

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath *Heath & Heather White & Family*

Call to Worship Psalm 85

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** “Away in a Manger” # 205

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 **Isaiah 40:1-5**

Musical Interlude for Children’s Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Stephanie Whitley, Jeff Wood & Heather Ennis)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Lesson **Mark 1:1-8**

Sermon “Passing Peace” Rev. Jim Davis

Anthem “Let There Be Peace” Providence Choir

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table
Prayer
Words of Institution
Communion of God’s People

(We celebrate communion this morning and invite you to partake of the bread as you receive it – but please hold the cup so we may partake together)

***Dedication Hymn** “Sing We Now of Christmas” # 193

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

December Scripture Passage

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."
Matthew 1:18-23

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2016

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission/Outreach</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>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Worship</i>
Tony Bryant	David Collier	Barri Martin	Heath White

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Personnel</i>
Lindsey Frampton	Kent Walton	Atlee Roberts	Sam Stephenson

Staff

Accounting Treasurer
 Kristy Stephenson

Collections Treasurer
 Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
 Brittany Jones

Pianist
 Angie DeJesus

Website
 David Nelms

Usher Coordinator
 Russell Wood

Secretary
 Kimberly Callis

Honoring our history....building our future

Weekly Statistics

Total General Fund Receipts for October	\$77,912.73
General Fund Expenses for October.....	\$24,328.96
Total Receipts for November	\$28,139.32
*Receipts for November 27.....	\$12,938.25
Capital Campaign Receipts November 27	\$650.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru November 27)	\$825,409.51
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,696.82
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,096,868.94
Attendance for Sunday School November 27	79
Attendance for Worship November 27.....	129

**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: Phoebe Creech
Nursery: Chris & Kristy Stephenson
Children's Worship: Stephanie Whitley
Children's Helpers: Jeff Wood & Heather Ennis
Lay Reader: Heath White
Fellowship Time: Nesselrodt Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 11

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Carolyn Stevenson & Margie Taylor, Elaine Wood (back)
Acolyte: Hannibal Langdon
Nursery: Richard & Andrea Jones
Children's Worship: Stephanie Whitley
Children's Helpers: Jeff Wood & Heather Ennis
Lay Reader: Doug Sonderfan
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 am: Worship Service
5:00 pm: Christmas Program

Weekly Events:

Dec 5. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
Dec 6. Card Ministry 10:00 am
Dec 7. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

Dec 11. Cantata 11:00 am and 6:00 pm
Dec 13. Presbyterian Women Day Circle 10:00 am Lower FH
Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 noon Mt. Zion UMC
Presbyterian Women Evening Circle 7:00 pm Lower FH
Dec 15. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec 18. Christmas Joy Offering
LOGOS Family Christmas 3:00 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: We are joyful in the knowledge of the Hope, Joy, Peace and Love realized in our Savior Jesus Christ, Merry Christmas!

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*; **Patsy Bowman**, member; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Richard Davis**, friend of *Elaine Wood*; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Luke Jordan**, friend of *Christina Jones*; **Keith Langdon**, member; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Jackie Parker**, friend of *Amy Dupree*; **Dina Poole**, *Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law*; **Art Redmond**, *Pat Embrey's niece's husband*; **Elbert Simmons**, *Cathy Simmon's father*; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of *John Kopanski*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*; **Wayne and Mary Toler**, *Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law*; **Tammy Vann**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; and **Hannah Youngblood**, friend of *Kristy Stephenson*

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Velma and Ray Bost**, *Heath White's grandparents*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's parents*; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Rebecca Jackson**, member; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Susan Kushnereit**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Laura Langdon**, member; **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*; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, *Christiane Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Janice Parrish**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Mary Wilkinson**, *Ron Forren's mother*; **Nora Williams**, *Lindsey Frampton's niece*; and **John Wright**, *Christiane Nooney's father*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Program – The Providence Christmas Program will take place **today** at 5:00 pm! 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.

2016 Cantata CD Sales – Sales continue on Sunday, December 4 and December 11. Order yours today!

Senior Citizens Luncheon – The December Senior Citizen Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 13 at Mount Zion United Methodist Church at 12:00 noon. Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149 by Wednesday, December 7 with your reservation.

Youth Outing – An outing to Mike's Farm will be Saturday, December 17. All middle and high school youth are invited to this outing. The day will include a meal with a hayride and Christmas light display at the end. The cost is \$25 per person which includes: food, drink and the cost of the hayride. Please RSVP or direct any questions to Barri Martin at bhmartin74@gmail.com.

LOGOS Family Christmas - On Sunday, December 18th, in lieu of LOGOS, you are invited to attend a Family Christmas craft and movie time of Fellowship from 3:00 - 5:30. In order to plan this event, we would like to know who plans to attend. Please let Kristy Stephenson know if your family plans to attend kstep74@gmail.com.

Backpack Buddies and Food Pantry Totals for November – Once again these ministries benefited from your donations and purchases from the M&O budget. The Friendship Chapel Food Pantry received 548 items and Backpack Buddies at Lighthouse Baptist Church received 358 items. Thanks so much!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction Volunteers – Our next fundraiser is a little over three months away. We are currently lining up volunteers to fill a variety of positions. We need to fill the following “Crew Captain” positions as soon as possible: Ticket Sales, Kitchen, Beverages/Dining Rm Wait & Bus, Kitchen & Dining Rm Clean-Up, Silent Auction, Furniture Set-Up & Tear Down. We also need for someone to make interior signage, to guide guests as they enter the building. If you might be interested in any of these positions, please email or call me and I can give you more information. Please email or call me if you can be available that day and/or evening, but do not want to be a Crew Captain. Donne Stolle, 860-214-6698, dms6330@gmail.com. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.