


Providence United Methodist Church

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24th Sunday after Pentecost
CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: Desert Song

Making Connections

A Time with the Children: Joy Wagner

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-27

Singing: As the Deer

Message: Keep Looking Up
Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Coffman

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: Mighty to Save

Benediction

Special Music	As the Deer Zoe Brown, solo	arr. Douglas Wagner
First Reading*	Psalm 42 With sung responses	UMH 777
+ Hymn UMH 156	I Love to Tell the Story	HANKEY
Second Reading*	Matthew 14:22-27	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	Keep Looking Up	Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Coffman

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory	Cello Solo Meredith Kyser	
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn UMH 133	Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	SHOWALTER
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = 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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are grateful to Daniel Burch for leading us in worship today. A very special thanks also goes to Tom Coffman who is bringing us the message while Derrick is away.

This week's **Wednesday Night Dinner** (November 11) is being prepared by the CSI Sunday School class. Dinner will feature an Italian Buffet. Please [sign up on the sign-in sheet](#) today for reservations.

Next Sunday is our Stewardship Sunday. You should have received (or should soon receive) your stewardship letter with your 2016 pledge card and envelope enclosed. If it does not reach you before next Sunday, there will be cards and envelopes available in the narthex.

CCHASM's goal in 2015 is to assist 3000 families for Thanksgiving in Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Prince George with a Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package and \$15 gift card for a turkey.

Each bag should contain the following items:

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| 1- 40 oz can of Yams or Sweet Potatoes | 2- 15 oz cans of Corn |
| 1- 13 oz box of Mashed Potatoes | 2- 15 oz cans of Green Beans |
| 1- 14 oz can of Cranberry Sauce | 2- cans or packages of Gravy |
| 2- bags of Stuffing or 2 boxes of Stove Top | 1- box of Hot Chocolate |
| 1- box of Tea Bags | 1 box or bag of Cookies |
| 1- \$15 gift card for a Turkey | |

Please bring your completed meal bags to room 205 by **Monday, November 9**. The bags will be delivered to CCHASM to be distributed to families in need. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Hudson at 276-2495.

Get your Thanksgiving desserts here. The United Methodist Women are having a **Bake Sale** on Sunday, November 22, in the Social Hall, between the worship services and after the traditional service. (Note: If you are providing baked items, please bring them to the Social Hall already priced.)

The Missions Committee is collecting for the Homeward Connections event on **Tuesday, November 17**, and we need donations of WARM clothes, shoes, boots and hats. In addition, another big need is **underwear** and **gloves** for men and women.

Today is “**Tickled Pinky and Palm**” **Sunday**, we ask you to bring **warm gloves** for either men and women. Thank you to those who were able to help with “Undie” Sunday last week! If you would still like to bring “undies” and gloves, bring them to church by November 15.

Other items needed include:

Men’s Winter Clothing
Underwear
Coats

Women’s Coats
Jeans
Sweatshirts

Individual snack items
Winter Hats
Gloves
Reusable shopping bags

Help us stock up for our Homeward Event on November 17. We could have as many as 700+ people needing our help that day!

Thanks, Missions Committee

Help is needed to carpool to the Richmond Convention Center on Monday, November 16, to unpack boxes and organize the clothing on tables. This is a major event with 700+ people coming through for services. Many helpers are needed! If you can help with carpooling, please [sign up today on the sign-in sheet](#) or email Brenda Woodward at:

brendawoodward1@verizon.net

We are so grateful to have a loving spiritual family at Providence Church. Your generosity in enabling our attendance at a national-level book marketing event is truly an answer to prayer. Our publisher made some scheduling changes, so we are now set to attend the April 2016 session in New York City. We keep all of you in our prayers as we seek to follow God’s call through our writing.
— Hugh and Sharon Harris

The **church office will close** at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 (the day before Thanksgiving). The office will also be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after.

It's not too early to begin submitting articles for the **December Newsletter**. The deadline for the newsletter is November 15.

We need a few people who would be willing to occasionally set-up or clean-up the fellowship coffee station in the narthex each week. If we get enough volunteers the task could be rotated between people and no one would have to do both tasks on the same day. If you would like to be of assistance, [please sign up](#) on the sign-in sheet today. If you have any questions regarding what exactly is expected, please contact Linda Collins at church.

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, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Judy (heart surgery on 11/6, sister of Jane Elbert), Katie (surgery on 10/28 for broken hip, mom of Cathy Patterson), Clare Bevins (battling cancer, sister of Billy & Dee Marshall), Brian Bilski, **Mary Carolyn Gwinn** (battling cancer, friend of Judy Miles), the family of Sandra Gordon (died 9/17, friend of Paul & Beverly Martin), Debbie Herron and family (sister of Tony Fleshman), Lori Hudson, Mildred Isbell, Tristen Kellam, Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), Diane King, Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Anthony Maffea (surgery 10/26, friend of Michael Mercatante), Eva Raymond (JW Rehab), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts, Karen Young (Charles & Diane King's daughter; had knee surgery on 10/7).

Metro Richmond at Prayer for November 8, 2015: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: for the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well being of those who are unable to work.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 8

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth or Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, November 9

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 9:00 Providence Retired Club (Joe's Inn)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting (309)

Tuesday, November 10

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study
- 2:00 Women's Study (205)
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, November 11

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12

- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Ministry in Motion Rehearsal
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 Nominations Committee (309)

Friday, November 13

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, November 14

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 Hailey Davis

Greeters:

9:00 Anna Knight (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Pam Groome (Library)
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Lindsay Garrison
11:00 Lindsay Garrison

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Anne Baird, Wayne Smith

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor, Ron White
11:00 Bobby Burton
Meredith Kyser, Tom Koertge
Ed Harper, Ralph Vernon
Lori Justice

Reader: 11:00 Uldine Curtis

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (MS)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (MS)

Sanctuary Organizer:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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