

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2015

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Langdon Family

Call to Worship

From Isaiah 12

Leader: *Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has
become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from
the wells of salvation.*

People: *In that day you will say: Give thanks to the Lord, call on
His name, make known among the nations what He has
done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.*

Leader: *Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this
be known to all the world.*

People: *Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, For great
is The Holy One of Israel among you.*

Leader: *The time is coming when people will sing praise to the
Lord.*

People: *God is our Savior, we will trust Him and not be afraid.*

Leader: *The Lord gives us power and strength; He is our Savior.*

All: *As fresh water brings joy to the thirsty, so we rejoice in
the God of our salvation. Amen.*

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

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

*O God of infinite possibilities, we come before You this day to
confess our sins together as Your people, sinners yet redeemed by the
Christ-child. Forgive us, O Lord, help us to live everyday as Jesus
taught us. Transform our hearts so we might shine brightly as the star
of Bethlehem to those whom You send our way. Help us to love our
brothers and sisters as You love us. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we
may embrace the one true Hope and be Your disciples of Peace in this
world. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Our hope realized in the Christ-child lying in a manger*

People: *O Come, Emmanuel, glory to God in the highest!*

***Responsive Hymn** **“We Three Kings of Orient Are”** # 233

***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

Matthew 1:18-25

Anthem

“Joy To The World”

Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children’s Worship

*(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Beth Breeden, Trey Bullock and
Heather Ennis)*

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Lesson

II Corinthians 2:12-17

Sermon

“God Amongst Us”

Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** **“The First Noel”** *verses 1 thru 3* # 229

***Acolyte and Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

December Scripture Passage

*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 2:10-14

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2015

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| <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

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| <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

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| <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

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 November..... | \$27,004.47 |
| General Fund Expenses for November | \$19,710.54 |
| Total Receipts for December..... | \$8,474.92 |
| *Receipts for December 13 | \$4,054.06 |
| Capital Campaign Receipts December 13 | \$6,515.00 |
| Capital Campaign Giving (thru December 13) | \$710,548.65 |
| Capital Campaign Reserve Account..... | \$84,657.94 |
| Current Loan Balance..... | \$1,150,430.95 |
| Attendance for Sunday School December 13 | 86 |
| Attendance for Worship December 13 | 160 |

**Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Mary Langdon & Sandra Lordi, Beth Pickens (back)
Acolyte: Gavin Annis
Nursery: Elaine Wood & Carolyn Stuart
Children's Worship Leaders: Beth Breeden & Trey Bullock
Children's Worship Helper: Heather Ennis
Youth Worship: Emma Phillips & Mary Elaine Wood
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 27

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Carolyn Stevenson & Margie Taylor, Elaine Wood (back)
Acolyte: Silas Porter
Nursery: Todd & Barbie Frickman
Children's Worship Leaders: Stephanie Bagley & Trey Bullock
Children's Worship Helper: Heather Ennis
Youth Worship: Emma Phillips & Hannah Bullock
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

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

Weekly Events:

Dec 23. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
January Newsletter Deadline
Dec 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm
Office Closed
Dec 25. Christmas Day/Office Closed

Upcoming Events:

Dec 30. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec 31. New Year's Eve/ Office Closed
Jan 1. New Year's Day/Office Closed
Jan 3. Installation of Elders
LOGOS 5:00 pm

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: Joy to the world! The Lord has come let earth receive her King!

CONCERNS: **Sheri Kotlas**, recovery from surgery, Sheila Dupree's sister; **Kerry Kotlas**, restricted activity for pre term labor, daughter-in-law of Sheila Dupree's sister

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*; **Kim Faircloth**, friend of *Amy Dupree*; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **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; **Joe Rudd**, church family; **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*; 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; **Hunter Stephenson**, son of *Laura McLamb's* friend; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's* father

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Services Thursday,
December 24, 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Joy Gift Offering – Will be collected today! A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian related racial ethnic colleges and schools. Please consider giving to this offering.

Please Note – The Pastor will be on vacation from December 21 until January 2, 2016, although Rev. Davis will be checking email, please call Kent Walton with any emergency needs. Kent can be reached at 919-618-6344.

Poinsettias Reminder – If you purchased a poinsettia and wish to take it with you please do so today after worship service.

Ladies of the Church – Are encouraged to help take down Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 2 at 9:00 am.

Providence Presbyterian Women's Chicken Pastry Fundraiser –

- Chicken Pastry tickets will be distributed for sell on Sunday, December 27 and January 3. All monies and unsold tickets should be returned by Sunday, January 17.
- Anyone who would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact Allison Nelms, Stephanie Bagley, or Beth Breeden by January 9.
- Anyone who would like to donate baked goods for “fixed priced” bake sale, please contact Carolyn Stevenson by January 9.
- Anyone who would like to donate a chicken and it's broth for the pastry fundraiser, please contact Sheila Dupree by January 9. The chicken should be cooked, skinned and deboned and placed in a separate disposable container from the broth and be delivered to the church on Thursday, January 21.

Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team and all team captains for Pastry/Silent Auction – Will meet Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 pm in the Seekers classroom

Senior Citizen's Luncheon – The January Senior Citizen's Luncheon will be held Tuesday, January 12 at 12:00 noon at Johnson Memorial Church. Please contact Margie Taylor with your reservations at margieataylor@aol.com by Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

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.

Bulletin Reminder – Due to the office being closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for Christmas and Christmas Eve and Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1, 2016 for New Year's Day and New Year's Eve the bulletin will be run on Wednesday each of those weeks. The deadline for both of those weeks will be on Tuesday, December 22 for this upcoming week and Tuesday, December 29 for the week after Christmas. If you have any questions please call Kim Callis at the church office at 919-894-4063 or email her at secretary@providencepresb.org.

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

December 20, 2015

Given by Liz Annis & Alisha Gillespy

In Memory of Robert W. Gillespy

Given by Carlos, Stephanie, Kimsey & Harris Bagley

In Honor of Steve & Kelly Nordan, Ann Stephenson & Jean Carroll

In Memory of Glenn Carroll, Paul Stephenson & Annie King

Given by Randy & Ann Benson

In Honor of Austin Benson

In Memory of George & Helen Coates and Shelton & Kathleen Benson

Given by Tony & Sue Bryant

In Memory of Brandy Hawkins, Mica Love &

Beverly & Spicer Rhodes

Given by Cathy, Candance & Travis Creech

In Memory of Blanche Ipock, Thelma Ipock & Josephine Creech

Given by Kevin & Annah Creech, Phoebe & Meadow

In Honor of Hilda & Larry Creech and Sylvia & David Wood

Given by Nathan & Kay Dry

In Memory of their parents: Doris & Jesse Dry and

Vera & Cloniger Young

Given by Don & Brenda Dupree

In Honor of Connor Reed

In Memory of Leon & Vearl Stephenson and

Alfred & Agnes Dupree

Given by the Dupree Family

In Memory of Allen Dupree & Brian Allen

Given by Tammy C. Horton

In Memory of DeEtta Wood & Jeanette Williams

Given by Wade & Carolyn Johnson

In Honor of Virginia Moore

In Memory of Luman Moore, John & Mandy Moore and

Mary Johnson

Given by Craig & Gayle Jones

In Memory of DeEtta Jones Wood

Given by Becky Kleaver, Alexa & Kenny

In Memory of William Kleaver & Mildred Presley

Given by Wayne & Joyce Lamm

In Honor of Our Parents

Given by Joan Littleton

In Memory of William & Allene Stuart

Given by Beck & Laura McLamb

In Honor of Gerald & Ellen Sutton

In Memory of Hampton & Charlotte McLamb

Given by LaVette Morgan

In Honor of Barbara King, sister

In Memory of Robert Morgan, husband

Given by David & Lisa Nelms

In Honor of Ryan & Allison Nelms, Eric, Christina & Dylan Jones, Tom

& Nancy Nelms and Wayne & Peggy Campbell

In Memory of Our Grandparents and DeEtta Wood

Given by Ryan & Allison Nelms

In Honor of David & Lisa Nelms and Randy & Pam Parrish

In Memory of Papa, Papa Jake & DeEtta Wood

Given by Tom & Nancy Nelms

In Honor of the extended Nelms family

In Memory of Valmond & Annie King and Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Nelms

Given by Frank & Betsy Olive

In Memory of Miss Nannie E. Coates and Mr. & Mrs. David Stephenson

Given by John & Beth Pickens

In Honor of our children, Stewart & Jane Pickens

In Memory of Brian Lewis and RN & Virginia Pickens

Given by Bob & Nadine Reed

In Honor of Ray Manuel

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Reed, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Reed, Gladys

Manuel, Ed A. Harvey, Janet Reed, Mr. & Mrs. John Dempsey, Les Healy,

Billy Reed and Mickey Reed

Given by Ann King Stephenson

In Memory of Valmond & Annie King and W. Paul Stephenson

Given by Sam & Wendy Stephenson and children

In Honor of Mrs. Ann Stephenson, Mrs. Marilyn Johnson and

Mr. & Mrs. Edsel Penny

In Memory of Alice & J.C. McLeod, Paul & Jean Stephenson, Chellie Poston and Lacy Johnson

Given by Carolyn Stevenson

In Honor of the Session of the church

In Memory of Johnson & Massengill families

Given by Ashton & Adam Stuart

In Honor of Our Grandparents

In Memory of Our Great Grandparents

Given by Joan & Darren Stuart

In Memory of Martha Isley

Given by Rick & Margie Taylor

In Honor of Frances Elkins

In Memory of Eva Lee Taylor and Norma & Bernard Parsons

Given by Kent & Gwen Walton

In Honor of Rosyval & Barbara Walton, Jeff & Courtney Gulley and

Abbey Walton

In Memory of Alice & Palmon Stephenson, Roy & Lib Vann and Gene & Vera Stephenson

Given by Jeff, Justin, Mary Elaine & Ava Wood

In Memory of DeEtta Wood

Given by Johnny & Elaine Wood

In Honor of Dorothy Nesselrodt & Pauline Jones

In Memory of DeEtta Wood, Rev. Buddy Nesselrodt, and Clyde & Alice Honeycutt

Given by Robbie & Stephanie Wood

In Memory of Macer & Fern Edmond and Joseph & Earline Gore

Given by Marilyn, Annie, Peggy, Billy, Lou Ann & Trevor

In Memory of Rupert Lacy Johnson

Poinsettias for Advent

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