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