

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 6, 2011**  
**All Saints Day**

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude "Sonata IV: Andante Religioso" Felix Mendelssohn  
 Welcome/Announcements  
 Invitation  
 +Greeting\*  
 One: We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.  
**Many: Death has no dominion over them.**  
 One: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,  
**Many: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**  
 +Hymn "For All the Saints" UMH 711  
 +Prayer

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

New Testament Reading\* Revelation 7:9-17 **Thanks be to God.**  
 Musical Offering "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson  
 SonRise Sisters  
 New Testament Reading\* Matthew 5:1-12 **Thanks be to God.**  
 Sermon "Blessed?"

**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Hymn\* "Blest Are They" FWS 2155  
*The Congregation is invited to sing the refrain.*

Remembering the Saints\*  
*A candle will be lit for each church member who has died in the last year.*  
**We bless your holy name, O God, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors. Give us grace to follow the example of their steadfastness and faithfulness to your honor and glory. In all the ways we have failed to live our lives faithfully, forgive us. And lead us in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.**

Offertory "Blessings" Laura Story  
 Emma Breeden, Solo; Carla Wootten, Piano

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

Holy Communion  
 Prayer of Thanksgiving\* UMH 17  
 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.***

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*The ushers will invite you to come forward*

*to receive a piece of bread and dip it lightly into the cup of juice.*

*Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come forward.*

*You are also welcome to pray at the altar.*

*Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.*

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

+Response "Blest Are They" Refrain FWS 2155  
 +Benediction  
 +Postlude Postlude on "Sine Nomine" Charles Callahan

*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*

<b><u>Saints that have gone before us:</u></b>	
Leslie F. Jones (11/16/10)	William F. Harmon (5/25/11)
Anna Saxtan Yeatts (2/14/11)	Edna Jones Bowen (7/13/11)
Maple Ingram McGee (2/20/11)	Genevieve W. Shelton (7/16/11)
Frances Grymes Hardaway (3/1/11)	Vann Morrison Barden (7/30/11)
Robert Morgan Bennett (4/4/11)	Jeffrey Stuart Alred (8/27/11)
Arnold Russell Ashburn (4/13/11)	Roland Henry Bodtke (9/19/11)
Clayton Francis Briggs (4/17/11)	Mary Grizzard Johns (10/11/11)
Nancy Marie Woodcock Gillie (5/25/11)	Albert John Riekers (10/11/11)

Communion Preparers: (8:45) Linda Koertge (11:00) Judy Miles  
 Greeters: (8:45) Carolyn Bilski (11:00) Jean and Nicole Riekers  
 Acolytes: (8:45) Emma McConnell (11:00) Rachael Harvey  
 Nursery: (8:45) Lori Justice (Sunday School) Pam Groome  
 (11:00) Laurie Breeden and Jennifer Ostrum  
 Counters: Gary Wright, Captain  
 Ushers: (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Neal Fleenor, Ron White  
 (11:00) Mike Patterson, Bobby Burton, Ed Harper, Bobby Johnson, Tom Koertge,  
 Ralph Vernon, Bobby Wood  
 Readers: (8:45) Jim Chappell (11:00) Megan Roberson  
 Audio/Visual Team: Brad Wootten's Team  
 Name Tag Organizer: Ginny Thompson  
 Sanctuary Organizers: Nickie Price and Jean Winfree

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**The altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God by Mike and Cathy Patterson. We dedicate these flowers to Jesus, our God, our Father, our Savior and friend.

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 Linda M. Collins  
 William J. Duganne  
 April Basham  
 Kim King Torres

*'Cause what if Your blessings  
come through raindrops?*

*What if Your healing  
comes through tears?*

*What if a thousand sleepless nights  
are what it takes  
to know You're near?*

*And what if trials of this life  
are Your mercies  
in disguise?*

*~ Laura Story ~*

***Providence United Methodist Church***

***November 6, 2011***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, November 6

- 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)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)

### Monday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 309)

### Tuesday, November 8

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Laughon Circle
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Third Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Committee (Parlor)

### Wednesday, November 9

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. KC Jam (Room 306)
- 6:30 p.m. Small Groups
- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee (Library)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, November 10

- 10:30 a.m. Chrismon Class (Library)
- 6:00 p.m. Starlighters (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Providence Road Partners (Room 206)
- 7:00 p.m. Gregory Circle

### Friday, November 11

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Council Planning Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

### Saturday, November 12

- 5:30 p.m. Pancake Dinner (Social Hall)

#### **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

**All Saints Day** (November 1) has long been a day of remembrance for the saints. The saints, according to the New Testament, are all Christian people of every time and place. On the Sunday following November 1, we remember those saints who have died in our congregation during the past year. We welcome all family members and friends who come to remember with us today.

**The United Methodist Men will sponsor a Pancake and Sausage Dinner this Saturday, November 12, at 5:30 p.m.** Cost is \$6.00 for dinner, and tickets are available in the Library after our services today.

Sign up for **Wednesday Night Dinner**. Menu is pulled pork barbecue, green beans, potatoes, and dessert.

Would you like to participate in the **nativity** during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service? Just dressing up and acting—no speaking parts, just the narrator. Sign up today—adults, youth and older children. We need Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men, Angel Gabriel, and a Narrator. Please consider being a part of this very special Family Service. Call Carla Wootten at 276-5683 or email her at [cwootten@comcast.net](mailto:cwootten@comcast.net).

The Marketing team is interesting in publicizing church events in your neighborhood newsletters. Does your neighborhood have a newsletter? Let us know today on the clipboard.

**God's Creation 2012 calendars** are available today in the Library after both services. The cost is \$6.00. Checks should be written to "Providence Youth."

Would you like to help **provide a meal** occasionally to a family in our church? Contact Pat Loud at 763- 3792 (evenings) and get connected.

A **car** has been donated to the church and will be sold to benefit church ministries. If interested, contact the church office.

**Project Homeless:** This year's count will be held on November 17, 2011. There are opportunities to help with this mission. Help is needed to load trucks and set up at the Richmond Coliseum on November 16, and individuals age 18 or older are needed to help on November 17. The items needed are adult size socks, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, coats, boots, granola bars, razors and reusable shopping bags. Please leave these items in the "Homeward" bin by the Missions table. Contact Valerie Reese ( 909-3659) or Mary Lou Robinson (739-2991) for more information.

**This year's Thanksgiving offering will benefit CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministries).** Use the Thanksgiving Offering envelope in your monthly mailing or designate your check. CCHASM provides emergency assistance through food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents in Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Prince George. For more information, visit [www.cchasm.org](http://www.cchasm.org). Please see the November newsletter for offerings for Advent and Christmas.

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).

### Plans for New Worship Experience

Your questions and input are welcome. Contact Pastor Mary Beth at 276-4289 or Bobby Johnson at 402-0020. The Church Council will consider this proposal at their November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

At recent congregation-wide meetings, the worship task force shared information about offering two different worship experiences. This goal had been set in January by our church council. The task force, which has been in prayerful discernment for five months, is proposing this plan:

- The purpose of offering two different services is to **reach people for Jesus Christ**. The new service may appeal to people who are unchurched or have not attended recently.
- The 8:45 a.m. service will move to 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 9:45 a.m. beginning March 4, 2012.
- The service will be less formal; more piano, guitars and other instruments and less organ; more participation by the congregation; more use of visuals; more creative; include a wide variety of music.
- The target audience will be families with children and other young people based on demographic information which points to growth in our area. All ages will be welcome and encouraged to attend.
- A fellowship time will be provided before the service.

The task force is taking seriously questions that the congregation has raised during these meetings such as:

- How can we make sure that Sunday School classes have enough time? We continue to examine ways to ensure this priority for our education program.
- What exactly will the new service look like? Recently, our "Hurricane Irene" service on August 28 and our outdoor services this summer are examples of a less formal service. We will be including various elements of this service type in the weeks and months ahead.
- How will you evaluate and improve on the service once it starts? There will be a plan to evaluate each week's service, and at periodic intervals to judge effectiveness not only by numbers attending, but also whether participants are inspired to love and serve God.
- Who will plan the service? The pastor, our music director, and a team of church members will meet regularly to plan the service.
- Will the sermon be different? Please pray for Pastor Mary Beth as she tries to figure all this out!
- What will happen to the people who currently attend the 8:45 service? We hope that each person in our congregation will feel at home either at the new service or at the more traditional 11:00 service. We know this will be a big change for all of us and we are seeking God through it.
- If it is such a big change, why are you doing it? The purpose of the church, according to Matthew 28:19, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We must find ways to reach those who do not yet know God's amazing grace. It is why we exist.

### 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)  
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, 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, Leon Headley, 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, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Kevin Loud (Pat Loud's nephew), Emily Norman (Carol Anderson Norman's great-niece), Johnny Parsons, Clyde Randall, 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, **Joy Sheffield** (requested by Barbara Sutton), 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.

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 November 6, 2011:** We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living wages, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan city. For sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.