

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 15, 2024

**Please stand if you are able.*

PRELUDE Melody Raef
WELCOME Robert Billcheck
INTROIT Seek Ye First
***CALL TO WORSHIP** *based on Psalm 19*

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God!

People: The law of the LORD is perfect, and revives the soul.

Leader: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.

People: The precepts of the LORD are right, the fear of the LORD is pure, more to be desired than gold.

Leader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts

People: Be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer.

***SONG OF PRAISE** #324 Open My Eyes That I May See

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *adapted from the Presbyterian Outlook*

You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny such a dance with God is possible, choosing complacency to your counsel. Forgive us, God of Love, when we ignore your never-ending call to live in the way of love. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. 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 1:20-33; Pew Bible p. 509-510

SECOND LESSON Mark 7:31-37; Pew Bible p. 819

ANTHEM Nearer My God to Thee

SERMON "A Good Mind" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Confession of Belhar 10.1-3

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** #426 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

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**

#374 Lord, Make Us
Servants of Your Peace

***SONG OF SENDING**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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THE SESSION 2024

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