

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31, 2011**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Piano Prelude "In the Garden" Arr. Mark Hayes

*Dedicated to Nancy Burks*

Prelude Emma Lou Fleenor  
"Largo" (Xerxes) G. F. Handel

Welcome /Announcements  
+Opening Prayer

+Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH 156

+Litany of Praise\* From Psalm 121

One: I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Living God.

**Many: This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.**

One: This is our Sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

**Many: We give thanks that once more, God has brought us together.**

One: Peace to all who enter here, peace this day and every day, in the name of Jesus Christ.

+Response\*

*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.*

Musical Offering "Whispering Hope" Alice Hawthorne  
Rachel Fulghum and Tom Coffman, duet

Prayer

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 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.*

**HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children

New Testament Reading\*

Acts 1:6-11

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (8:45) "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" George Allen  
Morning Glory Choir

(11:00) "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Arr. Russell Robinson  
Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading\* 1 Corinthians 14:23-26 **Thanks be to God.**  
Sermon "Celebrating Worship: The People"

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Hymn\* "O How He Loves You and Me" FWS 2108

Offering "People Need the Lord" Arr. Tom Fettke  
SonRise Sisters

+Response\* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

+Prayer of Dedication

**AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD**

+Hymn\* "Shine, Jesus, Shine" FWS 2173

+Benediction\*

One: We have gathered for worship and are ready for a new week of serving God.

**Many: We have a story to tell, a message to share.**

One: Tell your neighbors that there is a God who loves and forgives them. And there is a place for them at Providence. Go in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Many: Amen!**

+Postlude "Prelude in C Major" J. S. Bach

*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

Greeters: (8:45) Carolyn Bilski  
 (11:00) Lewis & Frances Miller  
 Acolytes: (8:45) Emily Kyser (11:00) Andrew McConnell  
 Nursery: (8:45) Ann Busbee (Sunday School) Lori Justice  
 (11:00) Peggy Gillette, Isabelle Sullivan  
 Counters: Klaus Worrell, Captain  
 Ushers: (8:45) Billy Blankenship, Janet Knight, Wayne Latimer, Gary Wright  
 (11:00) Tony Fleshman, Laurie Breeden, Sean Collins, Jennifer Kennedy,  
 Joe Sullivan, Klaus Worrell, Brad Wootten  
 Readers: (8:45) Marlene Gurney (11:00) Paul Martin  
 Audio/Visual Team: Bob Gillie  
 Name Tag Organizer: Gracie Martin  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Jane and Fred Loveless

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**The altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Kelly King Horne in gratitude for a church family who seeks to share God's love with our neighbors.

**The narthex flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Nickie Price in honor of the birthdays of her daughter, Mary Ann, and her grandchildren, Chuck and Amber.

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*I was glad when they said  
to me,*

**“Let us go to the  
house of the  
Lord!”**

*Psalms 122:1*

***Providence United Methodist Church***

***July 31, 2011***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, July 31

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. "Three Simple Rules" Class (Library)
- 12:00 p.m. Reception for Nancy Burks (Social Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

### Monday, August 1

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing (Social Hall)
- 6:00–8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Covenant Disciple Group
- 7:30 p.m. Softball Game

### Tuesday, August 2

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 6:00–8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Picnic Shelter)

### Wednesday, August 3

- 6:00–8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- No Chancel Choir Rehearsal (until August 17)

### Thursday, August 4

- 6:00–8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 6:30 p.m. Family Council (Library)

### Friday, August 5

- 6:00–8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 206)

### Sunday, August 7

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. VBS Luncheon (Shelter/Social Hall)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth

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

- Children's worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
- Colorful bags at the back for you have helpful information.
- Restrooms are located on the main hall to the left.
- Name tags can be found on the clipboards in the pews.
- Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A nursery is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Providence Watchmen Intercessory Group: Prayer Opportunities.....**Penny for your prayers! For the week of July 31, give your thanks to God for our blessings, and for all that God has given us.** How many prayers are represented by the pennies in the jar?

**Please pray for our VBS ministries this week that the children and families feel God's love.** We hope everyone will join us next Sunday, August 7, to welcome these families at Providence UMC and celebrate our VBS ministries at the 11 o'clock service followed by a **churchwide picnic** in the shelter. Feel free to bring a side dish. They can be dropped off any time between 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. in the kitchen next Sunday.

Join us for a **reception** honoring Nancy Burks, our Music Director, as we say goodbye and pray God's blessings in her new endeavors. It will be held in the social hall following the 11 a.m. service.

Thanks for your participation in the **church-wide survey**. Today is the last day for turning in paper copies and for the on-line version.

**The Disciple Bible Study Program** is designed to develop strong Christians through the in-depth study of scripture. Through Disciple, persons are strengthened in their faith and guided into service and ministry. **Disciple 1 and 4** will be offered this fall. **Disciple 1** is a survey of the books of both the Old Testament and the New Testament. **Disciple 4** concentrates on the writings in the Old Testament – Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. New Testament Scriptures include the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. Please sign up on the clipboards today if you are interested. Once you have taken Disciple 1, you may take any of the other Disciple programs. They do not have to be taken in order.

**READING PROGRAM for UMW & Everyone.** Summer is a time for fun, relaxing and READING - August 15 is when the books read from September, 2010 to August 15, 2011 are counted. Don't forget the children's books (those that they read or had read to them). Be sure to sign all books out on the notebook available in the Library so a count can be made. We did great last year, so let's do great again this year.

**If you are willing to provide a meal for a family when special needs arise**, please sign up on the clipboard today.

**Join us for an ice cream social and slip and slide water fun!** Gather at the church pavilion on Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. It will be a great way to enjoy fellowship and COOL OFF!

**The Providence Retired Club is planning another trip!** Have lunch at Graves Mountain Lodge on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. Enjoy a stop at Yoder's Market, operated as a Mennonite family business since 1985. You will find dried fruits, nuts, natural snacks, baking supplies, and 75 different meats and cheeses which are freshly cut and sliced for each customer. Don't miss the Inspirational Corner, where you will find books, Bibles, cards, crafts, gifts, and more. Bring home some delicious Virginia apples! Lunch at Graves Mountain Lodge will consist of their fried chicken special, served with several starch and vegetable side dishes, and homemade desserts. There will be a surprise stop after lunch to enjoy some nostalgia and shopping. The bus departs from Providence UMC at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m. Cost per person is \$62.00. Please make check payable to Providence Retired Club and mail, no later than August 12, to Bobby Wood, 1124 Sunkist Avenue, Richmond, VA 23235. For any questions, you may call Bobby at 276-3058.

Notes:

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Hospitalized: Jeff Alred (Johns Cancer Center at Johnston-Willis Hospital)

The prayer request forms are located on the clipboards and may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. In order to keep our GATHERED PRAYER CONCERNS list up-to-date, names will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You may resubmit a request at any time.

**Our gathered prayer concerns:** Josephine Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's mother-in-law), **Roland Bodtke** (home from the hospital), the family of Edna Bowen, Terry Brooks, Roland Dubey (submitted by Barbara A. Ritch-Brant), **Janet Fattizzi, Bob & Sheila Fogle** (niece and nephew of Ken & Eula Phillips), Clare Henderson, Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), **James Jenkins** (home from the hospital), Gilda Jordan, **Charles King** (home from the hospital), Jim Kovalchick (Ginny Thompson's nephew), Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), **Caren Puckett and her family** (on the death of her husband, David Harold Puckett, Jr., on July 15), Clyde Randall (home from the hospital), Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Autumn Robinson (granddaughter of Mary Lou and Dave Robinson), Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Joseph Salvaggio, Chuck Schlottman (home with Jean and her family), the family of Genevieve ("Gene") Shelton, Terry Wagner (home), **Walter Wells** (requested by Jean Winfree)

### **Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families.**

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark	Bobby Swanson
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Cris Deyo	Brent Davis
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson	Jennifer Collins
Bob Muchow	Matt Latimer	David Dias	

**Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry.** Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for which you think prayer is appropriate. The call should come from the person in need, or a member of his/her immediate family.

**Metro Richmond Prayer for July 31, 2011:** We pray for governments and governing bodies of Metropolitan Richmond: For the Supervisors of Hanover County, the County Administrator, and all county employees.