

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

We are glad you are here. Please write your name in the Friendship Pad on the center aisle and pass it to your neighbor. First-time guests are encouraged to list your address, phone number or e-mail so that we may share additional information about our church.

DIAKONIA

PRAYERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are faithful, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our faith withers, our passion grows weary, and our focus wanes. You are loving, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when our love is too shallow, our compassion too slow, our status too important. You are the creator, O God of mercy, from everlasting to everlasting. Forgive us when we fear that you have stopped creating, stopped calling, stopped reforming. Convict us, enliven us, and lead us to know the depth of your steadfast love.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE WORD

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 12. 18-29

New Testament Page 207

† PSALTER, Page 794
Psalm 71. 1-6

† SEQUENCE HYMN, NO. 427
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

† GOSPEL LESSON
Luke 13. 10-17

New Testament Page 70

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Shine, Jesus, Shine
Lord, the light of your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us
Set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me.

Graham Kendrick

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence
From the shadows into your radiance
By the blood I may enter your brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness
So our faces display your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story
Shine on me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Amen”
Fifth in a Five-Part Series

RESPONSE

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 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.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 884
A Statement of Faith from the Korean Methodist Church

† GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71
Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Andante Tranquillo (from *Third Sonata*)

Felix Mendelssohn

† DOXOLOGY, NO. 94
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN AT THE PARTING PROCESSION, NO. 593
Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

† BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
After the procession has cleared the aisle, while the hymn is being sung, all who have brought a backpack to be blessed are invited to bring it with them as they come forward to the altar rail.

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE
Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY
Toccata

Théodore Dubois

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

**Our service of worship has ended.
Our worship through service now begins.**

As we leave this Sanctuary, let us greet one another in Christ’s name.

Those interested in listening to the Closing Voluntary are invited to come forward to the Chancel area at the conclusion of this morning's worship.

THE GIFT OF A BIBLE

These third graders will be receiving the gift of a Bible. (11:00)

John Christopher Bauer, Jr.	Margaret Elizabeth Kelley
Archer Dickson	Jake Parker
Huiet Easley	Katelyn Elizabeth Proffitt
Eliza Jane Efird	Henry Hamilton Riggins
Annie Greene	Jane Aubrey Timmerman
James Greene	Layla Marie Wishnefsky
Oliver Matthew Jones	Clara Anne Woody

Congregational Care To notify the church of an address change, illness, hospitalization or death, or pass along a prayer request or to arrange home-bound communion, please contact Natalie Scott, nscott@providenceumc.org.



Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system. Switch hearing aid to T-coil to receive sound through your hearing aid. Personal receivers are also available for others desiring enhanced listening. Please ask an usher.

PARISH NOTES

Welcome! We hope you find Providence a place where you can connect with God and others. If you would like more information about our church, please visit our website, www.providenceumc.org. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Cole Altizer, caltizer@providenceumc.org.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Kevin Sherwood in memory of his father, Clarence H. Sherwood, who was born on August 28, 1919.

It's a great time to join a choir! Chancel Choir and Encore Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, August 29 (adults). Youth Choir rehearsals begin Sunday, September 8. Children's Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 11. Please register for youth/children choir at www.providenceumc.org/music. Questions? Contact the Music Ministries office, 704.366.7442.

The next UMW meeting will take place in the Chapel Tuesday, September 3 with a presentation by Melissa Morgan who oversees the co-occurring disorders program at Anuvia Prevention and Recovery Center. Melissa specializes in substance use disorders, severe and persistent mental illness, and crisis interventions, and she is passionate about recovery and wellness. Lunch (\$7.00) will follow the program. Reservations for lunch are due by noon Friday, August 30 and can be made by calling 704.714.9382

Centering Prayer is a receptive method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Many find this time of stillness with God replenishing and soothing. Centering Prayer meets Mondays, noon - 1:00 pm, in the Chapel. All are welcome. For more information, contact the Rev. Dr. Bill Jeffries, 704.714.9368 or Pam Bashor, 704.614.0282.

Basketball registration for children and youth (ages 5-18) begins Sunday, September 1. For registration and more specific details, please check out www.providenceumc.org/events.

Wednesdays at Providence begins September 11 Join us for food and fellowship and program ministries each Wednesday night. Dinner, 5:30-6:30 pm in Wolfe Hall, is \$7.50 per adult plate, \$4.00 per child (10 years and younger), with a maximum of \$25.00 per family (one household living at the same address). Make a weekly or standing reservation now at www.providenceumc.org, 704.714.9380.

A **Men's Retreat** will be held at Kanuga Lake Inn in Hendersonville, NC, September 20-22. There are hiking trails, waterfalls, tennis and basketball courts, fitness center, private lake, and of course front porch rocking chairs to relax and take in the view. Pastor Cole Altizer will be leading the retreat. Please register at www.providenceumc.org/events. For more information, contact Pastor Cole, caltizer@providenceumc.org or Pastor Teresa Dunn, tdunn@providenceumc.org.

Providence Runs All are welcome to participate in a weekly training program leading to the *Runway 5K* on October 26. Train with a group Saturdays at 8:00 am. For more information, contact Christian Bohmfalk, Christian.bohmfolk@bofa.com or 704.577.4039.

The weekly Living the Lectionary Bible Study, led by the Reverend Valerie Wilson, is Mondays at 10:00 am in Room A125-127 (Joy Class). All are welcome.

Don't forget your name tag! We now have a magnetic board where you can pick up and leave your Providence UMC nametag each week. If you need a new name tag, stop by the Welcome Desk and fill out a form to have one made.

Children's Worship Bags are available in baskets near the sanctuary doors. Please return your bag to the baskets after the service so we may refill and reuse them.

The Parlor is a quiet and private place available for **nursing mothers** during our worship services. Ask an usher if you need assistance in finding this space.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Crucifer	Will Berkey
Acolytes	Evan Berkey, Michael Perry
Preacher	Randy Harry
Liturgist	Bill Jeffries, Teresa Dunn
Diakonia	Russ Montfort
Guest Organist	Robert Ivey
Choir	Joy Community
Sound System	Linda Mattix
Ushers	Group Chairmen: Richard Boner, Lloyd Von Cannon; Tim Berkey, Bob Flowe, Ed Gilliam, Tim Harris, Katie Hill, Bob James, Ken McArthur, Kevin Reilly, Charles Tupes, Dan Wood



We are a **Stephen Ministry** congregation. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you comfort and support when needed, for as long as needed. To connect with a trained Stephen Minister, please contact Gail Shepherd, 704.207.1000. All calls are strictly confidential.

OUR MISSION

To Be the Growing Body of Christ, Glorifying God and Serving Others

OUR MINISTERS

All of the People of Providence United Methodist Church

OUR MINISTRY STAFF

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PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 25, 2019

Eleven O' Clock in the Morning

GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

O God,

**you are the hope of all the ends of the earth,
the God of the spirits of all flesh.**

Hear our humble intercession

**for all races and families on earth,
that you will turn all hearts to yourself.**

Remove from our minds

**hatred, prejudice, and contempt for those
who are not of our own race or color, class or creed,
that, departing from everything that estranges and divides,
we may by you be brought into the unity of spirit,
in the bond of peace. Amen.**

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

Cantabile

César Franck

INTROIT

It's a Happy Day

Gary Pfeiffer

† HYMN AT THE PROCESSION, NO. 73

O Worship the King

LYONS

THE GIFT OF A BIBLE

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS