

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 8, 2013

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Robert and Brandy Joyner

Call to Worship Psalm 85

Leader: *Restore us again, O God of our salvation,*

People: *and put away your indignation toward us.*

Leader: *revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You*

People: *Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.*

Leader: *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,*

People: *for he will speak peace to his people,*

Leader: *Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;*

People; *righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*

Leader: *Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,*

People: *and righteousness will look down from the sky.*

Leader: *The LORD will give what is good.*

All: *Let us worship the Lord this day.*

* Opening Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" # 188

Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O Gracious God, You sent Your Son to earth to redeem our sinful souls. Have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You call us to work for peace in the world and with each other. Instead we create division with those whom we love. Your Son calls us to go forth and proclaim the good news to all nations, and we remain silent with those who need to hear of Your love. Forgive us in our indifference to Your calls of peace. Help us to embrace the Prince of Peace and convict our hearts that we may serve You with joy and peace.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Jesus Christ is our peace who reconciles us both to God in one body through the cross.*

People: *In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we are forgiven!*

* Responsive Hymn "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" # 191

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem

"Lullaby of the Dove"

Providence Choir

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

(Children's Church led by Carolyn Stevenson; Kid's Crusade with Kristy Stephenson)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Sermon

"Peace in Believing"

Rev. Jim Davis

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer and Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

(We celebrate communion this morning and invite you to partake of the bread as you receive it – but please hold the cup so we may drink together)

*Dedication Hymn

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

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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

CHRISTMAS CANTATA This year's Christmas Cantata will be performed during service on December 15. Please join us to celebrate.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Two Communion services will be offered on Tuesday, December 24. Please join us at 5pm or 10 pm to worship.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Stephanie Bagley
Ushers: Mary Ann Booth and Joyce Lamm **Acolyte:** Graycen Murray
Nursery: Heath and Heather White

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, Dec 15:

Ushers: Pat Davis and Margie Taylor **Acolyte:** Alexa Rogers
Nursery: Carolyn Stuart

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.: Youth Group at 5pm

Weekly Events:

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.

Upcoming Events:

December 15. Christmas Cantata during 11am service
Youth caroling at local nursing home from 4:00pm to 6:30pm
Pioneers Club and Adult Bible Study at 5:00pm
December 17. Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner
December 18. Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Rejoice! The God of Israel has promised that He is with us always and will never abandon us!

CONCERNS:

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 Dupree, **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, **Kay Williams**, friend of Sandy Kopanski, **DeEtta Wood**, member of church family, 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

Class of 2013

Stephanie Bagley <i>Worship</i>	John Kopanski <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	Atlee Roberts <i>Property</i>
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Class of 2014

Nathan Dry <i>Long-Range Planning</i>	Wayne Lamm <i>Congregational Care</i>	Gary Phillips <i>Fellowship</i>
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Class of 2015

Robert Joyner <i>Christian Education</i>	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 November.....	\$12,933.37
General Fund Receipts for Dec 1	\$4,563.66
Total General Fund Receipts for December	\$4,563.66
Capital Campaign Giving.....	\$383,732.49
Attendance for Sunday School Dec 1	56
Attendance for Worship Nov 24	90