
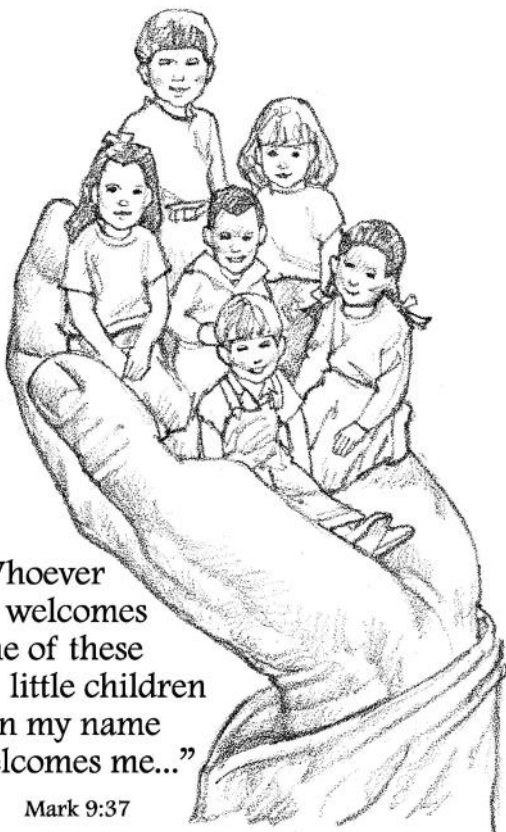


# Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.



“Whoever  
welcomes  
one of these  
little children  
in my name  
welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Singing:** Shout to the Lord

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**  
Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Singing:** He's Got the Whole World  
In His Hands

**Scripture:** Mark 9:30-37

**Message:** The Least of These?

**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:** How Great is Our God

**Benediction**

## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

### CHILDREN'S SABBATH

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

W. B. Bradury/M. Mier (arr.)

### **Celebration of Children's Sabbath Explanation**

Today, we are observing the Children's Sabbath, an observation started by the Children's Defense Fund, a group working to bring justice for children all over the world. It is a day to make congregations of many faith traditions aware of the needs of children and to all God's adult children to act on behalf of God's younger children. Children's Sabbath is usually observed on the third Sunday of October. Join us as we worship God.

+ Call to Worship

One: Today, we shift our focus to the future.

**Many: Lord, we thank you for all the children of the world and the ones gathered here with us.**

One: Help us to rekindle the wonder, awe, and honesty of our childhood.

**Many: Help us to remember that every family and child are perfect in their own way.**

One: We pray for children who have no one to take care of them and for the ones outside our walls.

**Many: We praise you for foster care adoptive families, for grandparents and cousins and uncles and aunts and churches that open their hearts and doors. May they always feel welcome in this place.**

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn UMH 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Wright-Jeter

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

First Reading UMH 804

Psalms 82

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn UMH 191

Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

Second Reading

Mark 9:30-37

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Redeemed

A. L. Butler/S. Pethel (arr.)

Sermon

The Least of These?

Daniel Burch

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory

Chime Tune in B-flat Major

R. Herbeck

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn FWS 2279

The Trees of the Field

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

Our Father in Heaven, Who Art (Chorale)

J. S. Bach

The **flowers on the altar** today are given to the glory of God by Lindsey Collins in celebration of Luke David Collins' first birthday. "We love you so much. You are a gift from God."

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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! Today 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!

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 26 by signing the sign-in sheet.

Future dinner plans (and cooks) are:

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.

**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. There is a stack of PINK shopping lists in the narthex if you would to begin buying items. We hope we will 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.

### **Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 29**

Our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat event is this coming weekend! Saturday, October 29 will be a great day — full of activities, food, and FUN! The Fall Festival begins at 4:30 p.m. with hayrides, moon bounce, games, the cakewalk, plus other activities. And don't forget the food!

The Trunk or Treat event begins at 6:00 p.m. in the parking area near the youth house and playground. We need lots of decorated trunks for our trick or treaters.

We also need lots of volunteers to assist. Some things can be done before (baking, set-up and decorating), during (hayrides, moon bounce, passing out candy, costume and trunk judging, face painting, greeting and guiding

guests, parking directions) and afterward (clean-up). There are LOTS of opportunities to help. Please sign up today on the sign-in sheets. If you have a preference please add it on the list and Sherry Wright-Jeter will be in touch.

Beginning in November, if you are ever a little chilly during worship in the sanctuary there will be a **basket of prayer shawls** on the back pew. They will be there for your convenience and were made by the **Knitters and Crocheters** here at PUMC. Please feel free to use one while you are at church but please remember to put it back when the service ends. If you would like more information about the Providence Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Lavonne Stanley at 272-5852. You are invited to be a part of this ministry. The Knitters and Crocheters meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

**Thanks for your generosity!** Two students from each classroom at A. M. Davis ES received free books from the fall book fair. They were thrilled to receive their books and the faculty and staff would like to thank Providence.

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 (Chippenham, room 328), Carrington Goode (home), 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 23, 2016:** We pray for public, non-profit, and religious social service work and ministries in Metropolitan Richmond: for emergency shelters, women's shelters, clinics, and feeding programs; for recreation programs, youth programs, juvenile counseling, and young people's shelters.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, October 23

Children's Sabbath

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

### Monday, October 24

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 Trustees (L)

### Tuesday, October 25

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 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 26

- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:00 Providence Court Mtg. (Chapel)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Founding Fathers Class (205)

### Thursday, October 27

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:00 Upward Soccer Practice
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Ministry in Motion
- 6:30 Providence Green Assn. (309)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 UMW (SH)

### Friday, October 28

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, October 29

- 9:00 Upward Soccer Game
- 10:00 Upward Soccer Game
- 10:00-3:00 ALPHA Rehearsal (SH)
- 4:30 Fall Festival
- 6:00 Trunk or Treat

## 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 Emily

### Greeters:

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

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons  
SS Brittany Flores  
11:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
Emma McConnell (Y)

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)

### Ushers:

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

### Readers:

Joe Gillette

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

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

Anna Knight

### Grass Cutter: **October 24 week**

Gary Vest (Area 1)

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

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### Church Staff:

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