

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Steve & Kelly Nordan and Ann Stephenson

Call to Worship

Doug Sonderfan

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise Him in the heights!*

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

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He
commanded and they were created.*

People: *He established them forever and ever; He fixed their
bounds, which cannot be passed.*

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*

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

All: *Praise the LORD God for Christ is come! Let us raise
our voices in joy and exaltation*

***Opening Hymn**

“The First Noel”

#229

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O Holy God, we come to You to confess and be renewed. Hear our prayer and transform us through Your awesome Holy Spirit. The shepherds and wise men came to the manger to worship and offer gifts, help us to offer our God given gifts to share Your love and Gospel. We confess our hearts are hardened by the cruel and loveless world and we sin unashamedly in opposition to Your will. We deserve harsh judgment yet You offer us salvation. Open our hearts, O Lord, so we may understand the message and meaning of Christmas hidden amongst bright lights and glitter. Give us your Holy Spirit that we may be given all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

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 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 180**

***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

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

“Let There Be Peace”

Providence Presbyterian Church Choir

(Please refer to Cantata insert)

***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 November.....	\$18,421.32
General Fund Expenses for November.....	\$19,945.31
Total Receipts for November	\$28,139.32
*Receipts for December 4	\$6,386.66
Capital Campaign Receipts December 4.....	\$1,271.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru December 4)	\$826,680.51
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,700.29
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,096,868.94
Attendance for Sunday School December 4	101
Attendance for Worship December 4	119

**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: Hannibal Langdon
Nursery: Richard & Andrea Jones
No Children's Worship
Lay Reader: Doug Sonderfan
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 18

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Lisa Nelms & Karen Morrow, Barbie Frickman (back)
Acolyte: Joey Crocker
Nursery: Amy Dupree & Jennifer Crocker
Children's Worship: Beth Breeden
Children's Helpers: Jeff Wood & Heather Ennis
Lay Reader: Greg Kornegay
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 am: Worship Service
6:00 pm: Cantata

Weekly Events:

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 17. Youth Outing at Mike's Farm

Upcoming Events:

Dec 18. Christmas Joy Offering
LOGOS Family Christmas 3:00 pm
Dec 21. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec 22. Newsletter Deadline
Dec 23. Office Closed Christmas Eve observed
Dec 24. Christmas Eve Communion Service 5:00 & 10:00 pm
Dec 25. Christmas Day Service 11:00 am
Dec 26. Office Closed Christmas Day observed

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Praise God for the beautiful voices that sing today in our Christmas Cantata!

CONCERNS: Janice Parrish, member, blood clot.

We express Christian sympathy to the family of Ronnie Creech in the death of his nephew, Chris Creech. We also express Christian sympathy to the family of Bruce Coats, member of the community.

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; **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

2016 Cantata CD Sales – Sales continue on Sunday, December 11, before and after Worship, and after the Cantata!

Presbyterian Women Gift Donations for Shut-Ins – If you plan to donate a gift bag to be given to a church member or friend that is shut in, please remember to bring your gift bag to the Day Circle, or Night Circle on Tuesday, December 13. Please mark whether your gift bag is suitable for a “male,” “female,” or “neutral.” If you won’t be at a Circle Mtg, please call me to coordinate a drop-off/pick-up. Donna Stolle 860-214-6698.

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 with questions.

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.

2017 Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction Volunteers - The next CP&SA is scheduled to take place on Friday, March, 17 2017. We need a few more Crew Captains, as well as volunteers to help with setup that Wednesday. We will also need fresh legs to help with clean-up after the event. Please contact me if you are interested in exploring the various opportunities for participating in this effort. Donne Stolle, 860-214-6698, dms6330@gmail.com. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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.

The Providence Presbyterian Church Choir
Presents

Let There Be Peace

By: Brittany K. Jones

December 11, 2016
11:00 a.m.

Music Director: Brittany K. Jones

Narrator: Tom Nelms

Accompanist: Angie De Jesus

Trumpet Soloist: Brett Coates

Flute Soloist: Kathy Wood

Saxophone Soloist: Ryan Chriscoe

We trust that the message delivered in song today will touch your heart, and allow you to pause in the business of this Christmas season to remember that Christ was sent to this world to bring peace, hope, love, joy and salvation. Merry Christmas, and may God bless you and your family in the New Year!

- I. *Joy to the World/Let Us Adore Him*
- II. *He is Born*
- III. *Mary's Song*
- IV. *Let There Be Peace*
- V. *Longest Journey*
- VI. *Rejoice*
- VII. *Let There Be Peace Reprise*



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

