

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

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS  
DECEMBER 28, 2014**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Call to Worship** from Psalm 37

Leader: *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and He will act.*

People: *Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;*

Leader: *Our steps are made firm by the LORD,*

People: *though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the LORD holds us by the hand.*

Leader: *The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD.*

People: *The LORD helps them, rescues and saves them, because they take refuge in him.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

\* Opening Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" # 180

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*God of unimaginable Grace, You have chosen us as Your own, and sent the Christ-child to teach us to love one another as You have loved us. But we fall short of Your life-giving command; we cling in fear to the little we have, rather than laying it down so that Your riches of love may fill us and flow through us. We turn our attention towards ourselves and ignore those in the world who are in need and suffering. We confess our sin of greed, apathy, and ignorance. Help us to serve with cheerful hearts and without hesitation or complaint. Convict our hearts with love and mercy so Your truth can be realized in every beat of our heart.*

**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 # 189

"Angels, From the Realm of Glory"

\*Affirmation of Faith *Red Hymnal, Page 12*  
"The Apostle's Creed"

\* 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**

**1 Peter 4:8-10**

Anthem

Special Music

Brittany and Travis Jones

**Musical Interlude for Children's Church**

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

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

**Second Scripture Lesson**

**Romans 15:7-13**

Sermon

"The Gift of Hospitality"

Rev. Jim Davis

\*Dedication Hymn "O Come Let Us Adore Him" # 114

\*Acolyte and Benediction

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stan*

### **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**



#### **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 worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*

## **Providence Presbyterian Church**

*At McGee's Crossroads 919.894.4063  
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**Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church**  
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

*Pastor*  
Rev. Jim Davis

*Session*

<i>Long Range Planning</i>	<u><i>Class of 2014</i></u>	<i>Fellowship</i>
Nathan Dry	Congregational Care Wayne Lamm	Gary Phillips

*Class of 2015*

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Mission/Outreach</i>	<i>Christian Ed. Youth</i>
Kristy Stephenson	Margie Taylor	Jeffrey Wood

*Class of 2016*

<i>Christian Ed. Children</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Worship/Clerk</i>	<i>Property</i>
Beth Breeden	Pete Booth	David Nelms	Steve Nordan

*Staff*

<i>Accounting Treasurer</i>	<i>Collections Treasurer</i>
Ann Stephenson	Ann Benson

<i>Music Director/Organist</i>	<i>Pianist</i>
Brittany Jones	DeEtta Wood

<i>Website</i>	<i>Usher Coordinator</i>
David Nelms	Russell Wood

	<i>Secretary Group</i>	
Mary Ann Booth	Donna Stolle	Heather White

	<i>Copy Group</i>	
LaVette Morgan	Ann Stephenson	Margie Taylor

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*Weekly Statistics*

Total General Fund Receipts for November .....	\$17,203.76
General Fund Expenses for November .....	\$17,114.59
Total Receipts for December .....	\$14,324.10
*Receipts for December 21 .....	\$2,738.00
Capital Campaign Receipts for December 21 .....	\$208.90
Capital Campaign Giving (thru Dec. 21) .....	\$535,212.13
Funds Expended thru Capital Campaign (thru Nov).....	\$1,278,094.69
Capital Campaign Reserve Account .....	\$165,588.66
Current Loan Balance .....	\$910,624.46
Attendance for Sunday School November 16.....	74
Attendance for Worship November 16 .....	126

*\*Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Assisting in Worship this Sunday:**

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Wayne Lamm  
**Ushers:** Pat Davis and Elaine Wood  
**Acolyte:** Graycen Murray  
**Nursery:** Richard and Andrea Jones  
**Children's Church Teacher:** Heather Ennis  
**Children's Church Helper:** Christy Cross  
**Kids Krusade Teacher:** Stephanie Bagley

**Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 3**

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Jeff Wood  
**Ushers:** Israel Morrow and Heath White  
**Acolyte:** Connor Frickman  
**Nursery:** Beth Pickens and Jonathan Breeden  
**Children's Church Teacher:** Kay Dry  
**Children's Church Helper:** Barri Martin  
**Kids Krusade Teacher:** Cathy Creech

**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 29 – January 1:** Church Office will be closed

**Upcoming Events:**

**January 4.** Installation of Elders during Morning Worship  
**LOGOS** and Adult Bible Study at 5:00 p.m.  
**January 5.** Long Range Planning meets at 7:00 p.m.  
**January 6.** Prayer Shawl Group meets at 10:00 a.m.  
**January 7.** Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**January 8.** Personnel Committee meets 6:30 pm  
 Children's Christian Education committee meets at 7:00 p.m.  
 Mission and Outreach Committee meets at 7:30 p.m,

**PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JOYS:** We give thanks to our Gracious Lord God who gave us Jesus Christ to show us the way of love, peace, joy, and hope. Merry Christmas!

**CONCERNS:**

**We extend Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of**  
**Kay Maxwell**, *Israel Morrow's aunt*,  
**Orene Wilburn**, *Becky Kleaver's sister-in-law*, and  
**John Massengill**, *long-time friend of David and Lisa Nelms*  
**Ray Bost**, *stroke, Heath White's grandfather*  
**Kelly Whitley**, *cancer, Stephanie McLamb Whitley's mother-in-law*

**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*, **Carol Frickman**, *Tod Frickman's sister-in-law*, **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*, **Jennifer Pearce**, *friend of Janice Parrish*, **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*, **Kelly Whitley**, *friend of the McLamb*, **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*, **Lynn Cross**, *member of church family*, **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*

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