



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

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Sunday, August 10, 2025

Summer Series: Final Instructions

A special thanks to Paul and Marian Davis for hosting our service & picnic today.

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

Gathering to Worship

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God!

**People: We thank God for the joy of jumping rope
and the laughter in playing leapfrog!**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times!

**People: We thank God for the cool waters of a pool on a hot summer day,
and the way the water surprises us when we first jump in!**

Leader: Give thanks to God at all times and for all things!

**People: We thank God for fireflies making our nights brighter
and for butterflies which tickle us awake after a nap!**

#375 Shall We Gather at the River
lyrics printed on insert

*SONG OF PRAISE

Confessing to God's Mercy

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wonder,
you take mud, add a little water —
and make mountains, while we worry about getting our clothes dirty
playing outside. You nourish your creation with refreshing rain,
and we grumble about having left our umbrellas at home.
You grin at the sight of squirrels chasing each other up and down trees,
and we can't remember the last time we lay down on the grass,
trying to guess what the clouds up in the sky look like.

Forgive us,
imagination behind creation, for forgetting to enjoy, to laugh, to play.
We take ourselves so seriously that we lose sight of the wonder of your
gifts. We think you want us to be so proper all the time, and so we have
forgotten the joy, the laughter, the delight which Jesus Christ, our Lord
and Saviour, brought into our lives.

Time for silent prayer.

In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Worship liturgy unless noted are from Wild Goose big book of liturgies. Vol 2

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: The good news is this:

Imagination and play go hand in hand with prayer,
with service, with worship, with life. God takes delight when we take time
to enjoy and play in the good creation offered to us.

People: In the name of Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

Proclaiming God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Down by the Riverside"
Melody Raef and Tom Ballou

SERMON

"Seeking Home"

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Responding to God's Love

BLESSING OF THE WATERS AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

from The Book of Common Worship

Profession of Faith

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended to heaven,
he is seated at the right of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Leader: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Aspersion

Anointing

The Peace

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.**

Departing to Serve

***SONG OF SENDING**

#368 Peace Like A River
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

from Dr. E. Carson Brisson

May joy and nothing less follow you all the days of your life.
May you be blessed and may you be a blessing, and may you rest well today,
secure in the knowledge that the Lord of Light, who has brought you this far
already, will lead you and countless others all the way home. **Amen.**

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9:00 – 2:00

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CHURCH STAFF

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Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
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Church Treasurer	Paul Robinson

THE SESSION 2025

Clerk of Session:	Ruth Hopke
Admin Pillar:	Pete Adamson, Lisa Ballou, Robert Billcheck, & Nathan Richards
Christian Life Pillar:	Paul Davis, Davis Gammon, and Patricia Robinson
Mission & Outreach Pillar:	Hayden VanDyke and Jo White