

**August 11, 2024**

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

## WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*from the Patterns of Our Days*

Leader: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives, as the refreshing rains fall on the just and the unjust alike

**People: Refresh us with your mercy, who know our own injustice**

Leader: As a stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water,

**People: Flow over every boundary and border that separates us from each other.**

Leader: As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

**People: Renew us now in newness of life and unity of love.**

Leader: As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,

**People: Hold us in the power and peace of your abiding presence.**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

***Shall We Gather at the River***

*Glory to God, hymn #375*

*1. Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?*

*Refrain:  
Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.*

*2. On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day. [Refrain]*

*3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]*

*4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]*

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

### LESSON

**John 6:35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

### SERMON

***"God Provides"***

**Rev. Crystal Varner Parker**

### BLESSING OF THE WATERS AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

***based on the Apostle's Creed***

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven, he is seated at the right of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*SONG OF SENDING**

**#368 Peace Like A River**

I've got \_\_\_\_\_ like a river,  
I've got \_\_\_\_\_ like a river.  
I've got \_\_\_\_\_ like a river in my soul.  
I've got \_\_\_\_\_ like a river,  
I've got \_\_\_\_\_ like a river.  
I've got \_\_\_\_\_ like a river in my soul.

- v 1. peace**
- v 2. love**
- v 3. joy**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*from Dr. E. Carson Brisson*

May joy and nothing less follow you all the days of your life. May you be blessed and may you be a blessing, and may you rest well today, secure in the knowledge that the Lord of Light, who has brought you this far already, will lead you and countless others all the way home. Amen.



*Thank you for being here for worship today.  
A special thanks to Paul and Marian Davis  
for hosting our service and church picnic at  
their beautiful home.*

**CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Crystal Varner Parker
Administrative Assistant	Kristel Lamp
Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

**THE SESSION 2024**

Pete Adamson - Administration (2024-2026)  
Paul Davis - Christian Life (2023-2025)  
Davis Gammon - Community & Mission (2024-2026)  
Jamie Gray - Administration (2022-2024)  
Ruth Hopke - Clerk of Session (2024)  
Ayars Lore - Administration (2022-2024)  
Nathan Richards - Administration (2023-2025)  
Patricia Robinson - Christian Life (2024-2026)  
Mary-Catherine Sheridan - Christian Life (2024-2026)  
Jo White - Community & Mission (2022-2024)

# Welcome to Worship!



***Providence Forge Presbyterian Church***

***August 11, 2024***

***Service at Davis Farm***

***Elder on Duty- Paul Davis***