

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, April 26, 2026

Easter Series: Building Blocks of Faith

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

Prelude

Melody Raef

Welcome

Youth

Introit

“Open our Eyes Lord”

Choir

⊕ **Call to Worship**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want
We will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Jesus said: I am the good shepherd.
Christ lays down his life for the sheep.
The Lamb of God will be our shepherd;
he will guide us to the water of life.

⊕ **Hymn of Praise**

#398 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

⊕ **Call to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

⊕ **Prayer of Confession**

Call to Worship

God of community,
you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.” You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so. In the name of the Risen Lamb. Amen.

⊕ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

⊕ **Response to God's Forgiving Love**

#579 Gloria Patri

⊕ **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Gathering to Worship

If you are new to PFPC or new to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcome!

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.

Confessing to God's Mercy

In the presence of a holy God, we turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition. Being aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, we turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Let us share this peace with our neighbors.

Proclaiming God's Word

This prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, Proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of our Reformed tradition.

Helping Kids Learn to Worship

1. Sit near the front.
Kids participate more when they can see.
2. Save worship kits for the scripture & sermon.
3. Help them follow along in the bulletin, hymnal, and Bible.

If your infant, toddler or preschooler cannot make it through the service, know there is a nursery available staffed by background-checked volunteers.



Time for Children

At this time, the young (and young at heart) are invited to come forward to the front pew for a conversation around the scripture.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

* Acts 2:42-47
Pew Bible p. 886, Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1212

Leader: The Word of God for the people God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“Are You Washed in The Blood” Choir

Sermon

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Sermon Notes

BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH: LIVING IN COMMUNITY

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Responding to God's Love

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), our book of Confessions has various creeds and confessions that help us to put into words what we believe.

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We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God
<https://bit.ly/PFPCGIVING>
Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate or given electronically (scan QR code or go to link).

Departing to Serve
Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues as we go into the world. We are sent to love and care for God's creation and people.

✚ Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen. Amen.

✚ Hymn of Response

GTG #300 We Are one in the Spirit (lyrics on insert)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy 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.

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

✚ Hymn of Sending

#387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Charge and Benediction

Melody Raef

Postlude