



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

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 16, 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

Ellen Davis

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.

⚭ Call to Worship

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Through Christ, all things came into being, and in him was life.
The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness has never overcome it.
God did not remain distant but came near to us.
The Word became flesh and lived among us.
Come, let us worship the One who entered our humanity with grace and truth.

⚭ Hymn of Praise

#473 For the Beauty of the Earth

⚭ Prayer of Confession

Gracious and incarnate God, You loved this world so deeply that you came to us in Jesus Christ. The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth. Yet we confess that we do not always see one another as you do. Forgive us for the ways we resist being changed by encounters with those whose stories challenge our own.
Give us the humility to listen, the courage to repent, and the compassion to welcome. Shape us into a people who reflect your grace and truth, who honor the dignity of every human being, and who follow Christ with open hearts and open hands. In the name of Jesus Christ, who came to dwell among us, we pray. Amen.

⚭ Declaration of Forgiveness

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace 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

Time for Children

Katelyn Finch

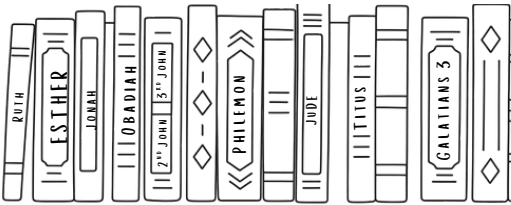
At this time, the young (and young at heart) are invited to come forward to the front pew for a conversation around the scripture.

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 avialable staffed by background-checked volunteers.



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

Matthew 15: 21-28

Deep Blue Kids’ Bible p. 1089 Pew Bible p. 797

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

Special Music

Sermon

Katelyn Finch

Sermon Notes

SUMMER BEACH READS: PHILEMON

WHEN? _____

WHERE? _____

WHO? _____

WHAT’S HAPPENING? _____

SO WHAT? _____

Responding to
God’s Love

The Confession of 1967

Affirmation of Faith

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen.

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

Hymn of Response

#343 Called as Partners in Christ’s Service

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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and Our Gifts to God
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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!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Sending

#507 I Come with Joy, vs. 1, 4,5

Charge and Benediction

Katelyn Finch

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.