

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 21, 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** (Psalm 30)

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,

**and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment;

**his favor is for a lifetime.**

Weeping may linger for the night,

**but joy comes with the morning.**

**\*Hymn of Welcome 383** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

### Confessing to God's Mercy

#### **\*Prayer of Confession**

Lord, save us from ourselves. We continue to do the same things over and over, expecting different results. Lord, save us from doing too much. We go fishing every day, not noticing you waiting with a meal on the beach. Lord, save us from doing too little. Feed us with your grace, that we may follow your way. 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 21:1-14 (p. 907, large print p. 1154)

#### **Anthem**

**Sermon** "Friends, haven't you any fish?" 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 446** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

#### **\*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 Chewing (Disbursing Treasurer, Stewardship)

Julie Sandridge (Receiving Treasurer, Stewardship)

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**2026:** Kathy Swisher (Apostleship)

#### CHURCH ONLINE PRESENCE

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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!
- **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.
- **Mission:** Doris Fredricksen will be traveling to Honduras for a mission trip with Friends of Barnabas in June 2024! 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.
- **Scroll Project:** Deadline for bringing items to the church is next Sunday, April 28. Items will be donated to the Valley Mission Homeless Shelter in Staunton.
- **Congregational Meeting:** The annual congregational meeting will be held today, following worship. At the annual meeting any business outlined in the Book of Order may be discussed. We will also receive updates on our financial accounts, the annual statistical report, and elect a Nominating Committee to serve for 2024.

• **Thank you from ComfortCare Women's Health:** Thank you to all who participated in the 2024 Baby Bottle Campaign! Whether you participated by filling a bottle with cash, change, or checks...or served as a Baby Bottle Manager, or decorated bottles, distributed bottles, picked up bottles, or counted change...YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE! This year's campaign raised the most funds yet to support the work of ComfortCare Women's Health. We are overjoyed to announce that the grand total is \$167,303.19. Thank you so much to every church, organization, and individual who contributed to this campaign! You are making an impact on the women, men, and babies in our community served through ComfortCare Women's Health!

- **Liturgists:** April 21: Marguerite Guilford; 28: Mary Linda Wolfe; May 5: Barry Chewning; 12: Isabelle Chewning; 19: MaryLynn Brown; 26: Bruce Patterson
- **Sunday Funday Volunteers:** April 21: Danielle Wolfe; 28: Marguerite Guilford