

**Honoring our history
.....building our future**

**1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 29, 2013**

**Welcome and Announcements
Prelude
Acolyte**

Call to Worship **Psalm 25**
Leader: *Good and upright is the Lord; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.*

People: *He leads the humble in what is right,*
Leader: *To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.*

People: *O my God, in you I trust*
Leader: *Lead me in Your truth, and teach me,*
People: *for You are the God of my salvation*
Leader: *And teaches the humble His way.*

ALL: *All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His decrees. Praise the LORD!*

*** Opening Hymn** **# 59**
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Almighty God, we come before You this day to confess our sin. You have called us to be the church – the body of Jesus Christ here on earth. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. The wise men came to the manger to worship and offer gifts, help us to offer our God given gifts to share Your love and Gospel. You call us to proclaim the gospel and minister to those who are in need. Forgive us for our lack of faith and convict us with Your Holy Spirit so that we might embrace our Christian calling to Your vision for our lives.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *The Messiah is come and we are redeemed!*
People: *O Emmanuel, through You we are truly forgiven!*

*** Responsive Hymn** **# 198**
“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

***Passing of the Peace of Christ** *(please begin the pew pads)*

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Anthem **“Go Tell it on the Mountain”**
Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children’s Church & Kid’s Crusade
*(Children’s Church led by Kendall Nelms and Stephanie Whitley;
Kid’s Crusade with Kristy Stephenson)*

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon

Rev. Steve Aschmann

“Where Are Your Wise Men Now?”

***Dedication Hymn**

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“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

***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



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To disciple others in Christ by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,
To prayerfully serve God by worshipping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*

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Session

	<u>Class of 2013</u>	
Stephanie Bagley <i>Worship</i>	John Kopanski <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	Atlee Roberts <i>Property</i>
	<u>Class of 2014</u>	
Nathan Dry <i>Long-Range Planning</i>	Wayne Lamm <i>Congregational Care</i>	Gary Phillips <i>Fellowship</i>
	<u>Class of 2015</u>	
Robert Joyner <i>Christian Education</i>	Kristy Stephenson <i>Finance</i>	Jeffrey Wood <i>Personnel, Clerk</i>
<u>Staff</u>		
<i>Secretary</i> DeEtta Wood	<i>Accounting Treasurer</i> Ann Stephenson	<i>Collections Treasurer</i> Ann Benson
<i>Music Director/ Organist</i> Brittany Jones	<i>Pianist</i> DeEtta Wood	
<i>Webmaster</i> David Nelms	<i>Usher Coordinator</i> Russell Wood	

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Weekly Statistics

General Fund Receipts for November.....	\$12,933.37
General Fund Expenses for November	\$9,854.75
General Fund Receipts for Dec 22	\$9,509.50
Total General Fund Receipts for December	\$18,640.13
Capital Campaign Receipts for Dec 22	\$1,215.00
Capital Campaign Giving.....	\$390,453.13
Attendance for Sunday School Dec 22	70
Attendance for Worship Dec 22.....	110

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks go out to the women of the church for loving the sanctuary and building back to its normal tidiness from the Advent Season.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from December 30 through January 4. Rev. Davis will be on call, the alternate contacts are Wayne Lamm and Gary Phillips.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S annual chicken pastry and silent auction will be held January 17. Donations of items are need for the Sale and Silent Auction. Please contact Brenda Byrd if you would like to donate an item or prepare a baked good for sale. Brenda can be reached by phone at 919-244-3864

CHRISTMAS JOY GIFT OFFERING Thank you for donating \$381 for the Joy Gift Offering. This offering is designated to support retired Presbyterian ministers and their families, as well as the promotion of racial/ethnic programs within our denomination.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Stephanie Bagley
Ushers: Mary Langdon and Beth Pickens **Acolyte:** Paige Smith
Nursery: Laura Langdon and Carolyn Stuart

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 5:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Wayne Lamm
Ushers: Ronnie Creech and Jimmy Stuart
Acolyte: Haleigh Weaver
Nursery: Candace Creech, Israel and Karen Morrow

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

Weekly Events:

December 29. Presbyterian Women gather to take down Christmas decorations
January 5. Installation of Elders during Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Pioneer Club and Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

January 6. Long-Range Planning Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
January 13. Stated Session Meeting at 7 p.m.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!

CONCERNS:

Our Sympathy to the family of James LaVerne Bailey; cousin to Ann Stephenson and Nancy Nelms, uncle to Chris Roberts

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, **Amy Louthan**, friend of Barri Martin, **Carol Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, **Harry Myers**, friend of Ann Benson, **Jackie Parker**, friend of Amy Dupree, **Jerry Penny**, friend of Dick Embrey, **Barbara Shaw**, Kathy Ryals' aunt, **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin, **Tammy Vann**, friend of Sandy Kopanski, **Kenneth Weathers**, Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law, **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, **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, **Vic LaSaxon**, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law, **Wanza Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's mother, **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister, **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, **Stephanie Stanton**, friend of Wendy Stephenson, **Nan Walker**, Andrea Jones' grandmother, and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father