



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

PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Stewardship Series: The Enemies of Gratitude

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

Prelude

Melody Raef

Welcome

Martha Martin

Introit

Give Me Jesus

Choir

✚ **Call to Worship**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

Let us offer our lives to the LORD.

Our God is who we trust.

Let every tongue confess the good news;
Jesus Christ is Lord; Glory to God.

✚ **Hymn of Praise**

#475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Time for Children

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

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.

✚ **Call to Confession**

✚ **Prayer of Confession**

O Lord our God,
you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,
but we sit idly by,
endangering the lives of people far and near.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to
others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

✚ **Declaration of 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.

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.

⊕ **Response to God’s Forgiving Love** #581 Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

⊕ **Passing of the Peace**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Scripture Reading Exodus 17:1–7
Deep Blue Kids’ Bible p. 84 Pew Bible p. 56
Matthew 21:23–32
Deep Blue Kids’ Bible p. 1096 Pew Bible p. 802–803

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

Anthem I Want Jesus to Walk with Me Choir

Sermon Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

⊕ **Affirmation of Faith** Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

⊕ **Hymn of Response** #626 As the Deer



We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

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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.

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** #606 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. Amen.

⊕ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

⊕ **Hymn of Sending** #547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Charge and Benediction Rev. Crystal Varner Parker

Postlude Melody Raef

Sermon Notes

Stewardship Series: The Enemies of Gratitude **Nostalgia**

When? _____

Where? _____

Who? _____

What’s happening? _____

So What? _____