

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**                     `         Cathy Creech

**Call to Worship**

One Voice: *And God said, "Let us make humankind in our own image."*

**All Voices:** *We come to worship our Creator.*

One Voice: *And God created all humankind in the image of God.*

**All Voices:** *So we gather with brothers and sisters, these here and those beyond this space.*

One Voice: *And when that image of God was broken*

**All Voices:** *God came in full visibility, to show and to restore that perfect image.*

One Voice: *God came in Jesus Christ.*

**All Voices:** *God came in Jesus Christ.*

One Voice: *Born to set the people free.*

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

One Voice: *Light begins to come.*

**All Voices:** *The glimmer begins.*

One Voice: *God brings God's image into the world.*

**All Voices:** *In us! In us!*

One Voice: *And in Light of the World.*

**All Voices:** *Come, Lord Jesus.*

**\*Opening Hymn**                     **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**                     **#182**

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*Heavenly Father, today we begin our journey to the lowly stable where the Christ Child was born. Be with us in our journey, we pray, and help us to find the true meaning of this world-shaking event. May we learn to put our faith in the kingdom based on justice and righteousness, and commit ourselves anew to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *The Hope of the world is come and let the heavens sing!*

**People:** *Through the Christ-child we are redeemed!*

**\*Responsive Hymn**                     **"Sing We Now of Christmas"**                     **# 193**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**   *(Back cover of Blue Hymnal)*  
**"The Apostle's Creed"**

**\*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**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 1:26-27**

**Anthem**                     **"Angels We Have Heard on High"**         Providence Choir

**Musical Interlude for Children's Worship**

*(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Beth Breeden and Scott Martin)*

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

**New Testament Lesson**

**Colossians 1:15-17**

**Sermon**

**"God With Us"**

Rev. Jim Davis

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

**\*Acolyte and Benediction**

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*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

### **November Scripture Passage**

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

**John 11:25-28**

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

*Pastor*  
 Rev. Jim Davis

*Session*

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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*

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*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

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Total General Fund Receipts for October .....	\$14,510.60
General Fund Expenses for October .....	\$24,480.80
Total Receipts for November .....	\$36,858.01
*Receipts for November 22.....	\$2,311.51
Capital Campaign Receipts November 22 .....	\$2,225.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru November 22) .....	\$702,413.65
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,654.46
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,168,861.79
Attendance for Sunday School November 22 .....	81
Attendance for Worship November 22.....	112

*\*Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Tony Bryant  
**Ushers:** Ronnie Creech & Ryan Nelms, Jeffrey Wood (back)  
**Acolyte:** Connor Frickman  
**Nursery:** Heath & Heather White  
**Children's Worship Leaders:** Beth Breeden & Scott Martin  
**Youth Worship:** Lily Martin & Mary Elaine Wood

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 6

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Steve Nordan  
**Ushers:** Mary Ann Booth & Sue Bryant, Pat Davis (back)  
**Acolyte:** Joey Crocker  
**Nursery:** Jonathan Breeden & Laura Langdon  
**Children's Worship Leaders:** Stephanie Bagley & Trey Bullock  
**Children's Worship Helper:** Heather Ennis  
**Youth Worship:** Hannah Bullock and Emma Phillips

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

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

### Weekly Events:

**Nov 30.** Card Ministry Meeting at 1:00 pm  
**Dec 1.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am  
**Dec 2.** Adult Choir Practice at 7:30 pm  
**Dec 3.** Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting 10:00 am  
Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm  
**Dec 5.** Christmas Program Dress rehearsal 10:00 am

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec 6.** Christmas Program 5:00 pm  
**Dec 7.** Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am  
Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Dec 8.** Senior Citizen's Luncheon at PPC at 12:00 noon  
**Dec 9.** Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Dec 10.** Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering 6:30 pm  
**Dec 13.** Christmas Cantata during worship 11:00 am  
Communion Sunday

**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:** We are thankful for the Advent season!

### 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*; **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*; **Salley Dowsett**, *Laura McLamb's* cousin; **Kim Faircloth**, friend of *Amy Dupree*; **Carol Frickman**, *Todd Frickman's* sister-in-law; **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's* 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*; **Kenneth Weathers**, brother-in-law of *Wendy Stephenson*; 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

**Angel Tree Shopping – Today!** The Youth will eat lunch after church at Hwy 55 Restaurant at 42 and then go shopping for Angel Tree gifts. We will meet back at the church to be picked up.

**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.

**Card Ministry Team** - Our next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 30 at 1:00 pm in the upper fellowship hall. We will be making two cards each. There will not be a meeting in December. Starting Jan. 5, 2016, and every month thereafter, this team will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am, in the upper fellowship hall. Thank you Prayer Shawl Team for accommodating this schedule change.

**Prayer Shawl Team** - The last meeting time in 2015 will be as scheduled on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10:00 am in the lower fellowship hall. Starting Jan. 26, 2016, and every month thereafter, this team will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 am in the lower fellowship hall.

**The Christmas Program** - The Providence Christmas Program will take place at 5:00 PM on Sunday, Dec. 6. 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. Children and youth who are in the Christmas Program are asked to attend the dress rehearsal at 10:00 AM on Saturday, Dec. 5 and to arrive by 3:45 PM on Sunday, Dec. 6 to get ready for the program. All practices other than the dress rehearsal will take place during LOGOS. If your child is not participating in LOGOS but would like to take part in the Christmas program, please contact Brittany Jones or Beth Breeden for practice times and parts.

**Senior Citizen's Luncheon** - The December luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 8 at Providence Presbyterian Church at 12 noon. Please contact Kay Dry at 919-639-9784 or [kaydry@embarqmail.com](mailto:kaydry@embarqmail.com) or Margie Taylor at [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com) by Dec. 3 with your reservations. All Seniors from Providence please try to attend to help make all of our guest feel welcomed plus we need you in hosting.

**Presbyterian Women Christmas Gathering** – Is planned for Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm at Ron's Barn. We will enjoy great food, gospel music, and fellowship. All women in the congregation are invited to attend. The cost is \$12.50 per person. Please RSVP to Sheila Dupree by Dec. 1 if you would like to attend (919-427-1780 or [sheila\\_dupree@yahoo.com](mailto:sheila_dupree@yahoo.com)).

**Children's Worship** - Children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to participate in our kid-sized Children's Worship ~ an interactive worship service of music, scripture, and learning about God's word. Children's Worship is held in the space formerly known as Classroom 5. We are thankful for the adults, youth, and little people who are committed to making this worship service meaningful for all involved. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth Breeden at 919-624-1633.

**Reminders** – Please contact Kim Callis at [secretary@providencepresb.org](mailto: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.