

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 7, 2014

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte** *Children's Choir*

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *The Wood Family*

**Call to Worship** From Malachi 3:1-4

Leader: *"See I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.*

**People:** *But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears, for He will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap? He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.*

Leader: *Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel!*

**People:** *He has come to the help of His people and has set them free.*

Leader: *He has provided for us a mighty Savior*

**People:** *So that we might be holy and righteous before Him all the days of our life!*

\* **Opening Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 182

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*Lord God of all possibilities, we come before You this day to confess our sins together as Your people, sinners yet redeemed by the Christ-child. Forgive us, O Lord, help us to live out our faith everyday as Jesus taught us. Transform our hearts so we might shine brightly as the star of Bethlehem to those whom You send our way. Help us to love our brothers and sisters as You love us. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully embrace the one true Hope and be Your disciples of Peace in this world. We ask this in the name of Immanuel the Christ-Child, our Savior Jesus Christ*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *As we celebrate the birth of the Messiah, we celebrate our Lord and redeemer!*

**People:** *The Christ child is come, Hosanna in the highest, we are truly forgiven*

\***Responsive Hymn** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" # 153

\* **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 Confirmands**

**Rites of Baptism and Reception of New Members** *(refer to insert)*

**Old Testament Lesson** **Isaiah 11:1-6**

**Anthem** "In The Bleak Midwinter" Providence Choir

**Musical Interlude for Children's Church**  
*(Children's Church ages 4 thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade led by Heather Ennis and Karen Marrow, Kid's Crusade 3rd grade thru 5th grade with Stephanie Bagley)*

**Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**New Testament Lesson** **Matthew 1:18-25**

**Sermon** "Faith Restored" Rev. Jim Davis

\***Dedication Hymn** "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" # 185

\***Acolyte and Benediction**

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

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**December Scripture Passage**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

**Luke 1:26-33**

**Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church  
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church**

*Pastor*  
Rev. Jim Davis

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*Session*

<i>Long Range Planning</i> Nathan Dry	<u><i>Class of 2014</i></u> <i>Congregational Care</i> Wayne Lamm	<i>Fellowship</i> Gary Phillips
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<i>Finance</i> Kristy Stephenson	<u><i>Class of 2015</i></u> <i>Mission/Outreach</i> Margie Taylor	<i>Christian Ed. Youth</i> Jeffrey Wood
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<i>Christian Ed. Children</i> Beth Breedon	<u><i>Class of 2016</i></u> <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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<i>Secretary Group</i> David Nelms	Donna Stolle	Heather White
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<i>Copy Group</i> LaVette Morgan	Ann Stephenson	Margie Taylor	Mary Ann Booth
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**Honoring our history....building our future**

***Weekly Statistics***

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Total General Fund Receipts for October .....	\$11,065.44
General Fund Expenses for October .....	\$15,892.71
Total Receipts for November .....	\$18,433.94
*Receipts for November 30 .....	\$4,619.50
Capital Campaign Receipts for November 30 .....	\$546.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru Nov. 30) .....	\$533,057.13
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 30.....	79
Attendance for Worship November 30.....	138

*\*Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**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 Krusade Teacher:** Stephanie Bagley

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 14

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:**

**Ushers:** Mary Langdon and Sandra Lordi

**Acolyte:** Paige Smith

**Nursery:** Carolyn Stuart and Emma Phillips

No Children's Church or Kids' Krusade (Christmas Cantata)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

**9:45 am:** Sunday School for Children and Youth

**10:25 am:** Fellowship Time

**11:00 am:** Worship Service

**5:00 pm:** Christmas Program – A Festival of Lessons and Carols

### Weekly Events:

**December 8.** Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**December 10.** Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

**December 14.** Christmas Cantata 11:00 a.m.

### Upcoming Events:

**December 16.** Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering at 6:30 p.m.

**December 17.** Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### JOYS:

We are joyful in the knowledge of the Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love realized in our Savior Jesus Christ. Merry Christmas!

### CONCERNS:

**Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the family of Bevoline Brooks,** sister of Dorothy Nesselrodt

**Edythe Natrass,** heart procedure, *member of our church family*

### 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*, **Phil Langdon,** *Mel Langdon's brother*, **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*

## Advent Schedule

**Festival of Lessons and Carols** – 5:00 PM, December 7

**Christmas Cantata** – 11:00 AM, Sunday December 14

**Presbyterian Women's Christmas Gathering** – 6:30 PM,  
Tuesday December 16

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

December 24

5:00 PM and 10:00 PM

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Providence Christmas Program,** A Festival of Lessons and Carols, will take place today at 5:00 PM. Our children and youth have worked hard on the program, and look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our church family. Children and youth are asked to arrive by 3:45 this afternoon.

**Ashton Stuart's Senior Project** - Help support Ashton's senior project at Middle Creek High School by donating canned foods and nonperishable items for her food drive. All donations will be given to the NC Food Bank. A bin for donations is located in the fellowship hall and donations will be collected until Dec. 14.

**Finance Reimbursements** - Committee members requesting reimbursements from church budgeted line items should complete a reimbursement form (located on bulletin board behind sanctuary), attached appropriate receipts and place in the finance box or turn into Ann Stephenson. This will help the finance committee ensure monies are deducted from the appropriate line items in the budget.

**Senior Citizen's Luncheon** - Providence Presbyterian Church's Senior Citizens will host the December Senior Citizens' luncheon on Tues., Dec.9th at noon. We need all of our Senior Citizens to come, help, and enjoy the fellowship and meal. Please let me know if you will be able to attend. [kaydry@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaydry@embarqmail.com) or 919-639-9784.

**Presbyterian Women's Christmas Gathering** – All women of the church are invited to our annual Christmas Gathering. A catered dinner will be served a 6:30 PM followed by a Christmas program in the Sanctuary.

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** – Two communion services will be offered on Wednesday, December 24. Please join us at 5 PM or 10 PM to worship.

**Youth Retreats – Summer of 2015** – Any youth interested in attending the youth retreats this summer should have their deposit paid by January 11, 2015.

**Middle School** will go to Massanetta Springs July 9 – 12. The nonrefundable deposit is \$50 and due Sunday, January 11, 2015.

**High School** will go to Fun in the Sun, Hilton Head, SC July 13 – 18. The non-refundable deposit is \$100 and due by January 11, 2015.

## 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.

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## Presentation of Confirmation Class

**Elder:** On behalf of the session, I present:

**Elizabeth Marley**

**Sophia Marley**

**Lily Martin**

**Graycen Murray**

**Emma Phillips**

**Kenneth Poole**

**Alexa Rogers**

**Emily Smith**

**Mary Elaine Wood**

**Riley Wood**

for the confirming of the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized. They now desire to profess publicly their faith and to assume greater responsibility in the life of the church, and God's mission in the world.

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.

## Affirmation of Faith

Now, as you publicly declare your faith, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which you were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love?

**I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love?

**I will, with God's help.**

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## Sacrament of Baptism

**Elder:** On behalf of the session, I present **Kenneth Poole** to be received as new member through Baptism.

### Thanksgiving Over the Water Baptism

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## Presentation of New Members

**Elder:** On behalf of the session, I present **Becky Kleaver, Julie Marley, Wayne Ennis and Heather Ennis** to be received as new members through Reaffirmation of faith.

You come to us as members 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.

## Affirmation of Faith

Will you **Becky Kleaver, Julie Marley, Wayne Ennis and Heather Ennis** 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**

As we celebrate so many who have, now, and will join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we all 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 stand if we are able and 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.**

### **Words of Welcome**

Those who have joined with us today, through their baptism, they have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church, affirming the covenant into which they were baptized. As a member of the household of God, God has called them to serve Christ in the world.

Let us welcome them to this ministry.

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Becky Kleaver, Alexa Rogers and Kenny Poole  
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Julie Marley, Liz and Sophie  
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413-841-4916

Wayne and Heather Ennis, Chance and Mady  
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## **Reception of Confirmation Class and New Members**

**December 7, 2014**