

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 13, 2015

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Lindsey & Brent Frampton*

Call to Worship *From Isaiah 12*

Leader: *Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.*

People: *Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel among you”.*

Leader: *The time is coming when people will sing praise to the Lord.*

People: *God is our Savior, we will trust Him and not be afraid.*

Leader: *The Lord gives us power and strength; He is our Savior.*

People: *As fresh water brings joy to the thirsty, so we rejoice in the God of our salvation.*

***Opening Hymn** *“Joy to the World!”* **#179**

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

God of Grace and Compassion, we come to You to confess and be renewed. The shepherds and 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. We confess our hearts are hardened by the cruel and loveless world and we sin unashamedly in opposition to Your will. Open our hearts, O Lord, so we may understand the message and meaning of Christmas hidden amongst bright lights and glitter. Give us your Holy Spirit that we may be given all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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** *(please begin the pew pads)*

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

“Season of Wonders” *Providence Presbyterian Church Choir*
(Please refer to Cantata insert)

***Acolyte and Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

December Scripture Passage

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!"

Luke 2:10-14

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2015

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Mission/Outreach</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>
Kristy Stephenson	Margie Taylor	Kent Walton	Jeffrey Wood

Class of 2016

<i>Children C.E</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Property</i>
Beth Breeden	Pete Booth	David Nelms	Steve Nordan

Class of 2017

<i>Long Range Planning</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Worship</i>
Tony Bryant	David Collier	Barri Martin	Heath White

Staff

Accounting Treasurer
 Wayne Lamm

Collections Treasurer
 Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist
 Brittany Jones

Organist/Pianist
 Ann Stephenson & Susan Rudd

Website
 David Nelms

Usher Coordinator
 Russell Wood

Secretary
 Kimberly Callis

Honoring our history....building our future

Weekly Statistics

Total General Fund Receipts for November.....	\$27,004.47
General Fund Expenses for November	\$19,710.54
Total Receipts for December.....	\$4,420.86
*Receipts for December 6	\$4,420.86
Capital Campaign Receipts December 6	\$1,220.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru December 6)	\$704,033.65
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,657.94
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,150,430.95
Attendance for Sunday School December 6	83
Attendance for Worship December 6	112

**Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Kay Dry & Lindsey Frampton, Joyce Lamm (back)
Acolyte: Caroline Frampton
Nursery: Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens
No Children's Worship due to the Cantata
Fellowship Time: Nesselrodt Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 20

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Mary Langdon & Sandra Lordi, Beth Pickens (back)
Acolyte: Gavin Annis
Nursery: Elaine Wood & Carolyn Stuart
Children's Worship Leaders: Beth Breeden & Trey Bullock
Children's Worship Helper: Kay Dry
Youth Worship: Emma Phillips & Hannah Bullock
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

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

Weekly Events:

Dec 14. State Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec 15. Presbyterian Women Day Circle 10:00 am
Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting 11:30 am
Presbyterian Women Evening Circle 7:00 pm
Dec 16. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

Dec 20. Joy Offering Sunday
Dec 23. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
January Newsletter Deadline
Dec 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Dec 25. Christmas Day/Office Closed

Pastor's Office Hours - The pastor will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands.

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Praise God for the beautiful voices that sing today in our Christmas Cantata!

CONCERNS: We extend Christian Sympathy to the family of Graham Penny, Ed Penny's brother. Hunter Stephenson seizures, son of Laura McLamb's friend.

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*; **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; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of Sandy Kopanski; **Jerry Benson**, Randy Benson's cousin; **Nancy Biernacki**, friend of Bob Zattiero; **Patsy Bowman**, member; **Edith Bowser**, friend of Bob Zattiero; **Christopher Conway**, friend of Karen Morrow; **Richard Davis**, friend of Elaine Wood; **Kim Faircloth**, friend of Amy Dupree; **David Guss**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Ann Hargis**, community; **P.B. Jernigan**, relative of Sheila Dupree; **Joey Johnson**, friend of Randy Benson; **Luke Jordan**, friend of Christina Jones; **Keith Langdon**, member; **Carol Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law; **Jackie Parker**, friend of Amy Dupree; **Larry Phipps**, Allison Phipps's husband; **Tania Query**, Pat Davis' sister; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of John Kopanski; **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin; **Chad Talley**, friend of John Pickens; **Wayne Toler**, Dorothy Nesselrodt's brother-in-law; **Tammy Vann**, friend of Sandy Kopanski; and **Hannah Youngblood**, friend of Kristy Stephenson

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Levon & Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's parents; **Velma and Ray Bost**, Heath White's grandparents; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, Steve Wolak's parents; **Ricky Faircloth**, Beck McLamb's brother-in-law; **Ed Fontana**, Mary Langdon's father; **Patricia Forren**, church family; **Janet Harris**, Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister-in-law; **Fred Ipock**, Cathy Creech's father; **Norbert Kopanski**, John Kopanski's father; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of Andrea Jones; **Vic LaSaxon**, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law;; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Scott Martinelli**, Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son; **Wanza Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's mother; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Kathy Rose**, friend of Kim Schmidt; **Donald Salmon**, Wendy Stephenson's brother-in-law; and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Services Thursday,
December 24, 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Joy Gift Offering – Will be collected on Sunday, December 20. A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Please consider giving to this offering.

Senior Citizen's Luncheon – The January Senior Citizen's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, January 12 at 12:00 noon at Johnson Memorial Church. Please contact Margie Taylor with your reservations at margieataylor@aol.com by Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

Providence Presbyterian Women Chicken Pastry Fundraiser
Providence Women are collecting items for the silent auction that takes place during the Chicken Pastry fundraiser on Jan. 22, 2016. Please let Allison Nelms, Stephanie Bagley, or Beth Breeden know if you or someone you know will be willing to donate to the silent auction, baked goods, or the store please confirm this by January 9, 2016.

Reminders – Please contact Kim Callis at secretary@providencepresb.org or 919-894-4063 if you need to: Add or remove anyone from the prayer list, schedule use of the old or new fellowship hall or directory updates. **Please Note:** Bulletin deadline is by Thursday evening if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for that upcoming Sunday.

The Providence Presbyterian Church Choir
Presents

SEASON OF WONDERS

Celebrating the Miracle of Christmas

By: Joseph Martin

December 13, 2015
11:00 a.m.

Music Director and Narrator: Brittany Jones
Rehearsal Accompanists: Susan Rudd and
Ann Stephenson
Accompanist: Angie De Jesus
Trumpet Soloist: Brett Coates

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. *Carols of Gathering*
- II. *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
- III. *Bethlehem Promise, Bethlehem Joy*
- IV. *Rejoice, All Ye Daughters*
- V. *All On A Starry Night*
- VI. *Glory And Wonder*
- VII. *Saw You Never In The Twilight*
- VIII. *The Wonder Of Christmas*
- IX. *Holy Night*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!