

**Bless all who serve as worship leaders in Your church,
that they may bring honor and glory to Your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

PRAYERS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Hear Us When We Call, O Lord

Hal Hopson

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of Jesus, walk among us
as you walked with your followers long ago.
Touch us, heal us, and send us
to a world longing for your grace.
Forgive us when we seek your blessings for ourselves,
while hesitating to heed your call to serve others.
Correct us when we dwell on what we lack,
while neglecting to share what we have received.
Free us, Spirit of Christ, to live and to love
as generously as you have loved us.
This we pray in your holy name. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has forgiven us, freed us,
and called us to serve with joy.
**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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.**

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 18. 1-11

Old Testament Page 678

EPISTLE LESSON

Philemon 1. 1-21

New Testament Page 198

PSALTER

Psalms 139

David Hurd



† SEQUENCE HYMN, NO. 424

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

MAITLAND

† GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14. 25-33

New Testament Page 72

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

ANTHEM

The Best of Rooms

Randall Thompson

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes,
To feed or to lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house: the best of all's the heart!

—Robert Herrick, Christ's Part, 1647

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Towers

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 885

A Modern Affirmation

† GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Day by Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly day by day.

—Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, c. 1197-1253

† DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN AT THE PARTING PROCESSION, NO. 415

Take Up Thy Cross

GERMANY

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

Benediction and Seven-fold Amen

K. Lee Scott

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

† 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.

Acolytes bring the light, symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, into the Sanctuary. This signifies the beginning of worship. The two candles on the altar represent the dual nature of Christ, divine and human. The Acolytes carry the light out of the service to represent the taking of Christ's light into the world. They lead us from this place of worship into a world of service. This morning newly-trained acolytes will be consecrated during our 11:00 am worship service.

Newly Trained Acolytes Being Consecrated

Griffin Bohmfalk

Courtney Volpp

Acolytes Who Have Completed Two Years of Service

Emma Belk

Michel Perry

Stella Stephens

Tyler Mason

Kurt Steelman

Jillian Volpp

Talyn Steinmann

PARISH NOTES

Welcome! Whether you are a guest or a lifelong member, your presence is important. 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 Ellen and Will Patterson in honor of our children Wes, Trent, and Anne Katherine Patterson.

This morning we welcome the Reverend Dr. Phillip DeBerry as our preacher. Phil is a retired elder in the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by war, conflict or natural disaster. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief and disaster response to people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. 100% of donations goes to relief efforts. If you would like to help those in need, checks may be made payable to Providence UMC with UMCOR on the memo line.

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.

Senior Scholars at Queens, beginning Friday, September 13, is a speakers forum offering diverse subjects for the purpose of stimulating intellectual, cultural, and spiritual growth. Weekly programs (on Fridays) begin promptly at 10:00 am in Wolfe Hall. Members and guests are urged to come early (beginning at 9:30 am) to check in, enjoy fellowship and coffee. Membership is open to individuals 50 years old and over. Guests, who are asked for a voluntary contribution, are welcome.

It's a great time to join a choir! Youth Choir rehearsals begin 4:30 pm today. Children's Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, September 11. Register for youth/children's choir at www.providenceumc.org/music. Questions? Contact the Music Ministries office, 704.366.7442.

The Providence Chamber Music Series' opening concert of the 2019-2020 season, Sunday, September 22 at 7:00 pm, features music of the Twenty-first Century. The concert is in the Sanctuary and is open to all. Please plan to attend and invite a friend.

The David Bashor Memorial Organ Concert Series' opening concert of the season will be Friday, September 27 at 7:30 pm. The program, *The Art of Fugue*, will feature organist Rick Erickson, on organ and harpsichord, and SYREN Modern Dance. This will be a must-see concert. Please plan to attend and invite a friend.

A Men's Retreat, led by Pastor Cole Altizer, will be held at Kanuga Lake Inn in Hendersonville, NC, Sept. 20-22. Register at www.providenceumc.org/events.

We are currently accepting basketball registrations for children and youth (ages 5-18). Register now at www.providenceumc.org/events.

Our September Mission Opportunity benefits Project AGAPE: Chicken Project for Families in Armenia. A \$20 donation to Providence UMC buys five laying hens and teaches the family how to raise the chickens and sell eggs.

Don't miss our annual **Church Family Retreat Weekend, October 11-13 at Camp Tekoa**. Camp Tekoa is located in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina near Hendersonville. Register now at www.providenceumc.org/events.

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.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Crucifer	Ross Bilon
Acolytes	Talyn Steinmann, Caroline Paschal
Preacher	Phillip DeBerry
Liturgist	Bill Jeffries, Teresa Dunn
Stewardship Moment	Rob Davenport
Choir	Chancel
Sound System	Dave Andersen, Ben House
Ushers	Group Chairmen: Byrd Heaton, Gayle Wylie; Debbi Arnold, Kelly Case, Reggie Crowell, Scott Dowless, Bob Higgins, Charlie Kennedy, Chuck Lockwood, Diana Maa, Dan Owens, Ron Rick, David Ritchie

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.



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.



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

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PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 8, 2019

Eleven O' Clock in the Morning

GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

**Dear God our creator,
you have fashioned us carefully with your hands.
We have come to offer you our worship and praise.
You know us better than we know ourselves,
and you alone comprehend
the value of every creature and of all that exists.
Help us become all that we were created to be,
and help us love you and our neighbors with all that we are.
May we follow the way of Jesus,
not in the hope of what we might gain,
but for all we might give in the spirit and joy of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing Aloud to God Our Strength

K. Lee Scott

† HYMN AT THE PROCESSION, NO. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CONSECRATION OF ACOLYTES AND LEADERS OF WORSHIP

**Gracious Heavenly Father, bless this Acolyte,
consecrated today in your church,
that she may serve before Your altar
with reverence and joy;
Bless the musicians in our choirs,
as they renew their dedication to share
the gifts of melody and harmony, uniting tune and text
to show the truth of Your grace;**