

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**April 28, 2024**

**Gathering for God's Worship**

***Chiming of the Hour***

***Welcome and Announcements***

*Through baptism God gave us a gracious sign of hope and love in Christ. Hear again the promises of God to forgive us, adopt us, renew us, and resurrect us to eternal life. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

***Prelude***

***Call to Worship***

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

***\*Hymn of Welcome 359*** "More Love to Thee"

**Confessing to God's Mercy**

***\*Prayer of Confession***

**Lord God, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

***\*Assurance of Pardon***

***\*Response in Praise*** "Because He Lives" *Because He lives I can face tomorrow; Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living just because He lives.*

***Time of Community Sharing/Joys and Concerns***

***Prayers of the People with 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

***Prayer Response*** "Alleluia" *He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior!*

**Proclaiming of God's Word**

***A Time for All God's Children***

***Scripture Reading*** John 21:15-25 (p. 907, large print p. 1155)

***Anthem***

***Sermon*** "Do you love me?" Rev. Loren Tate Mitchell

**Responding to God's Word**

***Affirmation of Faith*** (Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 54)

**I believe that the Son of God, through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.**

***Hymn 387*** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***\*Offering***

Offering plates are located at each entrance; you may place tithes and offerings, pledge cards, and visitor cards in them after the service.

***\*Doxology***

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***\*Prayer of Dedication***

**Departing into God's Service**

***\*Charge & Benediction***

***\*Postlude***

***\*Please rise in body or spirit.***

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**2024:** Marguerite Guilford (Discipleship)

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Mike Sandridge (Stewardship)

Mary Linda Wolfe (Clerk, Fellowship)

**2025:** Barry Chewning (Disbursing Treasurer, Stewardship)

Julie Sandridge (Receiving Treasurer, Stewardship)

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**New Providence Presbyterian Church**

Serving God and the Community since 1746

**WELCOME!** Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are so glad that you are worshiping with us at New Providence today. If you are new to our church and have questions, feel free to ask anyone in our pews. A nursery with volunteer caregivers is provided; however, Jesus' youngest disciples are always welcome in worship. We hope you'll join us in our fellowship hall for a time of camaraderie and light fare following the service.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** Preston Engleman • Samuel Golladay (Pam, cancer) • Abe Ruggiero (Donna's brother-in-law, cancer) • Keelin Wolfe (Doug's daughter, thyroid cancer) • Brenda Lotts • Cathy Bartley (Wally & Neatie's daughter, liver cancer) • Kathy Thomas (Isabelle's friend, brain cancer) • Henry Schreiber (author of *Matters of Honor*, cancer) • Rev. Carl Pattison (cancer) • Helen Sandridge (fractured pelvis) • Newbill family (health concerns) • Pam Schnake (cancer) • Keith Roberts (Pastor Loren's friend, pancreatitis & gallstones) • Linda Jean Lunsford (back surgery with cervical fusion recovery) • Weekday Religious Education Program • All who are homebound, in nursing homes, & their caregivers • Our Nation, Leaders, & Military

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Worship Bags:** There are worship bags for children available in the back underneath the table. Feel free to pick one up & return at the close of worship.
- **Adult Sunday School** meets every Sunday in the Pastor's study at 10 a.m. to study the Sunday Worship Scriptures. We'd love for you to join us!
- **Scroll Project Deadline – next Sunday, May 5:** Items will be donated to the Valley Mission Homeless Shelter in Staunton. Thank you for supporting this ministry!
- **You are invited!** Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church invites you to a community meeting today, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. to discuss a fall mission project and preservation of our local cemeteries. Refreshments will be served. More detailed information is included in the letter on the hall table.
- **Praise Night:** Everyone is invited to a Praise Night at Raphine Christian Church this evening at 6:00 p.m. to raise funds for Riverheads Elementary WRE.
- **Mission:** Doris Fredricksen will be traveling to Honduras with Friends of Barnabas in June. If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to "Friends of Barnabas" with "Doris Fredricksen, Rockbridge team" in the memo line. Make donations online at <https://www.fobf.org/> or mail to Friends of Barnabas, PO Box 4804, Midlothian, VA 23112.
- **VBS Meals Needed:** The Discipleship Ministry has scheduled Vacation Bible School for June 10-13 this year. Each night will begin at 5:30 with a light meal. The Fellowship Committee is looking for groups or individuals willing to provide meals. On Monday Night the PW will provide baked spaghetti and

salad. We need volunteers for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. Please contact Mary Linda if you're willing to help.

- **Liturgists:** April 28: Mary Linda Wolfe; May 5: Barry Chewning; 12: Isabelle Chewning; 19: MaryLynn Brown; 26: Bruce Patterson
- **Sunday Funday Volunteers:** April 28: Marguerite Guilford; May 5: Pam Burks; 12: Marguerite Guilford; 19: Danielle Wolfe; 26: Julie Sandridge