

THE CIRCLE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21ST, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Emily Anderson

* GATHERING SONG
"Green Grass Grows All Around"

* TURNING TO GOD..... Rachel Parsons-Wells
At the beginning of the day
we seek your face among us O God,
in the countless forms of creation all around us
in the sun's rising glory
in the face of friend and stranger.
Your Presence within every presence
your Light within all light
your Heart at the Heart of this moment.
May the fresh light of morning wash our sight
that we may see your Life in every life this day...
(a moment for silent confession)

* PROMISES OF GOD

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S TIME..... Hayley Lynn

SONG
"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Psalm 8; II Timothy 1:6-7, 13-14

SERMON..... Emily Anderson
"Let It Grow: Creation"

GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY: GREEN TEAM..... Ginny Ayers

SHARING OUR GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC..... Maddie & Jordan McCullough
"Echo"

TALKING WITH GOD & THE LORD'S PRAYER (see inside panel)..... Louden Young

* SENDING SONG
"All God's Creatures"

* BLESSING
* Those able, please stand.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT NPPC

GREEN TEAM The Green Team views the Earth as a sacred gift from God, and as such, we work to protect that gift and restore it to something closer to its original condition. Some of the ways we do this are by creating and tending a pollinator garden and vegetable garden, collecting recyclables from the church weekly, and finding ways to reduce the church's carbon footprint. There is much work to do, and we welcome any who would like to help us on this path!

INQUIRERS CLASS Our Inquirers' Class for anyone interested in becoming a member or learning more about the church will meet on Sundays at 10am in the Conference Room through 5/5. Come learn about NPPC history, what it means to be Presbyterian, and more. Contact Jennifer Gilmore (jenn_gilmore@yahoo.com.)

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES The Adult Education Committee is hosting an educational series about LGBTQ+ communities every Sunday in April through 4/28 at 10am in Eastminster Hall. The series consists of seminars, special topics, and personal stories.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE For the months of June and July, NPPC will hold one worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A potluck lunch will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Westminster Hall on June 2nd to kick off this summer worship schedule. We hope you will join us!

CBS DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS WANTED As you do your spring cleaning, please remember to donate your gently used items to our Community Benefit Sale ministry. Donations can be made at the drop-off room near Westminster Hall. The CBS team is eager to bring new volunteers on board for Monday sorting and monthly sales! Contact Linda Dotson (lbdotson29@gmail.com) to get involved.

LECTIONARY READINGS—4/28
Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

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Today's call to worship and prayer of confession are from the Celtic tradition, and are written by John Philip Newell, from *A Celtic Treasure* and *Praying with the Earth*, respectively. Our prayers of the people comes from Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.



Reverend Doctor Emily J. Anderson.....	PASTOR	Rob Britt.....	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
Reverend Louden Young.....	ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Peggy Rogers.....	ORGANIST & DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS
Reverend Rachel Parsons-Wells.....	ASSOCIATE PASTOR	The McCulloughs.....	THE CIRCLE WORSHIP COORDINATORS
Reverend Doctor Stan Rushing.....	PARISH ASSOCIATE	Maddie McCullough.....	COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
Reverend Doctor Dan Hix.....	PARISH ASSOCIATE	Fairlena Googe.....	CHILDCARE COORDINATOR
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Sunday, April 21st, 2024



i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

- e. e. cummings

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 21ST, 2024 AT 11:05 A.M.

WELCOME & GREETINGRev. Dr. Emily J. Anderson

THE LIFE OF NEW PROVIDENCE CHURCH

PRELUDEPeggy Rogers
"Gavotte" (Couperin)

CALL TO WORSHIP
On the seventh day there was silence in heaven.
The mighty wind of life was still. The sea was calm.
The morning stars glistened. And earth slept.
The work was finished. Creation had been born.
And the Mother of all things rested.
It was a holy day.
The heavens and the earth were well. God saw its fullness.
And there was evening and morning, creation's seventh day.
Let us worship God!

* HYMN OF PRAISE..... 15
"All Creatures of Our God and King" (vv. 1, 2, 3, 6)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Rev. Rachel Parsons-Wells
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* DECLARATION OF PARDON & RESPONSE.....581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

CHILDREN'S TIME..... Hayley Lynn

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Psalm 8

ANTHEM.....Alex McCullough & Maddie McCullough
"In the Garden"

EPISTLE READING
II Timothy 1:6-7, 13-14

SERMON..... Rev. Dr. Emily J. Anderson
"Let It Grow: Creation"

* HYMN OF RESPONSE..... 370
"This Is My Father's World"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER..... Rev. Loudon Young

GRATITUDE & GENEROSITY: GREEN TEAM.....Ginny Ayers

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad found on the pew nearest
the center aisle. Your holding and passing the offering plate is an act
of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORYPeggy Rogers
"Aria" (Manz)

* HYMN OF DEDICATION 292
"As the Wind Song"

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDEPeggy Rogers
"Trumpet Tune in D" (Owens)

* Those able, please stand.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH FROM POPE FRANCIS

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of
your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as one family, harming no one.
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this
earth, so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor
and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contem-
plation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace, for we ask all
this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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 tempta-
tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever.

APRIL 21—28, 2024

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. The Circle Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. Education Hour*
11:05 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube)
4:30 p.m. Youth Group*

MONDAY
7:30 a.m. Monday Morning Theologians (Vienna)
9:00 a.m. Community Benefit Sale Sorting (WH)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
10:30 a.m. Lectio Divina (109)
6:00 p.m. Scouts BSA—Troop 88 & Pack 88 (WH, EH)
7:00 p.m. Matthew 25 Team Meeting (Zoom)
Women's Study Group (Parlor)

TUESDAY
10:00 a.m. Bartlett Adult Day Out (EH)
12:00 p.m. Staff Reviews (Conference Room)
3:00 p.m. Spanish Conversation Group (108)
5:00 p.m. Welcome Table (WH)
6:30 p.m. Scouts—Troop 219 (WH)

WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. PWC Bible Moderators (Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Fellowship (Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Bartlett Adult Day Out (EH)
12:00 p.m. Staff Reviews (Conference Room)
3:00 p.m. PEAK & Cloud 9 206)
4:30 p.m. Middle School Mid-Week Meet Up (Vienna)
6:30 p.m. High School Mid-Week Meet Up (Beard Brothers)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

THURSDAY
8:30 a.m. CBS Set-up (WH)
12:00 p.m. Staff Reviews (Conference Room)

FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. Community Benefit Sale (WH)

SUNDAY—YOUTH SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. The Circle Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:00 a.m. Education Hour*
11:05 a.m. Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary, Facebook, YouTube)

*EDUCATION HOUR:
Inquirers' Class (Conference Room)
Adult Ed - LGBTQ+ Community Awareness (EH)
Children's Sunday School (208, 214)
Youth Faith Talks (W201, 213)

*YOUTH GROUP:
4:30 p.m. - Middle School Small Group (W201)
5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Dinner (WH)
6:30 p.m. - High School Small Group (W201)