

welcome  
to our church family



Providence Forge  
Presbyterian Church

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

## Fall Series: A Good Life

September 22, 2024

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**PRELUDE** Melody Raef

**WELCOME** Betty Batkins

**INTROIT** Give Me Jesus

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 1

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

**People: or who take the path that sinners tread  
or sit in the seat of scoffers.**

Leader: But if our delight is in the law of the LORD,

**People: we will be like trees planted by streams of water, which  
yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves will not wither.**

Leader: Let us worship the the LORD

**People: Who watches over us on the way of the righteous.**

**\*SONG OF PRAISE** #339 Be Thou My Vision

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** based on James 3:13-4:1

God of great mercy, we know that you are wise, gentle, and understanding. You love us even when our lives do not pour forth good works. We are often filled with bitter envy, selfish ambitions, do what is arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, and ungodly behavior. Grant us wisdom from above that is pure, peaceable, gentle, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. May the fruit of righteousness sown in peace by us who make peace. We pray this in the name of the one who sacrificed for us and the whole world, Christ Jesus. Amen.

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*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**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you...

**People: And also with you.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN** Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON** Proverbs 31:10-31; Pew Bible p. 535-536

**SECOND LESSON** Mark 9:30-37; Pew Bible p. 821

**ANTHEM** Give Me A Song

**SERMON** "A Good Community" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Confession of Belhar

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end. We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.**

**\*SONG OF RESPONSE** The Servant Song  
(lyrics printed on insert)

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

**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**

#540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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Jamie Gray	Administration (2022-2024)
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Nathan Richards	Administration (2023-2025)
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