

† AT THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

Hail the day on which this child,
Avery Caroline Johnston was born.
Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise God
for blessing us with her birth.
Greet this day with joy as we pray together.

**Loving God,
who has created us to be your children:
you have blessed us with Avery Caroline.
We praise you for the gift of her life. Amen.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*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 and telephone number or e-mail address so
that we may share additional information about our church.*

DIAKONIA

PRAYERS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” Jacques Berthier

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 5. 8-14 New Testament Page 180

† GOSPEL LESSON

John 9, selected verses New Testament Page 95

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Be Thou My Vision”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881

Apostles’ Creed

† GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71

“Glory Be to the Father” GREATOREX

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS, PAGE 38

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, 8:30

“The Twenty-Third Psalm” Herbert Fromm
The text of the anthem may be found on Hymnal Page 137.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, 11:00

“A Mountain Psalm” Helen Kemp
The text of the anthem is adapted from Psalm 121.

To the hills and the skies I lift up my eyes. And I wonder from where does my help come when I call out for help, when I need someone near me to listen and hear me, and love me and cheer me? My help comes from the Lord above, the Lord who made heaven and earth! The Lord is my helper, my guide, my faithful companion who stays by my side now and forever. Amen!

† DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH
**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.**

† HYMN

“As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” BEACH SPRING
**As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care,
We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.**

**We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light.
In our humble, listening Spirit we would live to God’s delight.**

**As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
So may we be signs of oneness ‘mid earth’s peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
May our lives reflect the radiance of God’s new and glorious dawn.**

† SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 13

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.**

*8:30 The elements will be received by kneeling at the communion rail. You may kneel in prayer,
staying as long as needed. As you depart, others will come until all have received.*

*11:00 The elements will be received by intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice). After
receiving the sacrament, you may choose to kneel in prayer before returning to your pew or you may
return immediately by the side aisle.*

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO, 8:30

“Morceau De Concours” Gabriel Fauré

COMMUNION ANTHEM, 11:00

“The Twenty-Third Psalm” Herbert Fromm

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN NO. 451

“Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“Christ We Do All Adore Thee” Theodore Dubois

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

Fugue in B Minor on a Theme by Corelli Johann Sebastian Bach

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**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.

† Congregation may stand

Our hymn, “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning,” is taken from
the United Methodist publication, **The Faith We Sing.**

PARISH NOTES

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Laura and Frank Caldwell by their children; and by Leroy Robinson in loving memory of his wife, Teresa Zetzl Robinson.

The candle on the re-table celebrates the birth of Avery Caroline Johnston, daughter of Caroline and Mark Johnston, granddaughter of Isabel Johnston, born March 30, 2011.

Want to learn more about Providence? The **Inquirer’s Class** meets on the first, second and third Sundays of each month, at 9:45 am in the church parlor. Join others like yourself who want to know more about our community of faith. Simply indicate your interest on the Ritual of Friendship pad or contact Meredith Ritchie, 704.714.9378 or mritchie@providenceumc.org.

SERVING THIS MORNING

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| Crucifers | Slice Penny, Jordan Pierpont |
| Acolytes | Zachary Thompson, Austin Tinker, Perry Varn, Julia Sutherland |
| Preacher | Ken Carter |
| Liturgists | Bill Jeffries, Teresa Dunn |
| Celebrants | 8:30 John Arey; 11:00 Bill Jeffries |
| Bread Bearers | Fallon Boland, Derek Arnold |
| Communion Servers | 8:30 John Arey; 11:00 Marcia Conston, Chris Lowe, Lea Harkins, Tim Harris, Isabel Johnston |
| Diakonia | Christian Bohmfalk |
| Choirs | 8:30 Chamber III; 11:00, Chancel, Carol & Junior Choir |
| Instrumentalist | Amy Orsinger Whitehead, flautist |
| Visitation | Marion & Mike Bruner, Chris & Jordan Pierpont |
| Sound System | Ralph Haberstock, Linda Mattix |
| Sanctuary Stewards | Judy & Paul Williams |
| Ushers | 8:30 Group Chairmen: Paul Bumgarner, Terry Wallace; Terry Britt, Emma Cleek, John Cleek, Vernon Patterson, Al Rose, Glenn Shepherd 11:00 Group Chairmen: Dennis Guthrie, Warren Leonard; Mike Arnold, Bob Branan, Andy Culler, Jack Featherston, John Fletcher, Bill Gower, Dennis Guthrie, Joe Jones, Danny Kirkland, Bill McCabe, David Parr, Fred Smith, Steve Wilhoit |

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT PROVIDENCE? EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please check the Voice of Providence.

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| April 5 | United Methodist Women Program & Luncheon |
| April 8-10 | Senior High Spring Retreat |
| April 10 | Jr MinTs-Live it! |
| April 15 | Bishop William Willimon, author of Why Jesus? , Reading & Book Signing |
| April 17 | Palm Sunday Methodist Men's Fellowship Children's Ministry Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 2 yr. old—Kindergarten) Children's Ministry Picnic & Parade |
| April 18-23 | Walk the Labyrinth-Chapel |
| April 21 | Maundy Thursday, Service of Holy Communion |
| April 22 | Good Friday, Service of Tenebrae Prayer Vigil Begins |
| April 24 | Easter Butterfly Release |
| May 1 | Confirmation Sunday; Youth Mission Commissioning |
| May 3 | United Methodist Women Program & Luncheon |
| May 8 | Jr MinTs-Live it! |
| May 21-22 | Youth Choir Dinner Show Fundraiser |
| May 22 | Jr MinTs Donuts & Discovery |
| May 27-June 1 | College Haiti Trip |



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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

For a more comprehensive calendar, go to www.providenceumc.org.

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| Sunday, April 3, 2011 | | Thursday, April 7, 2011 | |
| 8:30 am | Worship | 10:30 am | Encore Choir |
| 9:45 am | Sunday School | 7:30 pm | Chancel Choir |
| 9:45 am | Inquirer's Class | Friday, April 8, 2011 | |
| 9:45 am | Dr. Eugene Malkin-Haiti | 4:00 pm | Sr. High Retreat Departs |
| 11:00 am | Worship | Sunday, April 10, 2011 | |
| 4:30 pm | Youth Choir | 8:30 am | Worship |
| 5:30 pm | UMYF | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| 6:20 pm | Stephen Ministry Meeting | 9:45 am | Inquirer's Class |
| Monday, April 4, 2011 | | 11:00 am | Worship |
| 7:00 am | Men's Bible Study | 1:00 pm | Sr. High Retreat Returns |
| 11:00 am | Career Transitions | 4:30 pm | Youth Choir |
| Tuesday, April 5, 2011 | | 5:30 pm | UMYF |
| 10:30 am | UMW General Meeting & Luncheon | 5:30 pm | Jr. MinTs |
| Wednesday, April 6, 2011 | | | |
| 5:30 pm | Cherub A | | |
| 6:00 pm | Cherub B, Wesley, Carol & Junior Choirs | | |

OUR VISION

A 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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

April 3, 2011

8:30 and 11:00 AM

GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

**O God our deliverer,
you led your people of old through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land.
Guide now the people of your church,
that, following our Savior,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
toward the glory of the world to come;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY, 8:30
Voluntary on SLANE

Gordon Young

VOLUNTARY, 11:00
"Morceau De Concours"

Gabriel Fauré

CALL TO WORSHIP
"Come Let Us Worship"

G. T. Thalben-Ball

† HYMN NO. 578
"God of Love and God of Power"

UNSHER HERRSCHER