

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 8, 2024

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

### PRELUDE

Melody Raef

### WELCOME

Martha Martin-Daugherty

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*based on Psalm 146*

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**People: We will praise the LORD as long as we live;  
will sing praises to our God all our life long.**

Leader: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals,  
in whom there is no help.

**People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.**

Leader: The LORD will reign forever.

**People: Praise the LORD!**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

#439 In Christ There Is No East or West

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*based on Psalm 125*

**Holy God, we know that we are to trust in you, but we believe our plans can save us. Though you surround us and care for us, Lord, yet we clench our fists holding onto things instead of you. Help us to trust you and rely on you with all of our being. Forgive us God for thinking our ways are better than your ways. May we be a people who unclench our fists so that we may share your radical love. 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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 20-23

Pew Bible p. 527

### FIRST LESSON

Mark 7:17-30

Pew Bible p. 819

### SECOND LESSON

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### SERMON

"A Good Mind"

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### SONG OF PREPARATION

#507 I Come with Joy

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.**

#### Words of Institution

#### Sharing the Elements

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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**

#354 Guide My Feet

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

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