



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

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, July 26, 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

Emaline Wallace

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.

⌞ Call to Worship

If God is for us, who can be against us?
Nothing can separate us from God's love.
The Lord upholds those who are falling;
God raises those who are bowed down.
Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given to you;
for everyone who asks receives.

⌞ Hymn of Praise

#333 Seek Ye First

⌞ Call to Confession

⌞ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

⌞ Declaration of Forgiveness

If we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him.
Therefore, consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 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.

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

Time for Children

Lisa Ballou

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.

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

First Scripture LessonMatthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Deep Blue Kids’ Bible p. 1086-1087 Pew Bible p. 795

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

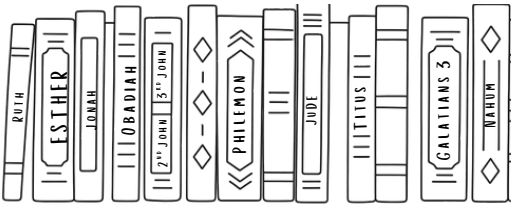
Helping Kids Learn to Worship

Sermon

Lisa Ballou

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 avialable staffed by background-checked volunteers.



⌕ Affirmation of Faith

Sermon Notes

MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

WHEN? _____

WHERE? _____

WHO? _____

WHAT’S HAPPENING? _____

SO WHAT? _____

Responding to God’s Love

⌕ Affirmation of Faith

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

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

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

#339 Be Thou My Vision

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.



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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!

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.

⌕ Prayer of Thanksgiving

⌕ Hymn of Sending#298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Lisa Ballou
Melody Raef