

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**DECEMBER 27, 2015**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: *We gather to worship God.*

**People:** *We worship our Creator, who formed us in God's very image.*

Leader: *We gather to be surprised by God.*

**People:** *We worship God, the Wind that blows where it will.*

Leader: *We gather to celebrate God with us.*

**People:** *We worship Emmanuel.*

Leader: *We gather to get to know the Messiah.*

**People:** *We worship and move toward a cross-shaped manger.*

Leader: *Christ Jesus! Born to set the people free!*

**People:** *Amen! Amen! Amen!*

**\*Opening Hymn**      **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**      **#59**

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*O God of Hope, You have chosen us as Your own, You gave Your only Son to call us to love one another as You have loved us. We come to You this morning Your people redeemed through Your Love and Grace. Forgive us for falling short of Your Glory, may we come to You like the Wise Men did so many years ago and offer up our best to You, O Lord. Pour out Your Spirit on us anew, that we may obediently proclaim the depth, the breadth, the height, and the length of Your love that passes all measure.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *Praise him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!*

**People:** *For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven!*

**\*Responsive Hymn**      **"Away in a Manger"**      **# 205**

**\*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**

**Joshua 1:1-7**

**Special Music**

**"Mary Did You Know?"**

Ron Forren

**Musical Interlude for Children's Worship**

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

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

**New Testament Lesson**

**2 Peter 1:3-9**

**Sermon**

**"Deja Vu - All Over Again"**

Nathan Dry

**\*Dedication Hymn**

**"Go Tell It on the Mountain"**

**# 218**

**\*Acolyte and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

**December Scripture Passage**

<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 2:10-14**

**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 November.....	\$27,004.47
General Fund Expenses for November .....	\$19,710.54
Total Receipts for December.....	\$14,020.42
*Receipts for December 20 .....	\$5,545.50
Capital Campaign Receipts December 20 .....	\$400.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru December 20) .....	\$710,948.65
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,657.94
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,150,430.95
Attendance for Sunday School December 20.....	60
Attendance for Worship December 20 .....	116

*\*Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**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:** Encouragers Class

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 3, 2016

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Heath White  
**Ushers:** Eric Smith & Bob Stolle, Darren Stuart (back)  
**Acolyte:** Lily Martin  
**Nursery:** Richard & Andrea Jones  
**Children's Worship Leaders:** Amy Dupree & Jonathan Breeden  
**Children's Worship Helper:** Kay Dry  
**Youth Worship:** Riley Wood & 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

### Weekly Events:

**Dec 30.** No Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Dec 31.** New Year's Eve/ Office Closed  
**Jan 1.** New Year's Day/Office Closed  
**Jan 2.** Ladies of the Church to take down Christmas decorations 9:00 am

### Upcoming Events:

**Jan 3.** Installation of Elders  
LOGOS 5:00 pm  
**Jan 5.** Card Ministry 10:00 am  
**Jan 6.** Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Jan 7.** Staff Meeting 10:00 am

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

### 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*; **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; **Kerry Kotlas**, daughter in law of *Sheila Dupree's* sister; **Sheri Kotlas**, *Sheila Dupree's* sister; **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

**The Session is pleased to announce that Angie DeJesus has accepted the position of pianist. She will start her duties in January. As many of you know, Angie has been the piano accompanist for PPC's cantatas for several years. Please welcome Angie and make her feel part of God's family at PPC.**

**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.**

**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 to the person that you received the tickets from.
- 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 its 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.

**Bulletin Reminder –** Due to the office being closed on 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 for this upcoming week. The deadline is Tuesday, December 29 for this week. If you have any questions please call Kim Callis at the church office at 919-894-4063 or email her at secretary@providencepresb.org.

**Cemetery Addition –** The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church has approved expanding the church cemetery by 30 plots (60 graves). The expansion is on the east side of the cemetery and has been marked off with stakes and a survey has been completed. The plots are for members of Providence Presbyterian Church who don't currently own a plot and there is a limit of one plot (two graves) per household. The cost to buy a plot is \$500 (\$250 per grave). Our secretary, Kim Callis will have cemetery information forms for any member that wishes to buy a plot. The form is short and will only list name, address, city and date of application. **Checks or cash to purchase a plot will not be necessary at this point, that will come later probably sometime in early February; do not present Kim with money until you're notified.** This information will run in our church bulletin thru the month of January thus giving members this time (sign-up period) to make their decision on purchasing. Priority in buying/selecting a plot will be based on total years of active membership at Providence per our church records. It's our goal that every member who wishes to buy a plot will be able to do so.

