

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 16, 2011**

**11:00 a.m.**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude Prayer on "Slane" Larry Visser

Welcome/Announcements

+Call To Worship\* Psalm 51:15

One: O God, open our lips,  
Many: **And we shall declare your praise!**

+Hymn "O Worship the King" UMH 73

+Act of Praise Psalm 99 UMH 819

+Response\* UMH 70

*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.*

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children

Anthem 11:00 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Kathleen Thomerson  
Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading\* 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "When Imitating is a Good Thing"

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Hymn\* "Thank You, Lord" UMH 84

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.*

Offertory Offertory on "Nettleton" Paul Manz

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

+Prayer of Dedication

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

+Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170

+Benediction

+Postlude Improvisation on "Lyons"

*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) Diane King (11:00) Pam Groome and Phyllis Ranger  
 Acolytes: (8:45) Emily Kyser (11:00) Emma McConnell  
 Nursery: (8:45) Lori Justice (Sunday School) Shirley Collins  
 (11:00) Michelle Butler and Carol Urso  
 Counters: Jimmy Sculthorpe, Captain  
 Ushers: (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Janet Knight, Wayne Latimer, Gary Wright  
 (11:00) Tony Fleshman, Laurie Breeden, Sean Collins, Jennifer Kennedy,  
 Joe Sullivan, Brad Wootten, Klaus Worrell  
 Readers: (8:45) Boyd Gurney (11:00) Erin Bailey  
 Audio/Visual Team: Bob Gillie's Team  
 Name Tag Organizer: Jahna Seymour  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Anna Knight and Phyllis Ranger

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**The altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Donna and Gregg Jenkins. Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Thomas! Also, in loving memory of Gregg's dad, Bud, who was born on the same date.

**The narthex flowers on the left** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Frances Hardaway on her birthday, October 24, by the Whitt Circle.

**The narthex flowers on the right** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of my Grandma and Papa...Love, Nicolas Hudson.

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*Providence United Methodist Church*

*October 16, 2011*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 16

- 8:45 a.m. Service at the Outdoor Chapel (Weather permitting)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- No Cross Trainers
- 12:15 p.m. Education Committee (Room 206)
- 2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Al Riekers
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth (F.I.R.E. House)
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)

### Monday, October 17

#### **12:00 Noon Newsletter Deadline**

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 309)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force
- 7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)

### Tuesday, October 18

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Whitt Circle Meeting (Room 206)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Third Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee (Parlor)

### Wednesday, October 19

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:10 p.m. KC Jam (Room 306)
- 6:30 p.m. Small Groups
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (Library)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, October 20

- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Gregory Circle (with Isabelle Sullivan)

### Friday, October 21

- 9:15 a.m. Cooks for Christ to Centenary UMC for Feeding Program
- 4:00 p.m. Youth (Social Hall)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)
- Couples' Group (with the Wilms)
- Youth – 30 Hour Famine

Boy Scouts (Stew Prep in the Social Hall)

### Saturday, October 22

- 8:00 a.m. Yard Sale at Youth House (Social Hall if inclement weather)
- Scouts prepare Brunswick Stew (Shelter)
- Sunday, October 23 Preschool Sunday
- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

#### **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

**Youth Yard Sale:** We are having a yard sale at the church this Saturday, October 22, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to raise money for our retreat to Eagle Eyrie and for the 30-Hour Famine. If you have anything to donate to our yard sale, please bring it to the F.I.R.E. House.

October 21 and 22 is the Youth's **30 Hour Famine** weekend! Help raise money and awareness of world hunger during the 30-hour event. The famine begins at 12:00 p.m. on Friday on your own. The youth will meet at the F.I.R.E. House at 6:00 p.m. Friday night until 6:00 p.m. Saturday when we break the fast together and go out to dinner.

**God's Creation 2012 calendars are in!** The youth have 50 calendars in stock and will be selling them in the library after services in November. The price is \$6.00 each.

Sign up for **Wednesday Night Dinner**. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, and all the trimmings sponsored by the United Methodist Men.

**Support our partnership with A M Davis Elementary by joining the PTA.** If you would like to join, membership forms are on the clipboards today. You may put the form and your \$5.00 check in the basket in the foyer or take it to the church office. Thank you for your interest and involvement.

**There will be no Cross Trainers today.** Due to the long night at the church campout, we will not have Cross Trainers today.

**Youth Council Meeting will be during dinner at youth group tonight.** Since many youth will have been at the campout and leave after early service, you do not need to come back for the meeting.

**Our new pictorial directories are in!** Please be sure and go by the Library and pick up your copy with your name on it. Are you new to Providence? You may also pick up a copy today; just sign the list so we will know you have one. Remember, one to a family, please.

“**Pockets**” (ages 8-12) and “**Devo-zines**” (middle and high school) are **free resources** for children and youth. Pockets are monthly magazines and can be picked up in the Library (on the desk between the bookcases). The Devo-zines can be picked up at the youth house or by contacting Susan Clark, our Youth Director, at [Susan.clark@providenceumc.net](mailto:Susan.clark@providenceumc.net)

Would you like to know more about **Lay Servant Ministry Training** to be held on November 4 and 5? Pick up a brochure in the foyer, or speak to Ron White (744-3644) who has attended the training.

**Are you friendly?** Interested in helping fellow United Methodists learn the ins and outs of faithful advocacy with our elected officials? United Methodist Day at the General Assembly is in need of a few new guides this year. We meet on the afternoon of February 1st for training at Bon Air UMC, travel to the GA Building, learn the ropes, and then each guide will have a small group to lead on UM Day (February 2nd). We also host a lovely dinner for our guides on the evening of February 1st. It's a wonderful opportunity to support faithful advocacy in our Commonwealth. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Natalie May ([nbmay@verizon.net](mailto:nbmay@verizon.net) or 512.3208).

**Are you organized?** Good with Excel spreadsheets? United Methodist Day at the General Assembly is looking for a registrar, someone to manage registrations and enter registration data into a spreadsheet. This volunteer position doesn't really “heat up” until January and ends on UM Day (February 2, 2012). We have a terrific committee that will help and support you! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Natalie May ([nbmay@verizon.net](mailto:nbmay@verizon.net) or 512.3208).

If you feel led to Christian baptism or would like to transfer your membership to Providence, please contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn at 276-4289 or <a href="mailto:Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net">Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net</a> .
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## PRAYER MINISTRY

Hospitalized: Effie Jamison (Tyler's Retreat, 12001 Ironbridge Road, Chester, VA 23831  
Phone: 318-3560)  
Chuck Schlottman (Lucy Corr)  
Leon Headley (Johnston-Willis, Room 311)

**Church-wide Prayer Request:** for the Worship Task Force and our congregation as we discern how God is leading us to offer two different worship experiences.

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.

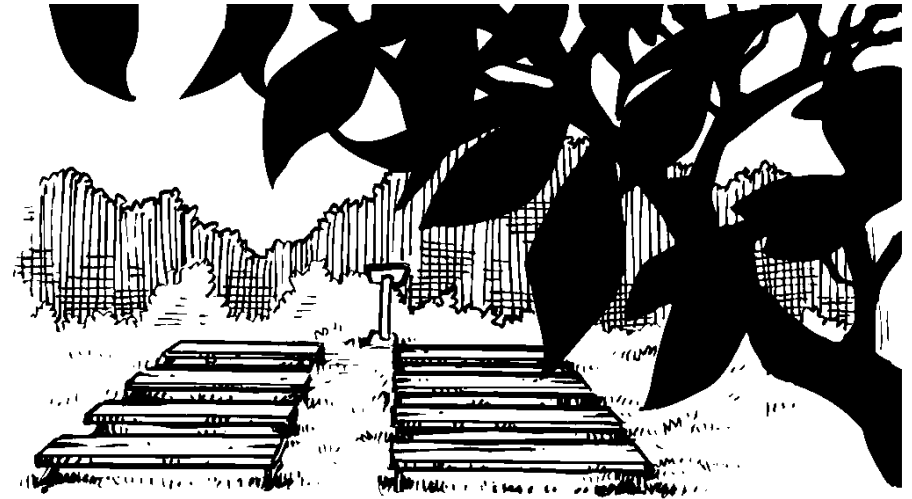
**Our gathered prayer concerns:** the family of Jeff Alred, Jennifer Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's daughter), Ed Blackwell, the family of Roland Bodtke, **Dave Clarke** (surgery on October 18), Mae Clarke, **Emma Cyr** (grandmother of Kim Parr), **Steve DeGaetani** (requested by Elizabeth Kyser), Janet Fattizzi, David Francisco (requested by Mildred Crostic), **the family of Randy Glassburn** (requested by Shirley Collins), **Alma Groome** (home from the hospital), Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), **the family of Mary Johns, Gilda Jordan, Bill LaRue**, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Paul Martin (home from the hospital), Jim McConnell, **Ruby Milby**, Emily Norman (Carol Anderson Norman's great-niece), Watson Pizon (Carla Wootten's father), **Clyde Randall** (home from the hospital), **the family of Albert Riekers**, Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Pat Robison, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Jan Rogers (co-worker of Wendy and Sean Collins), Dr. Joshua Rubinstein (Wayne and Kathy Smith's dentist), Joseph Salvaggio, Eric Suter (requested by Mildred Crostic), our Upward Soccer Program, A. M. Davis students, faculty, and staff

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

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

**Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry.** Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for yourself or a family member.

**Metro Richmond Prayer for October 16, 2011:** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For all who suffer from addictions, dependency and co-dependency of any sort, for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.



# Outdoor Worship

**October 16, 2011**

**8:45 a.m.**

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome

A Time of Singing

Praise God, praise God, praise God in the morning, praise God in the noontime.  
Praise God, praise God, praise God when the sun goes down.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 148

**Praise the Lord!**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (Where?)  
Down in my heart (Where?) Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. Down in my heart to stay.

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart . . .  
I've got the peace that passes understanding . . .  
I've got the wonderful love of my blessed redeemer way down in the depths of my heart. . .

I've got peace like a river . . . in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain . . . in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean . . . in my soul.

### TO HEAR THE WORD

Scripture Reading

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“When It’s OK to Imitate”

### TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Questions: Who do you want to imitate? How can you thank God for them today?

Prayers for the Whole World

Offering

“Amazing Grace”

Clare Henderson, Guitar

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we’d first begun.

## AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Sending Forth

Song

“The Trees of the Field”

FWS 2279

You shall go out with joy--and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
There’ll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy!