

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 9, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Candle

By Chris, Kristy, Eva and William Stephenson

Call to Worship (Psalm 85) Kevin Creech

Leader: *Restore us again, O God of our salvation,*

People: *and put away your indignation toward us.*

Leader: *Revive us again, so that Your people may rejoice in You*

People: *Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.*

Leader: *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,*

People: *for He will speak peace to His people,*

Leader: *Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;*

People: *righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*

Leader: *Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,*

People: *and righteousness will look down from the sky.*

Leader: *The LORD will give what is good.*

All: *Let us worship the Lord this day.*

*** Opening Hymn** "Angels We Have Heard on High" #188

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** "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" #191

Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed"

(Back cover of blue Hymnal)

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 1:1-10

Anthem "Rise Up Shepherd And Follow" Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Allison Nelms)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

Romans 15:4-13

Sermon "Peace" Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** "Angels, From the Realm of Glory" #189

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

December Scripture Passage

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² 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. ³³ 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

Session

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Long Range Planning</i>
Sam Stephenson	Kent Walton	Atlee Roberts	Russell Wood

Class of 2019

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Clerk</i>
Vickie Faircloth	John Kopanski	Donna Stolle	Mary Ann Booth

Class of 2020

<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Property</i>
David Collier	Cathy Simmons	Kevin Creech	Steve Newnam

Staff

Accounting Treasurer
Sam 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

2018 General Fund Receipts through October.....	\$203,521.92
2018 General Fund Expenses through October	\$238,471.84
General Fund Receipts for October	\$18,483.46
General Fund Expenses for October	\$22,462.09
Total General Fund Receipts so far for November	\$17,935.60
General Fund Receipts for December 2	\$10,488.00
Attendance for Sunday School November 25.....	81
Attendance for Worship November 25	147

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

Secretary's Office Hours – Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
The office number is 919-894-4063.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Mary Ann Booth
Ushers: Beth Pickens, Carolyn Stevenson, and Margie Taylor (Back)
Acolyte: Meadow Creech
Nursery: Anna and Kevin Creech
Children's Worship: Allison and Ryan Nelms
Lay Reader: Kevin Creech
Fellowship Time: Seekers Class
Safety/Security: Kent Walton

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 16

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Mary Ann Booth
Ushers: Elaine Wood, Mary Elaine Wood and Sue Bryant (Back)
Acolyte: Phoebe Creech
Nursery: Carolyn Stuart and Adam Stuart
Children's Worship: No Children's Worship
Lay Reader: Eric Faircloth
Fellowship Time: Nesselrodt Class
Safety/Security: Kent Walton

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

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

Weekly Events:

Dec. 9. PPC Women's Outing at Benson Little Theatre 3:00 pm
Dec. 10. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 11. PPC Women Day Circle 10:00 am and Night Circle 7:00 pm
Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 pm
M&O Universal Health Care Visit 1:00 pm
Dec. 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec. 14. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 16. Christmas Cantata
Dec. 17. M&O Committee Meeting 10:00 am
Dec. 19. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec. 20. Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 21. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: ...the peace of Christ can rule in your heart! ... Colossians 3:15

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*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Carolyn Burns**, *Rich Lambert's sister*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Emily Carr**, *Miriam Lambert's friend*; **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Wendy Stephenson**, member; **Justin Vess**, brother-in-law of *Andrea Jones*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*; and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT: During the Advent season when wreaths hang on the exterior doors, please pay special attention that a door is closing all the way when you leave the building. Thank you for this extra consideration.

PPC Women's December Outing is Today - "A Christmas Story" play at Benson Little Theatre, December 9, 3:00 pm. Contact: Cathy Simmons at cesimmons112@gmail.com or call 919-275-4399.

Tree of Warmth 2018 – M&O's Tree of warmth is in the UFH receiving donations for children in need of hats, scarves, gloves, socks and jackets. The tree will be taken down after worship on Sunday December 9, 2018. Thank you so much for participation in this effort.

Christmas Cantata will be presented by the Providence Choir during Worship Service Sunday, December 16. "A Thrill of Hope". Words and music by Joel Raney. Directed by Brittany Jones and accompanied by Angie Searcy.

Wanted: Chicken Pastry Coordinator. See Ann Benson if you are interested in helping in this capacity with this fundraiser for PPC. The next Chicken Pastry Fundraiser is scheduled for March 15, 2019.

Donation Option - Providence is accepting donations of stocks and other securities. To make a donation or obtain more information, please contact Ann Benson, Collections Treasurer.

Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group - The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group invite you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. We meet Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am in the UFH. All are welcome!

Church Newsletter – The December issue of the PPC Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads" is available online at the church website. If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a paper copy of the Newsletter in the Narthex.

The Quarterly Service List of those that serve in our Worship Services is also available on our church website to help with scheduling for the next three months.

Please Note – Bulletin Deadline is the end of the business day Wednesday, for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday.

The Newsletter items deadline is the 20th of this month.

For safety/security, no exterior doors will be propped open during services and all doors will be locked during the 11:00 am service except the main sanctuary door.

