

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2011

11:00 a.m.

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "When Love is Found" Aaron David Miller  
Welcome/Announcements

#### +Call To Worship\*

One: Today is a day for worship!

**Many: We have come to worship!**

One: Today is a day to rejoice!

**Many: We have come to rejoice!**

One: Today is a day to declare God's greatness!

**Many: We have come to declare God's greatness!**

One: Today is a day to hear from the Lord!

**Many: We have come to hear from the Lord!**

**All: God, we worship you today for you are great and greatly to be praised!**

+Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH 117

Prayer "The Prayer of Saint Francis" UMH 481

#### 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.*

Preschool Ministry Reflections Charlotte Cervarich, Director

Song (11:00) "If I Was A Butterfly" Preschool Children

### TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

New Testament Reading\* I Thessalonians 2:1-8 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

Gospel Reading\* Matthew 22:34-46 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "The Greatest Commandments"

### TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Service of Holy Baptism\* (11:00) UMH 39

Hannah Malisa Stnons, daughter of Matthew and Lisa Stnons.

FWS 2249

*Hannah, Hannah, God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you, too.*

*We this day do all agree. A child of God you'll always be. (Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> line)*

Offering "Precious Lord" Arr. Jack Schrader  
Chancel Choir

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

+Prayer of Dedication

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

+Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" FWS 2171  
*Based on the Prayer of Saint Francis*

+Benediction

+Postlude Improvisation on "St. Anne"

*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) Gabrielle Sullivan (11:00) Molly Roberson  
 Nursery: (8:45) Jane Gilliam (Sunday School) Ann Busbee  
 (11:00) Anne Blane and Brad Wootten  
 Counters: Klaus Worrell, 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) Ginny Thompson (11:00) Molly Roberson  
 Audio/Visual Team: Bob Gillie's Team  
 Name Tag Organizer: Jean Riekers  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Anna Knight and Phyllis Ranger

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**The altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God. "In honor of my wonderful wife Kathleen...my partner, my best friend and The Love of My Life! Happy Birthday Beautiful! I♥U! Always! R"

**The narthex flowers on the left** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Andrew Heare for his birthday by his family.

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*You shall love  
 the Lord your God  
 with all you heart,  
 and with all your soul,  
 and with all your mind.*

*You shall love your neighbor  
 as yourself.*

***Providence United Methodist Church***

***October 23, 2011***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 23

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- No Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)

### Monday, October 24

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 6:15 p.m. Covenant Group
- 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women's Pledge Service (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 309)
- 7:30 p.m. Endowment Committee (Library)

### Tuesday, October 25

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 309)
- 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. Worship (Library)

### Wednesday, October 26

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

### Thursday, October 27

- 10:30 a.m. Chrismon Class (Library)
- 5:30-7:00 p.m. Soccer Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Providence Green Home Owners' Association (Room 205)

### Friday, October 28

- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

### Saturday, October 29

- 9:00 a.m. Upward Soccer Last Games and Closing Ceremony (Picnic Shelter)

### Sunday, October 30 Laity 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 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

Today we welcome our Providence **UMC Preschool staff, children and families**. We are thankful for almost 20 years of quality preschool education and loving care for the children of our church and community.

Our **Upward Soccer Season** is concluding this Saturday with games at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. You are invited to this final opportunity to watch our children using their new-found soccer skills. The final celebration will be 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with presentations and lunch at the picnic shelter.

**Would you like to help feed the hungry?** On Saturday, November 5, all ages are invited to glean winter squash at the Gallmeyer Farm, 4506 Millers Lane Richmond, VA 23231 (east of Richmond near the Airport). We will meet at 8:15 a.m. at Providence to carpool, or you may go directly to the farm. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. This is great mission opportunity for individuals or families with children and youth. Check [www.providenceumc.net](http://www.providenceumc.net) for more information. *What is gleaning? Gathering produce that would otherwise go to waste and sharing it with those in need.*

**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**. Growing Christians will host next week's dinner. It will be baked spaghetti/with homemade sauce, tossed salad, French bread, and dessert.

A **car** has been donated to the church and will be sold to benefit church ministries. Contact the church office for more information.

**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)

**Interested in joining the Chancel Choir for Christmas music this year?** Come and join the rehearsal on Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Christmas music will be rehearsed at the beginning of the rehearsal, but feel free to stay and sing all the music with the choir as well.

#### **About Our Preschool...**

Since the 1990's, PUMC Preschool has been providing a nurturing Christian environment for a child's intellectual, social, physical, spiritual and emotional growth. We offer classes for children from ages 2 - 5 (Pre-K), Tuesdays-Fridays throughout the school year. An after-school program, Stay and Play, is offered three afternoons per week from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. A summer program is also offered in July and August.

We are proud to be an inclusive Preschool, and we welcome children from our community with special needs into our classes. PUMC Preschool is also a site for a Chesterfield County Exceptional Education Natural Environment class. Currently, we have 33 students enrolled among our four classes, and are staffed with nine teachers and a director. We also have a music teacher who visits twice a month for age-appropriate music classes.

PUMC Preschool is now exploring options to expand our hours to offer before-and-after care for the children attending our Preschool. We hope to share more about this exciting news in the very near future.

If you know of any families of Preschool-aged children who are looking for a Preschool, please encourage them to call for more information, and come by for a tour.

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 [Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net](mailto:Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net).

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Hospitalized: Effie Jamison (Tyler's Retreat, 12001 Ironbridge Road, Chester, VA 23831  
Phone: 318-3560)

Helen Bowman (Laurels of Bon Air, 9101 Bon Air Crossing Dr., Richmond, VA 23235)

Leon Headley (Johnston-Willis, Room 311)

Ruby Milby (The Virginian, Room 231)

**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:** Jennifer Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's daughter), 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, **Betsy Holland (mother of Dano Holland), Noelle Holland and her family (sudden death of her cousin),** Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), the family of Mary Johns, Gilda Jordan, **Garland King,** Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Emily Norman (Carol Anderson Norman's great-niece), 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, **Timmy Spears (requested by Pat Loud),** Eric Suter (requested by Mildred Crostic), **William Viehl (Kathy Kincaid's cousin who had a heart transplant and for the donor and his family),** A. M. Davis students, faculty, and staff

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

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| 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 23, 2011:** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: For emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.