

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**CANTATA**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Chris Stephenson Family

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 25) Doug Sonderfan

Leader: *Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

Leader: *We greet one another because we wait together,*

**People:** *As Mary and Joseph waited together.*

Leader: *We wait with our own struggles and doubts and wonder.*

**People:** *Waiting to remember. Waiting to celebrate.*

Leader: *Born to set the people free.*

**All:** *Amen! Amen! Amen!*

**\* Opening Hymn** “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” #185

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*O Gracious God, You sent Your Son to earth to redeem our sinful souls. Have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You call us to work for peace in the world and with each other. Instead we create division with those whom we love. Your Son calls us to go forth and proclaim the good news to all nations, and we remain silent with those who need to hear of Your love. Forgive us in our indifference to Your calls of peace. Help us to embrace the Prince of Peace and convict our hearts that we may serve You with joy and peace.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *Jesus Christ is our peace who reconciles us both to God in one body through the cross.*

**People:** *In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we are forgiven!*

**\* Responsive Hymn** “The First Noel” #229

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

**Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

*Hymn # 34*

**Prayer of Dedication**

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

**“Come To The Manger”** Providence Presbyterian Church Choir  
*(Please refer to the Cantata insert)*

**\*Acolyte and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

Please feel free to take home your printed bulletin. Thank you for placing any discarded bulletins in a trash receptacle as you depart the building.

If you desire to join Christ’s Church here at PPC please contact the Pastor – office 919-894-4063, cell# 919-264-4324, or after worship!

**December Scripture Passage**

<sup>8</sup> In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> 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: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

**Luke 2:8-14**

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

*Pastor*  
Rev. Jim Davis

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*Session*

*Class of 2017*

<i>Long Range Planning</i> Tony Bryant	<i>Fellowship</i> David Collier	<i>Youth C.E.</i> Barri Martin	<i>Worship</i> Donna Stolle
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*Class of 2018*

<i>Finance</i> Sam Stephenson	<i>Congregational Care</i> Kent Walton	<i>Adult C.E.</i> Atlee Roberts	<i>Property</i> Russell Wood
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*Class of 2019*

<i>Children C.E.</i> Vickie Faircloth	<i>Mission &amp; Outreach</i> John Kopanski	<i>Clerk</i> Mary Ann Booth
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*Staff*

*Accounting Treasurer*  
Kristy Stephenson

*Collections Treasurer*  
Ann Benson

*Music Director/Organist/Pianist*  
Brittany Jones

*Pianist*  
Angie Searcy

*Website*  
David Nelms

*Usher Coordinator*  
Russell Wood

*Secretary*  
Cindy Lynch

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

*Weekly Statistics*

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Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru Oct 31).....	\$219,541.10
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru Oct 31) .....	\$246,763.97
General Fund Receipts for October.....	\$20,125.70
General Fund Expenses for October .....	\$24,147.88
Total General Fund Receipts for November .....	\$19,425.98
General Fund Receipts for December 3 .....	\$7,799.06
Capital Reserve Account.....	\$84,739.16
Loan Balance as of October 31 .....	\$982,549.62
Attendance for Sunday School November 12 .....	73
Attendance for Worship November 12 .....	108



## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Kent Walton

**Ushers:** Carolyn Stevenson and Joan Littleton

**Acolyte:** Hannibal Langdon

**Nursery:** Carolyn and Adam Stuart

**No Children's Worship**

**Lay Reader:** Doug Sonderfan

**Fellowship Time:** Seekers Class

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 17

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Kent Walton

**Ushers:** Lisa Nelms, Karen Morrow & Joyce Lamb (Back)

**Acolyte:** Joey Crocker

**Nursery:** Jennifer Crocker and Amy Dupree

**Children's Worship:** Kristy Stephenson

**Lay Reader:** Justin Wood

**Fellowship Time:** Nesselrodt Class

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

**9:45 am:** Sunday School

**10:25 am:** Fellowship Time

**11:00 pm:** Worship Service

### Weekly Events:

**Dec. 12.** Presbyterian Women Day Circle 10:00 am  
Presbyterian Women Night Circle 7:00 pm  
Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 pm

**Dec. 13.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**Dec. 15.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 17.** Christmas Joy Offering  
Elder Election after service

**Dec. 20.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

**Dec. 24.** Christmas Eve Service 11:00 am  
Christmas Service 5:00 pm

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Psalms 95:1

### CONCERNS:

#### 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*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon**, and **Frances Schmidt** at home.

#### Persons Living with Cancer, including:

**Charity Arrington**, friend of *Georgianna*; **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; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Sarah Mulcahay**, *sister of Patsy Bowman*; **Ken Page**, family of *Atlee and Linda Roberts*; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of *John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*; and **Wayne and Mary Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law*.

#### Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Randy Benson**, member; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Shepherd Byrd**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Gayla Edmond**, *Stephanie Wood's mom*; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **George Johnson**, *Debbie Sturgis' father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **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; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Marie Rouse**, delivery driver's wife; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Candy Weaver**, friend of *Amanda McLamb*; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Congregational Meeting and Vote January 7, 2018

All members are asked to be present for this important meeting. The Presbytery of New Hope requires that we formally express our desire to be dismissed from the PCUSA denomination by congregational vote. We require a minimum of 50% of all members to be on hand in order to conduct the vote. Please mark your calendar for this important date.

**Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders** – A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, December 17, 2017 following Worship for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2018. The Session has approved the following list of nominees:

- Donna Stolle - 2 year term
- Cathy Simmons - 3 year term
- Kevin Creech - 3 year term
- David Collier - 3 year term
- Steve Newnam - 3 year term

**Donations of Stock and Other Securities** can now be accepted by the Church. To make a donation or obtain more information, please contact Ann Benson, Collections Treasurer.

**Senior Citizens Luncheon** – The December Senior Citizen Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 12 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at 12:00 noon. Please contact Kay Dry at kaydry4@gmail.com and 919-639-9784 by Wednesday, December 6 with your reservation.

**Charlene Sonderfan**, mother of member Doug Sonderfan is relocating to Oak Hill Assisted Living facility on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Her new mailing address is: 9767 NC 210 North, Room 319A, Angier, NC 27501

**Safety/Security Team** – Anyone interested in learning more and helping; please contact Kent Walton or David Collier.

**Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group** – Are you wanting to walk off your Thanksgiving celebration? Join us Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall. All are Welcome!

**Note:** We will not meet Friday 22nd, Wednesday 27th or Friday 29th.

Have a joyous Christmas!

**Presbyterian Women Christmas Gift Bag Giving** – Please remember to bring your completed gift bag to the December 12, Day Circle or Night Circle meeting, if you are not also delivering the bag you assembled.

**High School Youth** please mark your calendars for our ski trip on January 26 – 28. More information to come.

**Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies** – Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bin near the foyer doors leading into the Upper Fellowship Hall.

**Reminders** – Please contact Cindy Lynch 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** – The Bulletin deadline is **Noon Thursday** if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. The Newsletter items deadline is the **23<sup>rd</sup>** of the month.