

**Futhering God's Kingdom on earth, one soul at a time**

**PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Unless otherwise noted, worship liturgy is from the PCUSA Book of Common Worship



**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.

**Sunday, July 12, 2026**

**Summer Series: Bible Beach Reads**

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

**Prelude**

Melody Raef

**Welcome**

Nathan Richards

‡ **Call to Worship**

*adapted from Psalm 136*

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good.

**God's faithful love lasts forever!**

Give thanks to the Lord of all lords—

**God's steadfast love lasts forever.**

Give thanks to the only one who makes great wonders—

**God's love lasts forever.**

Give thanks to God who provides food for all living things—

**God's loving kindness lasts forever!**

‡ **Hymn of Praise**

#469 Morning Has Broken

‡ **Call to Confession**

‡ **Prayer of Confession**

*from Call to Worship*

[Silent Prayer]

**O God, we are quick to say,**

**"We didn't know."**

**"We didn't mean to."**

**"We didn't expect that to happen."**

**But we have not tended the soil of our lives.**

**We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the experience of others.**

**We let it be riddled with thorns**

**by succumbing to our own prejudices.**

**Life-giving God,**

**Help us to tend our soil.**

**Open us to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen.**

‡ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news...

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

#579 Gloria Patri

‡ **Passing of the Peace**

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

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.

Time for Children

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

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

Five Cents a Meal Offering

This special offering is to support hunger ministries within the PCUSA and PFPC’s community. We are currently supporting the New Kent Backpack program

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> John

Deep Blue Kids’ Bible p. 1380-1383 Pew Bible p. 992-993

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Sermon

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Sermon Notes

SUMMER BEACH READS: THE BOOKS OF SECOND & THIRD JOHN

WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHO? \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT’S HAPPENING? \_\_\_\_\_

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SO WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_

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Responding to God’s Love

⊕ Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from Romans 8:1, 28,38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

⊕ Hymn of Response

GTG #647 Give Thanks (lyrics printed 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.

We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

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Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate or given electronically (scan QR code or go to link).

⊕ 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

#538 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Postlude

Melody Raef

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.

