

# Opportunities

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**Providence Welcomes Fall and Our New Pastor Joel** - Join us for a fall Soup and Rolls Luncheon to welcome our new Pastor Joel Phillips and his family, on **Sunday, October 27**, following worship in the fellowship hall. Please sign up, using the link online or the sheet on the bulletin board, to bring your favorite fall soup and/or dessert! Rolls and drinks will be provided. Please contact **Sue Crosland, 757-646-4735**, for any questions. Also, please make sure to wear your name tags in the next several weeks. If you need a new one, please contact Kristen in the church office.

**The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received today.** The offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. Individual congregations keep 25% for local programs. The remaining is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to enable the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Make checks payable to Providence with a notation for "Peace Offering". Envelopes for this purpose are in your box of envelopes. Bring your offering to worship or mail to Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Road, VB 23464 or send using your bank's bill pay feature, marking the check for "Peace Offering."

**Youth Handbells** - have started up a new Youth Handbell choir! This group will meet at **4:00 pm on Sundays**, right before the 5:00 Youth Group time, **today**. We will not meet on the Sundays when Youth Group does not meet. If you have any questions, contact Valetta at **music@provpres.org**

**PPC Youth** - All youth grades 6-12 are invited to PPC Youth Group! We will gather at the church **today**, in **Room 202** from **5 pm - 7 pm** for some fun and fellowship. You should bring dinner if you'd like and leave cell phones at home (or at least off!). For more information please contact **Ashley** at **ashdogger@me.com**

**Rise Against Hunger - Today** our congregation will participate in a meal packaging event in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger Inc. This event is designed to allow participation by everyone age 4 and over. We will turn the fellowship hall into our production area for a few hours and the end result will be 10,000 shelf-stable meals that will be transported by Rise Against Hunger to identified areas of food insecurity through the world. For more information, please contact **Ashley Schroeder** at **ashdogger@icloud.com**.

**Stewardship Season is here! - This October**, we pause to take stock of all the wondrous blessings we have in life and the one true source of all we have been given, God. The theme for this year is Giving Our Gifts – Time, Talent, and Treasure. Two pledge cards have been mailed to you, one for Time and Talent, and the other for financials. Please consider the many ways you can contribute your time and talents, and your treasures. Your pledge cards can be mailed/returned to the church, dropped in the offering plate, or dedicated to God on Sunday, October 20. We acknowledge that God is the source of all our blessings. We respond with joy and thanksgiving by giving back a portion of all that we have been given.

**Premiere of new music by John Dixon** - The choir of Christ & St. Luke's Episcopal Church (560 W. Olney Road, Norfolk 23507) will premiere John's evening service, including the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, preces and responses, at evensong on today at 5:30pm. John sang evensong every Sunday as a choirboy in England - more than five decades ago - and has always wanted to make a setting of these timeless texts. Now his music will come to life in a soaring space, sung by a magnificent choir trained in the tradition of Anglican church music. Michael Cohen will join John to play prelude music for oboe and piano, so be sure to be seated in this glorious sanctuary by 5:15pm.

**Providence Men's Dinner** – Please join us on **Thursday, October 10** for our Men's Dinner at Providence. We will meet at **6:00 pm in fellowship hall**. This fall we will be delving into a six-part study series. Bring a friend and sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Aaron** at **agilbert95@ymail.com**.

**Special offering for Presbyterian Disaster ASSISTANCE (PDA) to be received Sunday, October 13** - Helene made landfall in Florida late evening on September 26 as a very dangerous category 4 hurricane. The impact of Helene has been felt across multiple states. With the storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities that are affected. Helene caused devastating damage in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your generous gifts will bring hope and encouragement. Please see our post in our weekly newsletter to see how you can help!

## Today

### Sunday, October 6

Communion Sunday  
Peace and Global Witness Offering

9:30 am - Discipleship class  
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up  
11:00 am - Worship  
11:15 am - Enrichment  
12:00 pm - Rise Against Hunger  
4:00 pm - Youth Bells  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

## This Week

### Tuesday, October 8

10:00 am - Dorcas Circle  
7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

### Wednesday, October 9

10:00 am - Mary and Martha Circle  
7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 10

6:00 pm - Men's Dinner  
6:00 pm - PW Bible Study

### Sunday, October 13

9:00 am - MerryBells  
9:30 am - Discipleship class  
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up  
11:00 am - Worship  
11:15 am - Enrichment  
12:00 pm - Family Fusion  
4:00 pm - Youth Bells  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

**Family Fusion - Sunday, October 13** you are invited to join us in the Parlor at 12:00pm. We believe when families make time for faith, fellowship, and fun, everything changes! Life becomes less stressful, relationships grow, and Christ's community strengthens. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Karen and Rick Moore** at [karenmoore16@aol.com](mailto:karenmoore16@aol.com).

**PPW Potluck and Bunco - On Monday, October 21** you are invited to join us for an evening of food and fun at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Please sign up to bring a dish, and we will provide water, lemonade and prizes. We will share a nice meal together and then have a fun evening of playing Bunco. For more information, please email [ppw@provpres.org](mailto:ppw@provpres.org).

**Beach Bags** - Please help us support the Beach Bags program at Fairfield Elementary which provides shelf-stable meals and healthy snacks to students who might otherwise go hungry during the weekend and school breaks. Collection boxes are in the narthex and foyer all year round along with a list of items that are in most need: shelf-stable milk, individual canned or boxed meals, individual fruit cups, individual 100% fruit juice cartons, individual cereal packs, or monetary donations. For more information, please contact **Frances** at [frances.stefonich@cox.net](mailto:frances.stefonich@cox.net).

**Gotsneakers** - The PPC youth invite the congregation to place any used sneakers in the bins in the narthex and back foyer for recycling - we will package and send them to "gotsneakers.com" who pays us for them and re-sells or recycles them to reduce landfill waste. Proceeds go to the Work Camp fund. Last year we collected 233 pairs! PLEASE SNEAKERS ONLY! We cannot send other types of shoes. Thank you!

**Grief Support Group** - The Grief Support Group meets at **9:30 am in room 100** on the **1st and 3rd Sunday** of each month. The group is open to anyone who is experiencing difficulty with a loss, whether recent or many years ago. Come find that you are not alone and share the sadness of your loss, the joy of your memories, and the hope for a future enriched by those who have passed on before us.

**2024-2025 Sanctuary Flowers orders** - Please help us fill our flowers calendar located on the sign-up board outside the fellowship hall. Use one envelope per order, include your payment of \$40, and put the envelope in the offering plate. After service, the congregational care committee repurposes the flowers and distributes them to those in the our church family to brighten their day

### Weekly joys and concerns

We lift up in prayer this week

### Within our church family

Our Preschool Director, Brooke Vellines  
Our homebound and elderly members  
Our Pastor Nominating Committee and the work they have done.

### We celebrate

Pastor Joel Phillips and his family joining our Providence family

### Our community and our world

For all those negatively impacted by Hurricane Helen  
For peace and resolution in the Middle East  
International Missionaries  
Nations at war  
Our servicemen and women, at home and abroad

To add a prayer concern, please email the church office at [office@provpres.org](mailto:office@provpres.org) or the Pastor at [pastor@provpres.org](mailto:pastor@provpres.org). Submissions must be received by Tuesday noon to be included for Sunday. In order to respect confidentiality, all requests should be self-made.

To send a private message to our current pastor you may use the following addresses.

[Pastor@provpres.org](mailto:Pastor@provpres.org)

*The flowers that grace our sanctuary today  
are given to the glory of God  
in celebration of Pastor Joel Phillips, his  
wife Amy, and daughter Marisa, joining our  
Providence family.  
Also by  
Petey Reynolds in memory of Jim Stancil,  
and  
a rose from proud grandparents,  
Bob and Robin Birdwell in celebration of  
the birth of their grandson,  
Austin Jack Birdwell.*