



Providence Forge Presbyterian Church

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

9310 Townsend Road | Providence Forge, VA 23140 | (804) 966-7638 | www.PFPC.org



Sunday, August 31, 2025

Summer Series: Final Instructions

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP Based on Psalm 122

Leader: Praise the Lord! Those who honor the Lord,
who adore God's commandments, are truly happy!

People: They shine in the dark for others who do right.

They are merciful, compassionate, and righteous.

Leader: They won't be frightened at bad news.

People: Their hearts are steady, trusting in the Lord.

Leader: Their hearts are firm; they aren't afraid.

People: Let us praise the Lord!

*SONG OF PRAISE #361 How Firm a Foundation

Confessing to God's Mercy

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Call to Worship

Merciful God,
in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of
others. We confess that we go our own way;
we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others.
Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only.
Help us to live in harmony with all your people,
sharing one world and eating around one table,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide,
God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole.
This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Pew Bible p. 979, Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1357

Leader: The Word of God for all people.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Known By Our Love" Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Responding to God's Love

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32-33

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of
Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that
it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the
inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences
of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming,
the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society
and of God's victory over all wrong.

The church follows this pattern

in the form of its life and in the method of its action.

So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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**

#438 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Melody Raef

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

www.pfpc.org | (804) 966-2079 | office@pfpc.org

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Crystal Varner Parker
Administrative Assistant	Kristel Lamp
Organist & Choir Director	Melody Raef
Sunshine Nursery School Director	Cathy Davis
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