

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** "Prepare Ye"  
"First"

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Scripture**

Mark 11:1-11

**Message:** "It's Not the End, But a New Beginning"  
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:** "Mended"  
"Chain Breaker"

**Benediction**

# Palm Sunday and Confirmation

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

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"  
The Bells of Providence

+ Contemporary Call to Worship \*

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

One: The Lord God Almighty has called us to proclaim the Word this day!

**Many: Let us be faithful to the Lord, even if the world will not hear.**

One: For Christ was faithful and entered the holy city without fear.

**Many: And we would be faithful and never turn away from the Christ.**

One: The Lord has called the church; let the church respond with praise.

**ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

+ Hymn

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
(Palm Processional)

UMH #278

Making Connections

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March 25, 2018

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

First Reading *	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
+ Hymn	"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"	UMH #277
Second Reading *	Mark 11:1-11	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Sermon	"It's Not the End, But a New Beginning"	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	"Revelation Song" The Youth Choir	
+ Response *	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94

## **CONFIRMATION**

	Chole Goller Tabitha Hamilton	Charlotte Horne Georgia Horne	
+ Hymn	"All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (vs 1, 3, 4)		UMH #280
+ Benediction			
+ Postlude	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" (reprise) The Bells of Providence		

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Patrick Pega's birthday.

## 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.

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!

Since dinner was canceled on March 21, **there will be a Wednesday Night Dinner this week**, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. The Chesterfield Ruritans will be preparing dinner. Please sign up today if you will be attending dinner on Wednesday. It's important that we get an approximate count since last week's list may have changed based on people's schedule. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

As some of you may already know, next Sunday, April 1, is Allison Stower's last Sunday as our Director of Music. There will be a **reception for Allison** today, immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

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		

March 25, 2018

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.

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.

## Confirmation

Ceremony

### Confirmands 2018

Chloe Goller

Tabitha Hamilton

Charlotte Horne

Georgia Horne

Placement of the Baptismal Stoles

Blessings

Closing Prayer

Baptismal Design	Judy Jacobs
Confirmation Summary	Fred Loveless
Invocation Prayer	Pam Asbury
Video Presentation	Laura Loper
Ceremony	Rev. Derrick Parson
	Rev. Isaac Nedd
Placement of the Baptismal Stoles	Kathy Alred
Blessings	Barbie Vest
	Sherry Jeter
Closing Prayer	Althea Armstrong



# PRAYER MINISTRY

**March 25, 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)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, March 25 — Palm Sunday/Confirmation

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 12:00 Reception for Allison
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth (YH)

## Monday, March 26

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:45 Trustees (L)

## Tuesday, March 27

- 10:00 GED Classes (309)
- 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 28

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

## Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

- 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)
- 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service (Chapel)

## Friday, March 30

- 7:00 Good Friday Service (Sanc)
- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, March 31

# 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.

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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