

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2014**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Children's Choir

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Faircloth Family

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 "Go Tell It On the Mountain" # 218**

Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O God of Hope and infinite grace, shine Your face upon us that we might be saved. Forgive us our transgressions and restore our souls to the Hope of the Christ child as we sing now of Christmas and meditate on You. O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; form in us a clean heart for we are in need for Your grace and truth. We ask this in the name of our only hope and savior Jesus the Christ.

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 "The First Noel" # 229**
(verses 1 thru 3)

*** 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

Reception of New Members *(refer to insert)*

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 7:13-14

Anthem

Providence Choir

"Come and Hear the Joyful Singing"

Musical Interlude for Children's Church

(Children's Church ages 4 thru 2nd grade led by Kelly Nordan and Stephanie Bagley, Kid's Crusade 3rd grade thru 5th grade with Kristy Stephenson)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Sermon

"Hopeful Christmas"

Rev. Jim Davis

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

***Acolyte and Benediction**

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

November Scripture Passage

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

2 Philippians 2:9-13

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

<i>Long Range Planning</i> Nathan Dry	<i>Class of 2014</i> <i>Congregational Care</i> Wayne Lamm	<i>Fellowship</i> Gary Phillips
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<i>Finance</i> Kristy Stephenson	<i>Class of 2015</i> <i>Mission/Outreach</i> Margie Taylor	<i>Christian Ed. Youth</i> Jeffrey Wood
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<i>Christian Ed. Children</i> Beth Breedem	<i>Personnel</i> Pete Booth	<i>Worship/Clerk</i> David Nelms	<i>Property</i> Steve Nordan
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Staff

<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>Website</i> David Nelms	<i>Usher Coordinator</i> Russell Wood
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David Nelms	<i>Secretary Group</i> Donna Stolle	Heather White
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Copy Group
 LaVette Morgan Ann Stephenson Margie Taylor Mary Ann Booth

Honoring our history.....building our future

Weekly Statistics

Total General Fund Receipts for October	\$11,065.44
General Fund Expenses for October	\$15,892.71
Total Receipts for November	\$13,814.44
*Receipts for November 23	\$2100.73
Capital Campaign Receipts for November 23	\$375.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru Nov. 23)	\$532,491.13
Funds Expended thru Capital Campaign (Thru Oct.)	\$1,081,698.64
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$171,385.00
Current Loan Balance	\$725,624.46
Attendance for Sunday School November 23	85
Attendance for Worship November 23.....	127

**Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Nathan and Kay Dry
Acolyte: Grace Martin
Nursery: Jennifer Crocker and Laura Langdon
Children's Church Teacher: Kelly Nordan
Children's Church Helper: Stephanie Bagley
Kids Crusade Teacher: Kristy Stephenson

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 7

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Wayne Lamm
Ushers: Sue Bryant and Lindsey Frampton
Acolyte: Emma Phillips
Nursery: Mark and Pam Nelms
Children's Church Teacher: Heather Ennis
Children's Church Helper: Karen Morrow
Kids Crusade Teacher: Stephanie Bagley

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School for Children and Youth
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 am: Worship Service

Weekly Events:

December 1. LRP Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.
December 2. PW Pastry and Silent Auction planning meeting at 6:30 p.m.
December 3. Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.
December 4. Personnel Committee at 6:30 p.m.
December 6. Rehearsal for Christmas Program at 10:00 a.m

Upcoming Events:

December 7. Christmas Program at 5:00 p.m.
December 8. Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
December 14. Christmas Cantata 11:00 a.m.
December 16. Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS:

We are thankful for a growing church family!

CONCERNS:

Phil Langdon, heart bypass, Mel Langdon's brother

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

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

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Vicky Austin, community, **Sherry Baker**, friend of Laura Langdon, **Cheryl Beckham**, friend of Laura McLamb, **Jerry Benson**, Randy Benson's cousin, **Nancy Biernacki**, friend of Bob Zattiero, **Patsy Bowman**, member of church family, **Edith Bowser**, friend of Bob Zattiero, **Mickey Carroll**, cousin of Kelly Nordan, **Richard Davis**, friend of Elaine Wood, **Ann Hargis**, member of community, **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of Sheila Dupree, **Joey Johnson**, friend of Randy Benson, **Paula Johnson**, friend of Dave and Edythe Natrass, **Luke Jordan**, friend of Christina Jones, **Keith Langdon**, member of church family, **Carol Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, **Stacy Meadows**, friend of Beth Wolak, **Jackie Parker**, friend of Amy Dupree, **Ben Snelling**, friend, of John Kopanski, **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin, **Chad Talley**, friend of John Pickens, **Karen Tew**, friend of DeEtta Wood, **Wayne Toler**, Dorothy Nesselrodt's brother-in-law **Tammy Vann**, friend of Sandy Kopanski, **Cory Watt**, friend of Jeff Wood, **Kenneth Weathers**, brother-in-law of Wendy Stephenson, **Orene Wilburn**, Becky Kleaver's sister-in-law, **DeEtta Wood**, member of church family, and **Hannah Youngblood**, friend of Kristy Stephenson

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Levon and Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's parents, **Mary Bass**, Rev. Davis' mother, **Velma and Ray Bost**, grandparents of Heath White, **Charlie & Mary Burke**, Steve Wolak's parents, **Skylar Duquette**, Wendy Stephenson's great niece, **Ed Fontana**, Mary Langdon's father, **Fred Ipock**, Cathy Creech's father, **Melinda Kendall**, member of church family, **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, **Jon Nooney**, member of church family, **Chellie Poston**, former member, **Kathy Rose**, friend of Kim Schmidt, **Kathy Ryals**, community, **Donald Salmon**, Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law, **Gwen Walton**, member of church family, and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 **Ron and Lynn Cross and Eric, Vickie, Katlin and Chase Faircloth** to be received as a 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, **Ron and Lynn Cross and Eric, Vickie, Katlin and Chase Faircloth** 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.

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Katlin and Chase
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Ron and Lynn Cross
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