

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

**CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** "Today is the Day"  
"Lift Your Head Weary Sinner (Chains)"

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Solo:** "Blessings"  
Maria Mendez Castillo

**Scripture**  
John 12:20-33

**Message:** "If I Am Lifted Up!"  
Derrick Parson

**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**

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March 18, 2018

# 5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m.

## Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

- Please pick up a welcome gift from an usher in the foyer.
- **Children's 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).

**UMH** = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

**FWS** = The Faith We Sing (Black)

\* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

**Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.**

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

+ Contemporary Call to Worship \*

(inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 12:20-33)

One: Each day is a gift from God,

**Many: Each moment is that opportunity to reach out in service to all creation.**

One: Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:

**Many: Not written on stone tables easily broken, but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

One: Each day we draw closer to God:

**Many: Who has forgotten more than we ever learn;**

**ALL: Who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

~~ written by Thom Shuman

Introit "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"  
The Chancel Choir

+ Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs 1,2,4) UMH #154

Making Connections

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

Children's Time Sherry Wright-Jeter

First Reading \* Psalm 51:1-12 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Change My Heart, O God" (2 times) FWS #2152

Second Reading \* John 12:20-33 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "If I Am Lifted Up!" Derrick Parson

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.

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory "There's Not a Crown Without a Cross"  
Solo, Allison Stowers

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

+ Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs 1,2,5) UMH #157

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given by Susan Nash in memory of her husband, Bob Nash (March 17, 1958—October 17, 2017).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a pew clipboard today and include your contact information. Please continue to sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to the personal information that the church maintains.

Our **Annual Spring Fling** is on March 24, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend. We will have games, cake walk, petting zoo, Easter egg hunt and more! Everyone can get in on the fun! If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in the main hall across from the water fountain. We will also need candy and treat donations (no chocolate please), and goodies for the cake walk.

Today is the deadline to order **Easter lilies, tulips, or Bibles** for Easter. The cost is \$10 each.

We will be making **Palm Crosses** on Friday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 205. Please come. It's fun making the crosses and being with other members. The more people we have, the less "work" it is for each person.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, please **bring fresh flowers** to place on Christ's cross before either the 9:00 or the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Helpers will be there to assist you in placing them on the cross. Please join us in making our "**living cross**" beautiful!

Please sign up today for this week's **Wednesday Night Dinner** on March 21 at 5:30 p.m. which is being prepared by the Chesterfield Ruritans. The menu features chicken casserole, peas and carrots, apples, dessert and beverage.

PUMC Financial Report as of February 28, 2018			
	February	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$24,725	\$59,730	\$56,139
Disbursements	\$28,879	\$63,263	\$66,149
Net Receipts	(\$4,153)	(\$3,532)	(\$10,010)
Operating Fund	\$53,117		

The second session of the “Living” covenant class has ended. The third and last session, “**Trusting in the Covenant**”, will begin after Easter. Please join us on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m., in Room 205. Books are \$15 for anyone who’d like to join us. **Sign up** on the pew clipboards if you’d like to attend.

Beginning Sunday, April 1, 2018, a new **Safety Plan** will go in effect. All doors, with the exception of the front entrances to the Sanctuary and Education Building will remain locked including the Sunday services. On Sunday mornings, the front entrances will be locked at 11:15 a.m. You will still be able to enter by using the doorbell. March 25, 2018 is the last Sunday the Chesterfield County Police will be with us. Thank you for your patience during the transition.

The Trustees

**Kits for Conference.** Changes are being made on how we’re assembling and taking Hygiene kits to conference this year. Please take a minute to look at the display board in the narthex of the items that go in the hygiene kits.

During March we will be accepting wash cloths, adult size toothbrushes (do not remove from original wrapping) and combs (sturdy and longer than 6 inches; no pocket combs or picks). There will be marked bins in the Mission area near the elevator on the second floor. Our goal is to assemble 100 kits. We will be collecting \$1 per kit later for the purchase of toothpaste and \$1 to assist in shipping charges.

The Chesterfield Ruritan Club that meets here at PUMC will be sending 4 youth, 9-18 years old, to the **Ruritan Youth Camp** at the 4H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake, June 22-24, 2018. The cost of \$150 will be covered by the Chesterfield Ruritan Club. If you are interested, contact Dave Robinson (804-739-2991) for registration forms.

**Westview on The James** offers a 3-day, a 1-week, and a 2-week overnight camps for ages 6-17. Westview is having an Open House on April 29, 12:30-4:30pm with lunch and refreshments being provided. Tour the camp, try some activities and meet the staff. You can find more details regarding the camp and programs at [www.westviewcamp.org](http://www.westviewcamp.org). There are brochures in the narthex and on the table near the office.

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**

**March 18, 2018:** We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: for a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.

Handmade **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 Nancy Coffman at [nlctlc73@gmail.com](mailto:nlctlc73@gmail.com). If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy. Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

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

Jessica Ammon	Jennifer Collins
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Megan Thomas
Terrance Brunson	

### Our gathered prayer concerns:

- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Clinton Asbury (stroke, in ICU in Johnson City, TN; uncle of Pam Asbury.
- \* Curtis Bailey
- \* Bobby Baker (friend of the Bells)
- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- \* Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- \* John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- \* Uldine Curtis
- \* Jan deCheubel (knee replacement surgery)
- \* Bob & Fran Fitch
- \* Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- \* Abby Heare
- \* Dot Janutolo (in rehab in Nashville, TN)
- \* Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- \* Jack & Linda Keery
- \* Charles King (procedure on leg to open arteries, March 28)
- \* Diane King (severe back pain)
- \* Bob Loud (recent cancer diagnosis; cousin of Pat Loud)

- \* The family & friends of Gladys Mann (died 2/16)
- \* Blanca & Jose Mera
- \* Mike Mercatante, Sr.
- \* Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- \* Leigh Middleton
- \* The family of Allen D. Minter (died 2/16; former pastor of PUMC)
- \* Johnise Molloy (home)
- \* Grace Newman
- \* **Anna Catherine Reynolds** (infection in bone in leg; granddaughter of Cathy Patterson)
- \* The family of Gladys Robertson (died 2/20; mother of Robbie Robertson)
- \* Sheila Scott (cancer)
- \* David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- \* Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- \* Jeff Smith (father of Fran McConnell)
- \* Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- \* Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* Bobby Wood (Home)

Tommy, son of **Myrtle Jenkins**, asked that we let the PUMC members know that visits would be a welcome treat for Myrtle. She is in Room 211 at the Bickford of Chesterfield, 11200 W. Huguenot Rd., Midlothian, VA 23113.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, March 18

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Confirmation Class (L)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:15 SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

## Monday, March 19

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)

## Tuesday, March 20

- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 10:30 Staff Meeting (205)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 "He Chose the Nails", 7:00 p.m. (205)

## Wednesday, March 21

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:30 Providence Green Meeting (309)

## Thursday, March 22

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (YH)
- 6:30 MIM
- 7:00 UMW Leadership Team (309)

## Friday, March 23

- 6:30 Palm Crosses (205)
- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, March 24

- 3-5 Spring Festival

# 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

## Greeters:

9:00

\_\_\_\_\_ (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00

Allen Branson (Library)

Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

## Ushers:

9:00

Bill Blankenship

Chris Healy

Sheila Dougherty

11:00

George Winstead

Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury

Melvin Watkins

## Nursery:

9:00

Bethany Sharpe

SS

Brittany Flores

11:00

Pam Asbury & Meredith Kyser

## Counters:

Klaus Worrell

Steve Oliver

## Reader:

Carolyn Bowman

## Audio/Visual Team:

9:00

Gary Wright (A)

Steve Oliver (V)

11:00

Gary Wright (A)

Steve Oliver (V)

## Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart

(March 1-31)

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## Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

Office Closed

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### Audio Visual

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### Youth Ministries

Mary & Greg Elliott (interim)

### Young Adult Ministries

Terrence Jeter (interim)

### Custodial Service

TBA

### Nursery Attendant

Cynthia Liverpool

### Our Covenant Missionary

Kim King Torres

### Presiding Bishop

Sharma Lewis