

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**May 12, 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 1, John 17)

I tell you this: It is a wonderful thing when members of the family live together in love and peace.

**We shall be like trees planted beside flowing rivers.**

May the church be one, just as Christ and God are one, that Christ may be glorified in us.

**We shall yield good fruit in its season, and our leaf shall never wither. Thanks be to God.**

***\*Hymn of Welcome 611 (supplemental hymnal)*** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

**Confessing to God's Mercy**

***\*Prayer of Confession***

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. Do not judge us, we pray, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, and sanctify us in truth; in Jesus' name. 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, He's my Savior!*

**Proclaiming of God's Word**

***A Time for All God's Children*** (4¢ a Meal Offering)

***First Scripture Reading*** John 17:6-19 (p. 903, large print p. 1149)

***Anthem***

***Second Scripture Reading*** John 17:20-26

***Sermon*** "Living on a Prayer" Rev. Loren Tate Mitchell

**Responding to God's Word**

***Affirmation of Faith***

**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 417*** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

***\*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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**THE SESSION**

**2024:** Marguerite Guilford (Discipleship)  
Sandy McLaughlin (Apostleship)  
Bruce Patterson (Assistant Receiving Treasurer, Stewardship)  
Mike Sandridge (Stewardship)  
Mary Linda Wolfe (Clerk, Fellowship)  
**2025:** Barry Chewing (Disbursing Treasurer, Stewardship)  
Julie Sandridge (Receiving Treasurer, Stewardship)  
Kenneth Wolfe (Stewardship)  
**2026:** Kathy Swisher (Apostleship)

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JOHN 17:20-21, NIV

**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 worshipping 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:** Family & friends of Penelope Sprouse (passed away on May 5; especially remember her mother Rachel, Grandmother Joann, 4 year-old sister Eleanor, and Great Grandparents Arlie and Joan) • 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!
- **The Stewardship Team Meeting has been moved** to Sunday, May 26, following worship.
- **Sunnyside offering:** Today we will receive the Mother's Day/Father's Day offering to support Sunnyside Communities Fellowship Fund, which provides financial and personal resources for residents who can no longer fully pay their way. More information is included on the enclosed insert. You may contribute by indicating your intentions on your check memo or using the envelope provided.
- **Note from Pastor Loren:** Loren will be out of the office next week for Continuing Education. She will still be available for pastoral emergencies, please feel free to call if you have such a need.
- **VBS Volunteers Needed:** Please sign up if you are available to be a greeter, help decorate (& undecorate!), lead art projects or simple science experiments, or supervise outside recreation on any of the evenings of VBS (June 10-13). Sign-up sheet is located outside the pastor's office.
- **Reminder:** Wear your fiery colors next Sunday, May 19, for Pentecost!

- **Cemetery flowers:** Mowing season is here. Please remove flowers and other decorations from the cemetery.
- **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 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.
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