



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, May 18, 2025

Easter Series: Living with the End in Mind

If you are new to PFPC or new to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcome!
We have worship guides located in the front and rear of the sanctuary.
Please feel free to grab one and use it to understand the different parts of
worship or to follow along with liturgy not printed in the bulletin.

We say the words printed in **bold** together. | * Indicate we stand as we are able.

Gathering to Worship

PRELUDE Melody Raef

WELCOME Jo White

INTROIT Seek Ye First

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 148

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise God on high!

People: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all the shining stars!

Leader: Let us praise the name of the LORD,
for God spoke and the world was created.

**People: Let us praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone
is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven.**

***SONG OF PRAISE** #473 For the Beauty of the Earth

Confessing to God's Mercy

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from Call to Worship

Holy God,
you command us to love one another,
yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace.
You command us to care for all of creation,
yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness.
You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus,
yet we too often walk our own way.
Forgive us, O God.
Guide us as we work toward a new heaven here on earth.
Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community,
as we share your love with your people everywhere. AMEN.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE** #579 Gloria Patri

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

COLLECTION FOR 5 CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Revelation 21:1-6; 21:22-22:5;
Pew Bible p. 1007-1008
Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1405-1407

ANTHEM Here is Love

SERMON "A New Beginning" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Responding to God's Love

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.26

Life in Christ is life eternal.
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
that God will consummate the work
of creation and reconciliation beyond death
and bring to fulfillment
the new life begun in Christ.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** #440 In Christ There Is No East or West

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Departing to Serve

***SONG OF SENDING**

#485 To God Be the Glory

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
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THE SESSION 2025

Clerk of Session:	Ruth Hopke
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Christian Life Pillar:	Paul Davis, Davis Gammon, and Patricia Robinson
Mission & Outreach Pillar:	Hayden VanDyke and Jo White