

## **Providence Church - 405 S. Bowie Dr.**

*A Mission Parish of the Reformed Episcopal Church*

### **What do you mean by "Providence"?**

"If creation was a unique exercise of divine energy causing the world to be, providence is a continued exercise of the same energy. By it the Creator, according to His own will, keeps all creatures in being, involves Himself in all events, and directs all things to their appointed end. God is completely in charge of His world. . . . His perfect rule extends to all things."

"Describing God's involvement, . . . a person wills an action, an event is triggered by natural causes, or Satan shows his hand – yet God overrules. Again, people may go against God's will of command – yet

they fulfill His will of events. People's motives may be evil – yet God uses their actions for good (Gen. 50:20; Acts 2:23). Although human sin is under God's decree, God is not the author of sin (James 1:13-17). . . . [God's] involvement in all that occurs does not violate . . . the free, responsible agency of human beings."

"The doctrine of providence teaches Christians that they are never in the grip of blind fortune, chance, luck, or fate. All that happens to them is divinely planned, and each event comes as a new summons to trust, obey, and rejoice, knowing that all is for one's spiritual and eternal good (Rom. 8:28)."

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### **Sunday Services:**

Morning Prayer – 9:00 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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