

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

## **CONNECTIONS — 9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Singing:** Every Move I Make

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Singing:** Be Glorified

**Scripture:** Luke 24:44-53

**Message:** “The Ascension of Christ!”

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:** The Name of the Lord (Blessed Be)

**Benediction**

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

## Ascension Sunday

### 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

Let There be Peace on Earth

Introit

Alleluia

The Chancel Choir

+ Call to Worship

**Leader:** Our God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring! Come, let's sing praise to God together for our God is sovereign over all the earth!

**People: Let's celebrate with songs of praise!**

**Leader:** For our God — the Most High — is seated on his holy throne, Sovereign over all the earth!

**People: Let's worship God together.**

**Leader:** Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy! For God has ascended with shouts of triumph, and trumpet fanfare!

**ALL: Our God is exalted on high, Sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives. Let's worship together. Amen!**

+ Hymn FWS #2070

*He is Exalted (2 times)*

+ Opening Prayer

Making Connections

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

First Reading UMH #781

Psalm 47

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn UMH #103

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs 1, 3, & 4)*

Second Reading \*

Luke 24:44-53

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Ascension of Christ!"

Derrick Parson

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Kyle Ostrum, solo

+ Response \*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn FWS #2282

*I'll Fly Away*

+ Benediction

• Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pentecost** is next Sunday, June 4. Let's all wear something **RED**.

**The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 29, for Memorial Day.**

**Graduate Sunday** is June 11. Please add the name and school name for your graduates to our sign-in sheet today. Or, send their information to the church office no later than June 6 ([linda.collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:linda.collins@providenceumc.net)) so they can be recognized during worship on June 11.

**Health Kits for Conference.** Little things mean a lot — especially when those little things are brought together as United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) kits. These starter kits are simple things but having or not having them can make a world of difference. The need is great and there can never be too many on hand. A complete list of Health Kit items can be found in the narthex and on the table near the office. Please bring your kit(s) to church **no later than June 11** (the date has been extended). There is a collection bin in the hallway near the elevator on the 2nd floor.

During May, we will be collecting new **flip flops to send to Branches** for the children and youth to make "fancy". All sizes and colors are needed. Please keep an eye out for the Old Navy \$1 each sale! You will find a tub in the Mission collection area (main floor, near elevators) to place them in. Thank you.

A. M. Davis Elementary is kicking off its summer reading program on Monday, June 5. Families will be visiting the North Courthouse Road Library and then returning to school for popsicles. **Providence Road Partners** will be providing these treats and we need some helping hands to transport the popsicles to school and hand them out from 7:00-8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to visit with families in our community and invite them to church! If you can help that night, please contact Wendy Collins (email: [MrsCollins17@aol.com](mailto:MrsCollins17@aol.com) or call her at 276-2418). If you're unable to help, please consider making a financial contribution to help this ministry. ~Wendy Collins

The **Chesterfield Ruritan Club** is sponsoring a Yard Sale in the parking lot here at Providence on **Saturday, June 17**, 7:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You (or a friend) can "rent a spot" for \$25 and all profits from your sales are yours. Contact Steve Meadows (804-272-5108) to reserve your space. Or, come and browse all the good stuff and grab a hot dog, chips and a drink while you're shopping. All proceeds from the yard sales will be put back into the community by the Chesterfield Ruritan Club through scholarships and other community service projects.

### **Creative Arts @ PUMC**

CAP is our unique version of vacation Bible school for rising K-rising 6th grade. We have Music, Art and Drama stations where they learn about their nightly Bible verse in fun and creative ways. This year the theme is "Around the World" and it will be July 17-21, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

We are beginning **VOLUNTEER Sign-Ups** for **CAP**. Areas needing volunteers:

- dinner/kitchen clean-up
- assisting at stations
- group leaders
- set-up/decorating & take-down.

Even if you can't help every night, we still need you! Don't miss out on the opportunity to be involved with what has become a staple in this community. Email Sherry Jeter at [sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net](mailto:sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net) or [sign-up on the sign-in sheet today](#) if you would like to volunteer.



The **Upward Soccer** season is just around the corner! Practices

will start at the end of August but we need to start recruiting players now. If you would like a few advertising posters to hang around the community, at restaurants, pools, daycares, or anywhere else families will see them, please see Sean Collins in the library after both the services today.

The **Cemetery Committee** is offering grave sites on the Memorial Walk for those who wish to be cremated. Sites will accommodate two (2) cremains and include a headstone. Two bronze plaques can be placed on the stone. The cost is \$1,200 per site. For questions, contact Bill Walton at 804-334-6777 or by email at [bill.walton@longandfoster.com](mailto:bill.walton@longandfoster.com).

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**

**Pray for the Churches and Religious Institutions of Metropolitan Richmond.**

**May 28, 2017:** We pray for the Churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform, and common ministry among the Christian community.

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	Harrison Bailey
Hunter Blankenship	Jennifer Collins
Matt Latimer	Wayne Lee
Megan Thomas	

**Our gathered prayer concerns:**

- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Dru Blalock (cancer; sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen)
- \* Billy Blankenship
- \* Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- \* **Frances Byrd** (home)

**Our gathered prayer concerns** (continued):

- \* Nancy Carney (cancer; sister of Jim McConnell)
- \* Audrey & Jeff Cole (cousins of Elizabeth Kyser)
- \* The family of Carrington Goode (died 5/15)
- \* **Jim DeLap**
- \* Donald Earley (father of Nikki Earley)
- \* Mary Elliott
- \* Bob & Fran Fitch
- \* Emma Fleenor (home)
- \* Erica & Melody Fleenor
- \* Samuel Ford
- \* The family of Lew French (died, 5/12; uncle of Sharon Harris)
- \* **Diane Howard** (daughter of Jim & Laura DeLap)
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- \* **Barbara & Lonnie Jones**, parents of Nate who recently died (blessed friends of Robin & Jimmy Sculthorpe)
- \* Shirley Jones (broken ankle)
- \* Carl Lunsford (stroke; friend of Catherine Milholen)
- \* Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- \* **Johnise Molloy**
- \* **Grey Morris** (home)
- \* Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- \* Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- \* Miss Oppielee (battling cancer; friend Peg & Bill Mannering)
- \* Robert Owens (cancer, friend of Dave Robinson)
- \* Tery Sarver (surgery, Johnston Willis)
- \* Flora Scott
- \* Russell Shreve (surgery on legs; father of Julie Fleshman)
- \* Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- \* Jimmy Stells (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Darlene Thomas (grandmother of Megan & Jake Thomas)
- \* Mary Ellen Tyree (mother of Jeanie Ezell Southers)
- \* Ralph Vernon
- \* Jean Winfree

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, May 28

9:00 Connections  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Worship  
4:00 Girl Scouts (309)  
NO Youth & Inukshuks  
NO Bells of Providence

### Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 30

11:00 Bible Study (L)  
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)  
6:30 Cubs/Scouts (309/SH)  
7:00 Young Adults

### Wednesday, May 31

6:30 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, June 1

9:30 Prayer Team (P)  
6:15 Men's Study (L)  
6:30 MIM  
6:30 AA Group (205)

### Friday, June 2

8:00 AA Group (309)  
Girl Scouts Sleepover (SH)

### Saturday, June 3

Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony (SH)

## Prayer Requests

Pray for:

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Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

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Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

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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 Meredith Kyser

### Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Allen Branson (Library)  
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Neal Fleenor  
Ron White  
11:00 Ed Harper, Bobby Burton  
Meredith Kyser, Tom Koertge  
Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

### Nursery:

9:00 Brittany Flores  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Laurie Breeden / Emily Kyser (Y)

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)  
Paul Martin  
Hugh Miles

### Reader:

Betty Gregory

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Penny Duckworth (May 1-31)  
Pam Asbury (June 1-30)

### Grass Cutters: (Week 5/29)

Jimmy Sculthorpe (Area 2)

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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CCVLI License #502817990

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday Office Closed

### Contact us at:

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Wi-Fi Connection Password [praisegod1](#)

### Church Staff:

**Pastor** Derrick Parson (ext. 201)  
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### Young Adult Ministries

**Custodial Service** Bill Duganne  
**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool  
**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres  
**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis