

3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 15, 2012

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Pete and MaryAnn Booth

Call to Worship

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!*

People: ***Praise him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!***

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.*

People: ***He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.***

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*

People: ***For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.***

All: ***Praise the LORD God for Christ is come! Let us raise our voices in joy and exaltation!***

*** Opening Hymn**

“Joy to the World”

#179

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O Lord God our Redeemer, We confess our sin to You this day. You sent down Your Son to set our souls free from sin and human error. You created us in Your image to worship and glorify You. We confess our sin of apathy and ignorance in following Christ. We cling to the things of this world that bind the soul and subtract from our relationship with You. Fill our hearts, O Lord, with the joy of the knowledge of the one true Lord and Savior. Fill our minds with the joy of understanding of Your Grace in this world. Convict our hearts that we may serve You with joy.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *The Messiah is come and let the heavens sing!*

People: ***Glory to God, through the Christ-child we are redeemed!***

*** Responsive Hymn**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

#154

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Repeat the Sounding Joy

Providence Presbyterian Church Choir

(Please refer to the Cantata insert)

***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

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 and have not done so, 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.

MISSION AND OUTREACH Thank you for your food and monetary donations. For the month of November and into the first week of December, your generosity resulted in 674 food items for Lighthouse's Backpack Buddies program and 355 food items for Friendly Chapel's Food Pantry.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Stephanie Bagley

Ushers: Pat Davis and Margie Taylor

Nursery: Carolyn Stuart

Acolyte: Alexa Rogers

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, Dec 22:

Ushers: Kay Dry and Carolyn Stevenson

Nursery: Richard and Andrea Jones

Acolyte: Kenny Poole

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.: Pioneers Club and Youth Group at 5pm

Weekly 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 pm

Upcoming Events:

December 22. Joy Gift Offering

December 22. Youth Group 5pm

December 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services at 5:00pm and 10:00pm

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Recovery of Kelly Daniel from a long bout of bronchitis

CONCERNS:

Our Sympathy to Becky Kleaver and family at the passing of her brother, Kenneth Gilchrist

Stephanie Stanton, staff member at West Johnston High School to undergo surgery to remove a tumor on December 18

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 Badaluco, *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*, **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*, **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*, **Rich 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 Expenses for November	\$9,854.75
General Fund Receipts for Dec 8	\$1,761.92
Total General Fund Receipts for December	\$6,325.58
Capital Campaign Giving	\$383,207.49
Attendance for Sunday School Dec 8	77
Attendance for Worship Dec 8.....	98

Providence Presbyterian Church Choir
Christmas Cantata

Repeat the Sounding Joy

Created and Arranged by Ed Kee

Original Songs by Ed Kee and Brian Carr

December 15, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Accompanist: *Angie DeJesus*

Rehearsal Accompanist: *DeEtta Wood and Ann Stephenson*

Narrator: *Heath White*

Music Director: *Brittany Jones*



We trust that the message delivered in song today will touch your heart, and allow you to pause in the business of this Christmas season to remember that Christ was sent to this world to bring peace, hope, love, joy and salvation. Merry Christmas, and may God bless you and your family in the New Year!

I. REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY MEDLEY

Joy to the World

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

How Great Our Joy

Repeat the Sounding Joy

II. HE SHALL BE CALLED

III. NATIVITY MEDLEY

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

Silent Night, Holy Night

There's a Song in the Air

IV. I SEE LOVE

Soloist: Beth Wolak

V. REJOICE

VI. PRAISE TO YOU

VII. WE'VE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT

VIII. FINALE

Angels We Have Heard on High

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Repeat the Sounding Joy Reprise