

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 30, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 37) Wendy Stephenson

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** "Angels, From the Realms of Glory" # 189

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

Leviticus 19:18

Anthem "Go Tell It On The Mountain" Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Stephanie Wood)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:12

Sermon "Love Thy Neighbor" **Kent Walton**

***Hymn of Dedication** "Oh Come, Let Us Adore Him" # 114

***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

⁸ *In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.* ⁹ *Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.* 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 2:8-14

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 November	\$221,814.18
2018 General Fund Expenses through November.....	\$258,449.51
General Fund Receipts for November.....	\$18,292.26
General Fund Expenses for November	\$19,977.67
General Fund Receipts so far for December	\$25,039.65
General Fund Receipts for December 23	\$6,712.00
Attendance for Sunday School December 23.....	71
Attendance for Worship December 23	126

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: Joan Stuart, Elaine Wood and Beth Pickens (Back)
Acolyte: Kolton Crocker
Nursery: Kristy and Chris Stephenson
Children's Worship: Stephanie and Rob Wood
Lay Reader: Wendy Stephenson
Fellowship Time: Encouragers Class
Safety/Security: Kent Walton

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 6

Elder of the Month/Greeter: John Kopanski
Ushers: Pete Booth, Tony Bryant and David Collier (Back)
Acolyte: Connor Frickman
Nursery: Elaine Wood and Grace Martin
Children's Worship: Kristy and Chris Stephenson
Lay Reader: Beth Wolak
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class
Safety/Security: Rick Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

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

Weekly Events:

Dec. 31. New Year's Eve
Jan. 1. New Year's Day
Office Closed
Jan. 2. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 10:00 am
Adult choir Practice 7:30 pm
Jan. 4. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 6. Epiphany of the Lord
Jan. 7. Congregational Care Committee Meeting 10:00 am
Jan. 8. Card Ministry 10:00 am
Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 at PPC
M&O Universal Visit 1:00 pm
Jan. 9. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Jan. 10. CO-ORD/CP Meeting at 7:00 pm
Jan. 11. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 10:00 am
Blood Drive in Upper Fellowship Hall at 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:7

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; **Rev. Jim Davis,** member; **Wanda Johnson Dupree,** previous member; **Barbara Ellis,** mother of *Georgeanna Phillips;* **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman,** members; **Mike Kefauver,** *Brittany Jones' father;* **Jonathan Kershaw,** member; **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; **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: Please pay special attention that the door is closing all the way when you leave the building. Thank you.

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.

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.

Senior Luncheon at Providence Presbyterian Church will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at noon. We are not going to need anyone to bring food but will need help decorating and in the kitchen on that day. Check with Margie if you can help with the preparations, but also let her know if you are coming for the lunch so that she knows how much to prepare. Contact Margie at margieataylor@aol.com or call 919-552-6068. After all the holiday busyness, relax and enjoy some comradery with your friends or make some new ones.

BLOOD DRIVE on Friday, January 11th, 2019 from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm. Because of the hurricanes, there is a severe shortage for blood of all types. Please, come and help out by giving a pint of blood or even a Power Red. Contact Margie Taylor at 919-552-6068 or email margieataylor@aol.com. You can also go into the American Red Cross website and sign up to give by putting in the Zip code of 27501. Please help us make our goal and save a life at the same time.

Providence Presbyterian Women January Luncheon Event - All Providence Presbyterian Women are invited to a catered luncheon on **Saturday, January 12 at Noon** in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship, great food and musical entertainment by the "Clevettes". The cost for lunch is \$11.00. Please RSVP by Friday, January 4 to Cathy Simmons, cesimmons112@gmail.com or call 919-275-4399. We look forward to seeing you there!

Installation of Elders is January 13, 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.

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 available on our church website to help with scheduling for the next three months.

Ushers, Lay Readers, Acolytes - This is a reminder that if you have volunteered to serve but now need a sub in your place, just send Donna Stolle an email and let her know. Copy Cindy via "cc:" on that email. Donna will arrange the sub and let Cindy know who the sub will be. Thank you for your participation in our weekly worship service.

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.