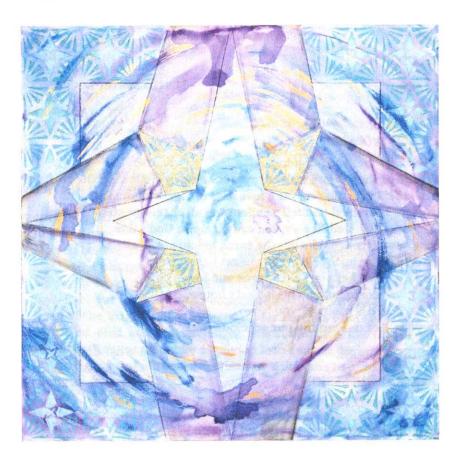


# Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

to further God's kingdom on earth, one soul at a time

9310 Townsend Road | Providence Forge, VA 23140 | (804) 966-2079 | www.PFPC.org



Star of Bethlehem by Hannah Garrity

Sunday, January 5, 2025



# THE ROAD ISN'T STRAIGHT

\*Please stand if you are able.

**PRELUDE** 

Melody Raef

WELCOME

Martha Martin-Daugherty

INTROIT

Joy to the World

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How did you get here?

Left side of the room: I walked, eyes looking up, following the star.

Right side: I ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than me. Left side: I tumbled and fell, tender step after tender step. Right side: I ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.

Everyone: I crawled, kissing the earth below me. Leader: Tell me again. How did you get here?

Everyone: I am here by God's grace and love's pull.

Leader: Welcome home. This is God's house.

There is room for you here.

Everyone: Let us worship our gracious God.

\*SONG OF PRAISE

#53 What Child Is This

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## God of new beginnings,

We admit that we often follow the well-worn path, simply because others have been there before. Sometimes this is holy and humble, but there are days when a new path needs to be tread. On those new-beginning days, O God, give us the courage to follow your star. Give us the courage to go home by another way. Give us the courage to kick up some dust and walk in a new direction for the sake of justice, love, and neighbor. For when you are doing a new thing, we want to have the courage to follow. With hope in our hearts we wander, we travel. Amen.

#### \*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE

#579 Gloria Patri

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21; Pew Bible p. 586

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12; Pew Bible p. 784

ANTHEM

Let the World Sing Gloria

SERMON

"The Road Isn't Straight"

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

#### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

# Statement on Ordination

#### Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

**Constitutional Questions** 

**Prayer of Installation** 

**Declaration of Installation** 

Welcome

Charge to the Newly Installed and Congregation

SONG OF PREPARATION

#319 Spirit

#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the ◊Lord's Prayer
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

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**\*SONG OF SENDING** 

#66 We Three Kings of Orient Are

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** 

**POSTLUDE** 

Melody Raef

Worship liturgy and prayers by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC

# PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

**Pastor** 

Administrative Assistant Organist & Choir Director Sunshine Nursery School

Melody Raef Cathy Davis

Kristel Lamp

Director

-

Church Treasurer

Paul Robinson

## THE SESSION 2025

Ruth Hopke, Clerk Pete Adamson Lisa Ballou Robert Billcheck Paul Davis Davis Gammon Nathan Richards Patricia Robinson Hayden Van Dyke Jo White