



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

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday, August 23, 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

Chuck Hasbrouck

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

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

This is our spiritual worship.

Jesus has the words of eternal life;

he is the Holy One of God.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in love.

⚡ **Hymn of Praise** #457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

⚡ Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

⚡ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us, heal and forgive us.

Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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

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 LessonGalatians 3
Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1295-1296 Pew Bible p. 946-947

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

Helping Kids
Learn to Worship

SermonRev. Crystal Varner Parker

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.

Reception of New Member Presentation

⊕ Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

⊕ Welcome & 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.



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).

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.

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#440 In Christ There Is No East or West

Charge and BenedictionRev. Crystal Varner Parker

PostludeMelody Raef

Sermon Notes

WHEN? _____

WHERE? _____

WHO? _____

WHAT'S HAPPENING? _____

SO WHAT? _____

