

1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 1, 2013

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Jonathan and Beth Breedon*

Call to Worship From Jeremiah 33

Leader: *The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the House of Judah.*

People: *In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line. He will do what is just and right in the land.*

Leader: *In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.*

People: *This is the name by which it will be called, 'The Lord Our Righteousness'.*

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord of Hosts.*

People: *for the Lord is good*

All: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

*** Opening Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” # 182

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Heavenly Father, today we begin our journey to the lowly stable where the Christ Child was born. Be with us in our journey, we pray, and help us to find the true meaning of this world-shaking event. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may embrace the one true Hope and be Your disciples of Peace in this world; and may we learn to put our faith in the kingdom based on justice and righteousness, and commit ourselves anew to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *For just as the Wise men sought the Christ child – we seek Your Grace, O God.*

All: *For the angels will shout good tidings of great joy of humanity's salvation through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God!*

*** Responsive Hymn** “Sing We Now of Christmas” # 193

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Reception of New Members (*refer to insert*)

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-7

Anthem

“Will There Be Room?”

Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Church & Kid's Crusade

(Children's Church led by Beth Breedon and Heather Ennis; Kid's Crusade with Kristy Stephenson)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

Matthew 12:8-21

Sermon

“God's Gift of Hope”

Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn**

“Angels, From the Realm of Glory”

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***Acolyte**

***Benediction**

*** Postlude**

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

December Scripture Passage

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. **Luke 2:8-16**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY will take place at 5:00 p.m. today in the Sanctuary. Full Ensemble Rehearsal: Sunday, December 1 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Following the play, pizza will be served in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH Presbyterian Women will celebrate Advent with a catered Christmas dinner on December 17 at 6:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. A special program will be presented by the Crosswaves Youth Drama Group. The group includes high school and college age young people, several of whom are from the local area. If you plan to attend, please indicate by making note on the pew pads as they are passed to help us in our planning.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Mission and Outreach requests that you support Friendly Chapel's Food Pantry by bringing one or more of the following items to Church on December 1: Sugar, Canned Meat/Fish, Canned Soups (chicken noodle is popular). The items can be placed in the blue bins in the Fellowship Hall.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Stephanie Bagley
Ushers: Sue Bryant and Sandra Lordi **Acolyte:** Mary Elaine Wood
Nursery: Mary Landon and Beth Pickens

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, Dec 1:

Ushers: Mary Ann Booth and Joyce Lamm **Acolyte:** Graycen Murray
Nursery: Heath and Heather White

Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
10:25 a.m.: Fellowship Time
11:00 a.m.: Worship
5:00 p.m.: Church Christmas Program at 5pm

Weekly Events:

December 2. Long Range Planning Committee Meeting at 7pm
December 3. Prayer Shawl Group at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
December 4. Adult Choir practice

Upcoming Events:

December 8. Communion Sunday
December 9. Stated Session Meeting
December 10. Community Senior Luncheon 12 noon at White Memorial PC
December 11. Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
December 14. Cantata Rehearsal from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
December 15. Christmas Cantata during 11am service

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Thanks be to God who keeps watch on our going out and our coming in from now until forever!

CONCERNS:

Shelton Benson We extend our sympathy to Randy Benson and family in the passing of his father, Shelton Benson.

DeEtta Wood, *recovering from surgery*

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at *Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*, **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*, **Lacy Johnson & Pauline Jones** at *Liberty Commons in Benson*, **Grant Joyner**, **Bobbie Langdon**, **Bernard Parsons**, and **Frances Schmidt**, *at home*

All Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Carol Badalucco, *friend of Sue Bryant*, **Sherry Baker**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Nancy Biernacki**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*, **Patsy Bowman**, *member of church family*, **Edith Bowser**, *friend of Bob Zattiero*, **Kathy Durocher**, *friend of Mark Nelms*, **Ann Hargiss**, *member of community*, **Kobe Horney**, *two-year old member of community*, **P.B. Jernigan**, *relative of Sheila Dupree*, **David Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's brother*, **Keith Langdon**, *member of church family*, **Leslie Lobaugh**, *friend of Chris Nooney*, **Ann Lopp**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Amy Louthan**, *friend of Barri Martin*, **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*, **Harry Myers**, *friend of Ann Benson*, **Barbara Owens**, *friend of Laura Langdon*, **Jackie Parker**, *friend of Amy Reed*, **Jerry Penny**, *friend of Dick Embrey*, **Barbara Shaw**, *Kathy Ryals' aunt*, **Bob Stephenson**, *Ann Stephenson's cousin*, **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*, **Crystal Stotter**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Tammy Vann**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kenneth Weathers**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Betty West**, *friend of Randy Benson*, **Kay Williams**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, and **Hannah Youngblood**, *friend of Kristy Stephenson*.

Other Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mother*, **Elaine Andrews**, *Andrea Jones' mother*, **Mary Bass**, *Rev. Davis' mother*, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*, **Shelby Clifton**, *Brenda Byrd's cousin*, **Robert Cross**, *Phil Cross' father*, **Brenda Davis**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*, **Bill and Bobbie Ellis**, *Georgeanna Phillips' parents*, **Tammy Ennis**, *member of community*, **Ed Fontana**, *Mary Langdon's father*, **Rose Hollingsworth**, *Ann Stephenson's sister-in-law*, **Fred Ipock**, *Cathy Creech's father*, **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*, **Stuart Kremer**, *friend of Andrea Jones*, **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*, **Wanza Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's mother*, **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*, **David Raynor**, *friend of Sandy Kopanski*, **Kathy Rose**, *friend of Kim Schmidt*, **Kathy Ryals**, *member of church family*, **Danny Salmon**, *Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law*, **Gary Schmidt**, *Kim Schmidt's brother*, **Pete and Brenda Skinner**, *friends of Sue Bryant*, **Nan Walker**, *Andrea Jones' grandmother*, **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*, and **Charles Young**, *friend of Lisa Nelms*

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Stephanie Bagley <i>Worship</i>	<u><i>Class of 2013</i></u> John Kopanski <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	Atlee Roberts <i>Property</i>
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Nathan Dry <i>Long-Range Planning</i>	<u><i>Class of 2014</i></u> Wayne Lamm <i>Congregational Care</i>	Gary Phillips <i>Fellowship</i>
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Robert Joyner <i>Christian Education</i>	<u><i>Class of 2015</i></u> Kristy Stephenson <i>Finance</i>	Jeffrey Wood <i>Personnel, Clerk</i>
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Staff

<i>Secretary</i> DeEtta Wood	<i>Accounting Treasurer</i> Ann Stephenson	<i>Collections Treasurer</i> Ann Benson
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<i>Music Director/ Organist</i> Brittany Jones	<i>Pianist</i> DeEtta Wood
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<i>Webmaster</i> David Nelms	<i>Usher Coordinator</i> Russell Wood
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Honoring our history.....building our future

Weekly Statistics

General Fund Receipts for October.....	\$12,107.21
General Fund Expenses for October	\$15,067.24
General Fund Receipts for Nov 24	\$6,453.75
Total General Fund Receipts for November	\$12,933.37
Capital Campaign Giving.....	\$383,207.49
Attendance for Sunday School Nov 24	79
Attendance for Worship Nov 24	116

Presentation of Candidates

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of His promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In Baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this day.

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present **Daphne Noles and Lavette Morgan** to be received as new members through Letter of Transfer and Reaffirmation of faith.

You come to us as a member of one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us.

As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we reaffirm the covenant into which we were baptized, claiming again the promises of God which are ours in baptism.

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith

(In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help

Words of Welcome

Through their baptism, **Daphne Noles and Lavette Morgan** have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church, affirming the covenant into which they were baptized. As members of the household of God, God has called him to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them to this ministry.

Daphne Roberts Noles

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