New Providence Presbyterian Church
Serving God and the Community since 1746
SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
August 25, 2019

Chiming of the Hour and Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude/Time of Silent Prayer  
*Congregational Introit “This is the Day”  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day  
that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day,  
this is the day that the Lord has made.

*Call to Worship (by Rev. Stephen Fearing)  
One: Today we sabbath, we take rest in the Lord our God.  
Many: We put aside productivity to wonder and worship.  
One: Today we sabbath, to do a different kind of work.  
Many: We have gathered to do liturgy, the work of the people.  
One: Today we sabbath, for the world does not revolve around us.  
Many: We revolve around God and God’s goodness and grace.  
One: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 293 “This Is My Father’s World”

Prayer of Confession  
Merciful God, you call us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger. But often we ignore that wisdom. Instead of listening, we talk past one another. Instead of exercising patience, we become hotheaded and irritable. Instead of practicing kindness, we hand out judgment and malice. Help us rid ourselves of wickedness and embrace steadfast love in its place. Forgive us of our sins so that, when we look in the mirror, we see the disciples you are calling us to be. In your mercy, hear our prayer... *(Time for Silent Confession). Amen.

Assurance of Pardon  
*Response in Praise “Glory Be to the Father”  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Time with our Children  
Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of Intercession, Petition, Thanksgiving, and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”  
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Lord, send Your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to Your children praying, Send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace!

Prayer for Illumination  
First Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 (p. 953; large print, p. 1212)  
Anthem  
Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:38-48 (p. 810; large print, p. 1030)  
Sermon “Rise Above” Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman

*Hymn 368 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

*Affirmation of Faith (from the Belhar Confession)  
We believe that God has revealed Godself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged. God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows; for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering.

Giving our Offerings  
Offertory  
*Offering Response—Triune Doxology, #591  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication  
*Hymn 333 “Seek Ye First”

*Benediction  
*Congregational Response “May the Lord” (tune: “Edelweiss”)  
May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in ev’ry endeavor. Lift your eyes and see His face feel His grace forever. May the Lord, mighty Lord bless and keep you forever.

*Please rise in body or spirit
THIS WEEK:
Today...9 a.m.—Choir practice
Please welcome our guests from the Covington Boys Home who have spent the weekend here hiking, horseback riding, and swimming. Plan to join them for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship.
Mon........9:30 a.m.—Nursing Home Visitation
Wed......9 a.m.—Men’s Group
12 noon—Highnooners, Frank’s in Fairfield, Everyone invited!

You are invited to attend Asbury United Methodist Church’s annual fundraiser for their cemetery, “Back Home Cemetery Day,” on September 8, at 4 p.m.

Save the date! On Sunday, September 29, at 6 p.m., Mary Linda Wolfe & her friend, Darlene Wimer, will present a travelogue on their trip to the Holy Land. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend and enjoy the pictures and discussion about this exciting experience!

THANK YOU FROM:
Faith Bryant—Thank you for all the prayers and cards in this past year. My oncologist is pleased with my progress, and I am feeling much better.
George & Doris Sandridge—To Sandy McLaughlin, Mike Sandridge, Kenny, Pam & Jordan Burks, and Mike Weeks, Many, many thanks for all the nice work that was done building the ramp for George. He has not seen it yet but hopefully he will be home soon. It is so greatly appreciated. To all the ones who came to visit George at the home, thank you all so much. We will be forever grateful for your kindness.

KEEP IN PRAYER:
Noelle Mikels • John Wood • Dennis Putt • George Sandridge • Lori Thomas (breast cancer) • Cash Koeniger • Weekday Religious Education (WRE) Program • All who are homebound, in nursing homes, & their caregivers • Our Nation, Leaders, & Military

Welcome, guests! We’re glad you are here! Please complete the Visitor Card found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. For more information about New Providence, we invite you to take a visitor packet, available on the table at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs during the Fellowship hour. If you do not have a church family, we would love for you to get to know ours and consider joining us.
Nursery (birth-age 3) is available. Large print ESV Bibles are available on the table. Headphones are available to help those with hearing problems.

NEW PROVIDENCE MINISTRY TEAMS
AUGUST 25 Liturgist: Kenny Burks Beadle: Milton Reid Offering Counters: Milton Reid & Sandy McLaughlin Children’s Sermon: Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman
SEPTEMBER 1 Liturgist: Doris Fredricksen Beadle: Mike Sandridge Offering Counters: Milton Reid & Linda Wood Children’s Sermon: Rev. Dr. Amy Fetterman

The beadle will be available at the communion table following the service to answer questions about life at New Providence, including questions about membership. The beadle also assists members and visitors that have pastoral care needs or faith questions by connecting them with the pastor.

Holy and awesome is his name.
PSALM 111:9