


# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Singing:** Everlasting God

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

Laura Griggs

**Singing:** Word of God Speak

**Scripture:** Luke 16:19-31

**Message:** Prayers That Impress God

**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:** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

**Benediction**

# 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

LAITY SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

What a Friend

C. C. Converse/J. Schrader (arr)

+ Call to Worship

Leader: Let us never give up praying for justice, or the oppressed in this world will one day ask us 'Why?'

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us never give up praying for fairness, or the hungry of this world will one day ask us 'Why?'

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Let us never give up praying for healing, or the sick in this world will one day ask us 'Why?'

**People: Hear our prayer.**

**ALL: Let us never give up praying, for to give up is to deny our faith in a God who answers prayers.**

~ written by John Birch

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn UMH 496

Sweet Hour of Prayer

SWEET HOUR

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Laura Griggs

## TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading UMH 750

Psalm 19

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn UMH 437	This Is My Song	FINLANDIA
Second Reading	Luke 18:1-8	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Anthem	Did You Think to Pray?	G. Gilpin (arr.)
Sermon	Prayers That Impress God	Rev. Derrick Parson

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory	Short Prelude V	H. Schroeder
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn UMH 526	What a Friend We Have in Jesus	CONVERSE
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	Voluntary	W. Selby

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

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

\* = Words Projected

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

+ = Please stand as you are able

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

- Please pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate 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).

The **flowers on the altar** today are given to the glory of God by Judy Gindhart, in memory of her daughter, Jennifer Leigh Gindhart.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God by Jarrod Ficklin's loving mother, Pam Asbury, in recognition of his birthday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Wednesday Night Dinners** have resumed. Dinners will be served at 5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall and a \$5 donation would be appreciated. Please make your reservations today for dinner on October 19 by signing the sign-in sheet.

Future dinner plans (and cooks) are:

- 10/19 Mary Elliott
- 10/26 CSI
- 11/2 Community Dinner (Gary Vest)
- 11/9 No Dinner (Caritas)
- 11/16
- 11/23 No Dinner (Thanksgiving)
- 11/30
- 12/7 Community Dinner (Gary Vest)

If you or your group would like to volunteer to cook for either 11/16 or 11/30, just call the office and you will be added to schedule. If any of the future cooks would like to send their menus to the office, we will include that in the bulletin.

Our beautiful 200+ year old church is in need of some TLC. It's time to roll up our sleeves and make our building shine! On October 23

at 2:00 p.m. we will have our first **quarterly cleanup day**. Our focus will be the main floor, hallways, bathrooms, stairwells and windowsills. If you have a couple hours to spare please bring your favorite cleaning items and we will get our church looking great again!

**CCHASM** is assisting families again this year for Thanksgiving in Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Hopewell and Prince George with a **Thanksgiving Meal Gift Package and a \$15 gift card** for a turkey. Please see this week's insert and begin buying items as you are able so we can exceed last year's total of 39 complete packages. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Hudson at 804-276-2495. Help us help others by making this program a HUGE success again this year!

When you purchase your \$15 gift card, some stores give you the option to limit the card to "food only" (no cigarettes or alcohol can be purchased). Just ask the store when you purchase the card if you have strong feelings about limiting the card.

As many of you know, our dear friend and volunteer youth leader, Ronnie Justice, is fighting cancer and there is a link below to sign up to bring dinners for him and his daughter, Cherie. They are looking for more people to help them out, so if you are able to, it would really be appreciated. Please continue to keep Ronnie in your prayers.

Go to: <http://www.takethemameal.com/>  
Meal Scheduling  
Name: Justice  
Password: 901sprov

## A Message from the Family Council and Children's Ministries

I can't believe it's October already! We are planning a Trunk or Treat this year and it will be part of a Fall Festival. It's right around the corner on Saturday, October 29, at 4:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to provide a safe, fun and social activity for our surrounding community. We have many families and children in the area that may be looking for a warm and inviting church like Providence and events like this will help us mingle and really get to know who our neighbors are. We will need a lot of volunteers to assist with things like driving the hayride, directing parking, setting up and running games, baking cakes for the cake walk, collecting candy, and more! We also need plenty of decorated trunks for trick or treaters. Some things can be done before the event if you can't make it on that day. Also, if a Sunday school class wants to take on a big part of the event that would be great! Just let me know. This is such a cheerful church and I know we have many people with ideas and talents willing to come together and make this a success.

Our **Fall Festival Trunk or Treat** is planned for Saturday, October 29 at 4:30 p.m. If you are able to assist with decorating, passing out candy, baking for the cakewalk, costume and trunk judging, registration, parking, moon bounce, greeting and guiding guests, hayride, face painting, and of course, setting up and cleaning up. There's lots of opportunities. Please sign up today on the sign-in sheets. If you have a preference please add it on the list.

Sherry Wright-Jeter will be in touch with more information.

**Principles of the Founding Fathers** began Wednesday. If you want to join with us for a series of lectures and discussions of 28 principles of the Founding Fathers, show up on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in room 205. Are you a little rusty on your knowledge of the U. S. Constitution and other historical documents related to the founding of our government? How are Christian beliefs reflected in these documents and in the beliefs of our Founding Fathers? This series is being led by John Robison and Linda Koertge. If you have any questions, please contact John Robison at [minstral@aol.com](mailto:minstral@aol.com).

If you have not signed up to **bring a snack for the youth**, please consider doing so. We have openings on the schedule for the next few months. Here is signup info:

Go to: <http://www.takethemameal.com/>

Meal Scheduling

Name: Youth

Password: Youthcrew

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: [janeelbertquilts@gmail.com](mailto:janeelbertquilts@gmail.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

Hand-knitted **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 Tom and 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 the Coffmans.

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

Jessica Ammon	Harrison Bailey
Hunter Blankenship	Michael Bucholz
Jennifer Collins	Matt Latimer
Wayne Lee	Megan Thomas

### Our gathered prayer concerns:

Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio), Bill Blankenship (surgery 9/20), Mary and Purcell Brown (both have serious illnesses, friends of Judy Gindhart), Nancy Carney (battling cancer, sister of Jim McConnell), **Bob Fitch, Fran Fitch** (assisted living at Lucy Corr, room 601), Emma Fleenor, Samuel Ford, Judy Gindhart, Carrington Goode (MCV room 346, since 9/29), Brenda Hair (battling throat cancer), Sharon Harris, Ann Hobbs (battling cancer, friend of Dave Robinson), Scott Hueston (friend of the Collins family), **the family of Sallie Hunter** (who died 10/7, grandmother and “mom” of Glenn Jones), Ronnie Justice, Jack Keery (home after procedures at McGuire VAMC), Tracey Kellam, Tristen Kellam, Carl Lunsford (neighbor of Catherine Milholen), Ron Moyer, Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons),

Erma Robins (Sunrise), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Grayson Simmons (brother of A.M. Davis teacher), Kristen Slayton & family (Davis teacher), Wayne Smith, Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer), Bobby Wood (home), James Yeatts.

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for October 16, 2016:** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: for all who suffer from addiction, dependency or co-dependency of any sort, for twelve-step programs, recovery programs, therapists, and addiction counselors.

*Thank You*

Thanks to our church family for the many cards, prayers and concerns during my illness and recovery from surgery. A special thank you to Derrick for his prayers and visits. May God bless our church family and friends.

Bill Blankenship

Thank you to my church family for your prayers, calls, visits and food. A special thank you to the good-looking 😊 nurses I had while in the hospital and rehab! I appreciate everyone’s concern for me and I’m much better now.

Bobby Wood

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 16

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

### Monday, October 17

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

### Tuesday, October 18

- No Bible Study (L)
- 10:30 Whitt Circle (SH)
- 2:00 ALPHA Rehearsal (SH)
- 6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (SH/PS)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 7:00 Young Adults

### Wednesday, October 19

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Founding Fathers Class (205)

### Thursday, October 20

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Ministry in Motion
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

### Friday, October 21

- 9:15 Cooks for Christ
- 8:00 AA Group (309)
- SH/Sanctuary Set-Up for Conference Event

### Saturday, October 22

- Scouts Brunswick Stew
- 8:00-4:00 Conference (SH & Sanctuary)
- 9:00 Upward Soccer Game
- 10:00 Upward Soccer Game

## 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

### Greeters:

9:00 Linda Keery (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Patty Wright (Library)  
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Wendy Collins  
SS Troye Hamilton  
11:00 Jean Riekers  
Zoe Justice (Y)

### Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek  
11:00 Klaus Worrell  
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman  
Laurie Breeden, Rudy Petrick

### Readers:

Althea Armstrong

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

### Sanctuary Organizers: (10/3-10/31)

Anna Knight

### Grass Cutter: **October 17 week**

Jimmy Sculthorpe (Area 2)

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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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:

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