

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Kevin and Annah Creech & Family*

Call to Worship Psalm 80

Leader: *Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!*

People: *Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Leader: *Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on Your name.*

People: *Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

***Opening Hymn** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" #185

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: *For Just as the Wise men sought the Christ child - we seek Your Grace, O God.*

People: *For the angels will shout good tidings of great joy of humanity's salvation through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God!*

***Responsive Hymn** "What Child Is This" # 184

***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 Member (refer to insert)

Old Testament Lesson **Isaiah 64:1-9**

Anthem **Special Music** Doug Sonderfan

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Amy Dupree, Jonathan Breeden & Candace Bullock)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Lesson **Mark 13:24-37**

Sermon "Christian Hope" Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 182

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

Congregational Meeting

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

November Scripture Passage

11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. 12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-- whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. **1 Corinthians 15:11-17**

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2016

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission/Outreach</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>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Worship</i>
Tony Bryant	David Collier	Barri Martin	Heath White

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Personnel</i>
Lindsey Frampton	Kent Walton	Atlee Roberts	Sam Stephenson

Staff

Accounting Treasurer
 Kristy Stephenson

Collections Treasurer
 Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
 Brittany Jones

Pianist
 Angie DeJesus

Website
 David Nelms

Usher Coordinator
 Russell Wood

Secretary
 Kimberly Callis

Honoring our history....building our future

Weekly Statistics

Total General Fund Receipts for October	\$77,912.73
General Fund Expenses for October.....	\$24,328.96
Total Receipts for November	\$15,201.07
*Receipts for November 20.....	\$5,514.00
Capital Campaign Receipts November 20	\$255.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru November 20)	\$824,759.51
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,696.82
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,096,868.94
Attendance for Sunday School November 20	70
Attendance for Worship November 20.....	85
Donation total to Barium Springs Offering November 20.....	\$609.00

**Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Sam Stephenson
Ushers: Sue Bryant & Pat Davis, Lisa Nelms (Back)
Acolyte: Gavin Annis
Nursery: Jennifer Crocker & Elaine Wood
Children's Worship: Amy Dupree
Children's Helper's: Jonathan Breeden & Candace Bullock
Fellowship Time: Kent & Gwen Walton

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 4

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Mary Langdon & Sandra Lordi, Beth Pickens (back)
Acolyte: Phoebe Creech
Nursery: Chris & Kristy Stephenson
Children's Worship: Stephanie Whitley
Children's Helper's: Jeff Wood & Heather Ennis
Lay Reader: Heath White
Fellowship Time: Nesselrodt Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 am: Worship Service
Congregational Meeting

Weekly Events:

Nov 29. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am Lower FH
Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Nov 30. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec 1. Mission & Outreach 7:00 pm
Dec 3. Christmas Program Practice 9:30 to 11:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Dec 4. Communion Sunday
Christmas Program 5:00 pm
Dec 5. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec 6. Card Ministry 10:00 am
Dec 7. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: We are thankful for the Advent season!

CONCERNS: John Wright, Christiane Nooney's father, fell and broke his arm near his shoulder and wrist; Sue Nicholson, Christiane Nooney's sister, surgery on her pitched sciatica scheduled for December 2; Worth Bowman, member, COPD.

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; Patsy Bowman, member; Joanne Boyle, Bob Zattiero's niece; Lisa Bradshaw, member of the community; Richard Davis, friend of Elaine Wood; David Guss, cousin of Andrea Jones; Ann Hargis, community; Luke Jordan, friend of Christina Jones; Keith Langdon, member; Carol Mayben, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law; Jackie Parker, friend of Amy Dupree; Dina Poole, Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law; Art Redmond, Pat Embrey's niece's husband; Elbert Simmons, Cathy Simmon' father; Ben Snelling, friend, of John Kopanski; Randy Stephenson, Jon Nooney's cousin; Chad Talley, friend of John Pickens; Wayne and Mary Toler, Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law; Tammy Vann, friend of Sandy Kopanski; and Hannah Youngblood, friend of Kristy Stephenson

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's mom; Velma and Ray Bost, Heath White's grandparents; Charlie & Mary Burke, Steve Wolak's parents; Elise Corona, daughter of a friend of Sue Bryant; Joan Daniel, John Daniel's mother; Coby Foreman, church family; Rebecca Jackson, member; Norbert Kopanski, John Kopanski's father; Sandy Kopanski, member; Stuart Kremer, friend of Andrea Jones; Susan Kushnereit, Bob Zattiero's niece; Laura Langdon, member; 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; Bill McClandless, friend of Bob Zattiero; Nancy Nelms, member; Jon Nooney, member; Janice Parrish, member; Lou Penny, member; Caleb Reese, cousin of Andrea Jones; Kathy Rose, friend of Kim Schmidt; Barbara Walton, member and Nora Williams, Lindsey Frampton's niece

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program – The Providence Christmas Program will take place at 5:00 pm, Sunday, December 4! Our children and youth have been practicing during LOGOS for several weeks, and we look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with our church family.

2016 Cantata CD Sales – You can still place orders from now through and including December 11. The sales table is in the foyer, outside the Upper Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

Angel Tree Shopping – The youth will eat lunch at the church and then go shopping for Angel Tree gifts, on Saturday, December 3.

Youth Caroling and Progressive Dinner – The youth will be caroling and partaking in a progressive dinner on Saturday, December 3. Plan to meet at Providence at 4:00 pm in the lower parking lot. Please RSVP to Barri Martin at bhmartin74@gmail.com.

Youth Outing – An outing to Mike's Farm will be Saturday, December 17. All middle and high school youth are invited to this outing. The day will include a meal with a hayride and Christmas light display at the end. The cost is \$25 per person which includes: food, drink and the cost of the hayride. Please RSVP or direct any questions to Barri Martin at bhmartin74@gmail.com.

Thank You! – PPC friends and family donated 25 shoe boxes to the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 2016 program! Twenty-five less fortunate children in a distant land will enjoy the wonder of receiving a gift from someone who doesn't even know them. A gift that will also include materials to introduce them to Jesus Christ. With the help of their local church leaders, the enclosed materials will invite these children to know Jesus and bring him into their lives. All donated boxes were delivered to the local receiving center yesterday afternoon. Thanks again from the PPC Mission & Outreach Team for your participation.

Lay Readers – Anyone who missed the first Lay Readers training last Sunday, please contact Heath White or Pastor Jim Davis for a follow up.

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.

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of Candidate

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 sacrament.

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present **Doug Sonderfan** to be received as a new member through Letter of Transfer.

Reaffirmation of Faith

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**

With God's help, will you be a faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love. **I WILL**

Will you **Doug** 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

Profession of Faith

(Inside back cover of Blue Hymnal)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith together in one voice. What do we believe ...

(In Unison)

I believe in God the Father almighty ...

Words of Welcome

Through his baptism, he has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church, affirming the covenant into which he was baptized. As members of the household of God, God has called him to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome him to this ministry.

Please greet the Doug in the love and joy of Christ after worship on the steps.

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