

Opportunities

The Worship Committee and Session have decided to bring our 8:30 Sunday worship service to a close. The last week this service will be offered will be Sunday, March 26. It began as a way for people to feel safe coming back after COVID, providing an additional Sunday service, thus allowing our worshippers to spread out. As we have moved away from other COVID protocols, in April we will move away from this early service. We encourage you to join us weekly at 11:00 in joyful worship. Thanks for your understanding. If you have questions, please see **Libby**.

PPC Youth - The youth are very excited to lead the worship service today! All youth grades 6-12 are invited to youth group today for a cookout at the Daley's, **1717 Whitlow Street, Virginia Beach, VA from 5-7**. There will be burgers/dogs/chips/s'mores/sodas so if you would like anything else to eat please bring it. Otherwise we will celebrate some fun and fellowship around the fire pit. For more information, please call **Ashley at ashdogger@me.com**.

Providence Family Lenten Workshop – Today in the fellowship hall, after the 11:00 am worship service. Join us for a family Lenten workshop. We will celebrate the Easter season with Providence friends, eating yummy lunch treats and creating wonderful Easter crafts for our homes and friends.

Women's Dinner Out - The women at Providence are invited to join us for dinner out on **Monday, March 20 at 6:00 pm**. We will meet at **Vino Italian + Bistro located at 5200 Fairfield Shopping Center**. If you wish to attend, please RSVP online, the sign-up sheet at church or contact **PPW@provpres.org**.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry - will meet on **Tuesday, March 21, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** in the Church Parlor. Bring your current project to work on while we visit. We will discuss current status on completed prayer shawls and recent distributions along with possible other mission projects. Feel free to invite a friend! For questions email Deanne Shuman at **Deanne.shuman@gmail.com**.

Soup and Rolls - Our next Lenten study will be **Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00 pm**, in the fellowship hall. We will share a meal of soup and rolls provided by the participants. Each week we will explore a specific spiritual practice. Register online or on the sign-up bulletin board to let us know what you can bring for the meal.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Parents, the children will be participating in the OGHs Offering this year. During Enrichment today, they will be given "Gracie the Fish" Boxes and a Parent Guideline to help you explain the offering to them. The children will return the Fish Boxes on **April 2** during the Time with Children for dedication.

Holy Week Services - Mark your calendars for our Holy Week services. Providence will host **Maundy Thursday** Service in the Sanctuary, on **April 6 at 7:00pm**. Easter Sunday we will host a **Sunrise Service** in the Courtyard (weather permitting) at **7:00 am** and a traditional Easter Service at **11:00 am** in the Sanctuary.

Lenten Devotional - Are you interested in taking on an intentional time of prayer and reflection this Lent? The Christian Life Ministry Team has purchased a Lenten devotion and wants to share it with all of you for use in your own private prayer and daily bible reading. The study, titled *Inward Work for Outward Living* is a digital document that will be shared each week. It contains daily bible verses, a short reflection, and prayer. It is designed to allow you to take a few moments of quiet reflection each day during lent to **April 9**. Look for the readings in the Friday blast. A few paper copies will be available in the Narthex for those without computer access.

Boys Scouts Troop 12 Spring Mulch Sale - Troop 12 is taking orders for Vigoro bagged mulch (2cu.ft) delivered right to your driveway on **Saturday, April 1 or Sunday, April 2**. Your orders support the troop's camping and program expenses. You may find the order form in the brochure stands or online. **Orders are due on Monday, March 27**.

Patty Landrum Butterfly Scholarships - Applications for the Butterfly Scholarships are now available for high school seniors, students currently enrolled in college or Christian based post graduate studies, and those who intend to enroll in Christian based collegiate or vocational studies this fall. Those who qualify must be an active member of Providence Presbyterian and **submit an application by Saturday, April 15, 2023**. Application forms are available in the church office.

PW Fiesta Fundraiser and Cakewalk - On **April 23**, following 11:00 am service, Providence Women will be hosting a Cinco-de-Mayo inspired lunch and a cakewalk. The menu will consist of a taco bar, serving soft and hard tacos, chips, salsa, queso, beans and rice, and desserts. **Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, March 19** and cost **\$10 for ages 13 +, \$5 ages 7-12 and free for children 6 and under**. We will also have a Cakewalk and need 10 volunteers to donate a cake for the bidding. There is a sign up sheet on the board at the church. For more information, please contact **Cecilia** at **ppw@provpres.org**.

Patty Landrum Butterfly Grants - Applications for Butterfly Grants are available to organizations outside the membership of Providence. These grants must be used for scholarships of students within its organization. Application forms are available in the church office and must be submitted by **Monday, May 15, 2023**.

Work Camp 2023 - The PPC Youth invite the congregation to “Sponsor a Youth” to support our Work Camp mission service trip to Wrightsville PA in June. There are 9 youth attending from Providence. Registration for each youth is \$486! Plus we need to pay for our travel/etc. If you can, please direct a contribution to the “Work Camp” fund and we will thank you with a set of dog tags, a personal note from our youth, and will send you updates this summer while we are serving the residents of Wrightsville PA. In addition to your prayers for a safe and productive trip, any financial donation is greatly appreciated!

Volunteers Needed for Youth Programs - You are encouraged to consider how God may be calling you to volunteer your time and love at Providence? We are looking for loving adults to assist and teach in all areas, from our youngest to our oldest disciples. We promise to provide materials, support, training and prayers; you provide your time and love! As you prayerfully consider how God wants to use you, remember the questions that we as a congregation answer each time a member of Christ's church is baptized - Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture (child's name) by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him/her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? We particularly need volunteers for Sunday mornings during worship for our Little Lambs and Enrichment and also to work with our Youth on Sunday evenings at 5 pm to assist Ashley Schroeder! Questions and to volunteer contact **Connie Salter, seasaltcpa@cox.net or Sue Crosland, suerosland2940@outlook.com**

PPC Youth Group/“gotsneakers?” - The PPC Youth Group would like to invite the congregation to participate in their sneakers recycling program to help save our planet and raise money for Work Camp 2023! “gotsneakers?” is an organization that recycles and reuses sneakers thereby keeping sneakers out of landfills and reducing the need for manufacturing new sneakers. They pay groups like ours to collect them. We invite you to donate any sneakers you are no longer using! Please put pairs of sneakers only (no other types of shoes please) in the bins in the back foyer and narthex. We will package and send them to “gotsneakers?” who will pay us per pair. We have collected **167 pairs** of sneakers so far so have kept that many pairs out of landfills. Thank you! Please consider asking your neighbors if they have any to contribute. All proceeds will help pay for us to attend Work Camp in Wrightsville, PA in June 2023. Thanks in advance!

Today

Sunday, March 19

Youth Sunday

- 9:00 am - Merry Bells
- 9:30 am - Discipleship
- 11:00 am - Worship/zoom worship
- 12:00 pm - Family Lenten Workshop
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

This Week

Monday, March 20

- 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner Out

Tuesday, March 21

- 1:00 pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

Wednesday, March 22

- 6:00 pm - Soup & Rolls
- 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, March 26

Elder Installation

- 8:30 am - Early worship (last one)
- 9:15 am - Merry Bells
- 9:30 am - Discipleship
- 10:30 am - Choir Warmup
- 11:00 am - Worship/zoom worship
- 11:15 am - Enrichment
- 5:00 pm - Youth Group

Sermon Notes



The flowers that grace our sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Pam Conde and Tracy Gilbert in loving memory of their parents', Floyd and Gayleen Gilbert's wedding anniversary.

