

Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

17th Sunday after Pentecost

CONNECTIONS

9:00 a.m.

Call to Worship

Leader: Renew your church, Lord, your people in the land.

People: **Save us from cheap words and self-deception in your service.**

ALL: **In the power of your Spirit transform us, and shape us by your cross.
Let us worship God. Amen.**

Singing: Awesome God

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture: Proverbs 25:19-20

Mark 6:27-35

Singing: The Power of Your Love

Message: The Hardest Prayer You Will Pray!

Prayer Time

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Singing with Offering: Word of God, Speak/Awesome God

Benediction

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11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Introit UMH 140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

+ Call to Worship*

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+ Hymn UMH 378

Amazing Grace

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TO HEAR THE WORD

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Joy Wagner

Prayer of Illumination*

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art: give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee, a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

First Reading*

Proverbs 25:19-22

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn UMH 617

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

Second Reading*

Luke 6:27-35

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Hardest Prayer You Will Pray!
Pastor Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayer

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Offertory

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| + Response* | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 94 |
| + Hymn FWS 2157 | Come and Fill Our Hearts | Confitemini Domino |
| + Benediction* | | |
| + Postlude | | |

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red) * = Words Projected
FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black) + = Please stand as you are able

Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate activity bulletins, bags and boxes** are available in the foyer.
- **Restrooms** are located down the main hall turning to the left. A baby changing table is available in the handicap accessible restroom.
- **Assisted listening devices**, large-print hymnals and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A **nursery** with professional care is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and “in celebration of my daughter, Carol’s, special day on the 22nd of this month. May your day be blessed with joy and happiness.”
—Nickie Price

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Heather Michelle Gindhart, Judy Gindhart’s daughter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please welcome our guest organist today. **Janet Watts** is an occupational therapist, piano teacher and organist. She has studied piano since childhood and the organ since her teens, pursuing these interests in college and after collage with local teachers. Janet has substituted in Richmond area churches over the years, and most recently was part-time staff organist at Battery Park Christian Church for 9 years. She is Emeritus Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy and is Gram Jan to her three grandchildren (+1 more on the way!).

The **KC Jam Choir** (Kids Choir/Joy and Music) will begin practicing on Wednesday, September 23, from 6:30-7:30. All children in grades K-3 are invited to meet in room 108.

Flu shots are being offered at Providence next Sunday, September 27, in the social hall, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Vaccination consent forms will be available that day but are available now on the table in the hallway near the office if you would like to complete it in advance.

Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on October 7 which is also our Community Dinner. The usual prices will apply (\$5 adults; \$3 children 10 and under). Guests eat free. But there is a twist now. Anyone who brings a guest from the community will also get their dinner free. However, we can’t have dinners without cooks. Please take a moment and add your group’s name to the Wednesday Night Dinner **Cook’s Schedule** located in the hallway near the counter’s room. There are lots of available dates!

Branches Buddies is collecting No. 2 pencils to send to Branches in October but you don’t need to wait for October to bring them. There is a box labeled “Pencils for Branches” in the hallway near the elevator on the second floor. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Trunk or Treat, here at Providence, will be October 30, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please sign up if you are willing to decorate your trunk and dress up with a theme. There will also be games and a bounce house for the children to enjoy so all volunteers are welcome! Invite your friends and neighbors!

World Communion Sunday is October 4. Our gifts on World Communion Sunday support scholarships for graduate national and international students, Ethnic Scholarships for national and international undergraduates studying within the United States and ethnic in-service, non-degree, training.



Providence Pumpkin Patch is Coming!

Get ready for fall with Providence! Our church is hosting a pumpkin patch with 600 pumpkins, gourds, corn stalks, and minis delivered on October 7, at 3:30 p.m. The patch will be open for business October 10—30, Noon to 7:00 p.m. daily. Ministries and groups in the church can “own the patch” for a day and keep the profits for their ministry/group. We earn 25% of what we sell. To add to the fun, we will have movie nights in the patch, hayrides, story times, pumpkin carving, face painting, and more!

If your ministry or Sunday school class is interested in “owning the patch” for a day, sign up on the bulletin board across from the water fountain in the hallway and attend the training meeting on Sunday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m. in the library.

Lots of volunteers of all ages are needed to **unload the truck** on October 7, at 3:30, count inventory, set up tables, make our patch beautiful, put stickers on pumpkins and donate wheel barrows and wagons. Everyone is needed to make this successful. Please sign up on the sign-in sheet today if you can help. There are important jobs for all ability levels. For more information contact Susan Clark at susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

Wifi internet access is now available in a larger area within Providence. The name of the network you need to look for is: **ProvidenceUMCWiFi**. Password: **praisegod1**. Capitalization is important!

Newsletter Correction: Our Charge Conference, scheduled for Sunday, October 4, will be at **10:00 a.m.** (not 10:30 a.m. as printed in the newsletter). Breakfast for everyone is at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Hall and worship will be at 10:00 in the Sanctuary. **There be one worship service at 10:00 a.m.**

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: janeelbertquilts@gmail.com.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick who will guide you in the next steps, (804)-276-4289.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hand-knitted **prayer squares are available** in the foyer to take or mail to someone for whom you are praying.

To connect with our email prayer ministry, you may send a prayer request to Tom and Nancy Coffman at tlcnlc@verizon.net. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact the Coffmans.

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families:

Hunter Blankenship, Megan Thomas Clark, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Brian Bilski, Percell & Mary Brown (friends of Judy Gindhart), Judy Burl (friend of Linda Collins), Bob Fogle (nephew of Eula Phillips), Bob Gillie (on the recent death of his sister, JoAnn), Betty Jo Hackworth (surgery), Shirley Hathaway, Charlice Hathaway (surgery, friend of Nikki Earley), Lori Hudson (fell & injured knee; surgery 9/9), Mildred Isbell, Dustin Kellam (pneumonia), Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), **Diane King** (shoulder surgery on 9/18), Jerry Lenhart (nephew of Shirley Collins), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Michael Mazzo (cancer, surgery 9/15), Eva Raymond (JW Rehab), Betty-Anne Roberson, Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Ken Skelton (son of Pat Loud's friend), **Scott Warner** (starting dialysis), Stuart Watkins, Joyce Wilderson (sister-in-law of Althea Armstrong), Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts

Metro Richmond at Prayer for September 20, 2015: We pray for schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 12:15 Gregory Circle (SH)
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship Service
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Choir
- 4:45 Youth Handbells
- 5:30 Youth or Inukshuks

NO Bells of Providence this week

Monday, September 21

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner Mtg. (SH)

Tuesday, September 22

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:30 KC Jam
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 24

- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Ministry in Motion Rehearsal
- 6:00 Upward Practice
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 UMW Leadership Mtg. (309)

Friday, September 25

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, September 26

- 9:00 & 10:00 Upward Games

Prayer Requests

Pray for:

Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: _____

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Drop this sheet in the offering plate or at the church office.

To direct an urgent concern for yourself or a family member to our email prayer group, please contact the church office by phone or email.

Those Serving Today

Acolyte:

11:00 Emily Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Nikki Earley (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Nicki Price (Library)
Pam Groome (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Terra Taylor
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski
11:00 George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters
T. L. Jenkins, Stuart Watkins
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Reader:

Dave Robinson

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Dano Holland (MS)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Dano Holland (MS)

Sanctuary Organizer:

Eula Phillips
Peggy Gillette

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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