

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Eric & Vickie Faircloth and Family

Call to Worship

Greg Kornegay

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,*

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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #154**

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: *For Just as the Wise men sought the Christ child - we seek Your Grace, O God.*

All: *For the angels will shout good tidings of great joy of humanity's salvation through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God!*

***Responsive Hymn "Mary, Did You Know?" # 192**

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

Rite of Baptism and Reception of New Members (refer to insert)

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:6-7

Anthem "Angels We Have Heard On High" Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Beth Breedon, Jeff Wood and Heather Ennis)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:12-13

Sermon

"Christian Love"

Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" # 198**

***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 December.....	\$15,618.67
*Receipts for December 11	\$9,232.01
Capital Campaign Receipts December 11	\$2,131.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru December 11)	\$828,811.51
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,700.29
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,096,868.94
Attendance for Sunday School December 11	84
Attendance for Worship December 11	140

**Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

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

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 25

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Steve Nordan
Ushers: Donna Stolle & Margie Taylor, Joan Littleton (back)
Acolyte: Olivia White
Nursery: Sue Bryant & Pat Davis
No Children's Worship
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
3:00 pm: LOGOS Family Christmas

Weekly Events:

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

Upcoming Events:

Dec 25. Christmas Day Service 11:00 am Worship Only
Dec 26. Office Closed Christmas Day observed
Dec 31. New Year's Eve
Jan 1. New Year's Day
Jan 2. Office Closed New Year's Day observed
Jan 3. Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 4. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Sing to the Lord for He has done glorious things!

CONCERNS: Wayne Lamm, member, recovering from surgery, Carolyn Johnson, member, recovering from surgery. We express Christian sympathy to the family of Wayne Lamm in the death of his sister Geraldine Pate.

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' 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; Rebeccah 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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Holiday Schedule – On Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 there will only be a Worship Service at 11:00 am. There will be no Fellowship Time or Sunday School on Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day. On Sunday, January 1, 2017, Sunday School and Fellowship Time will resume at normal times. Children's Worship will not be held on Christmas Day. We welcome children to worship with their families during the 11:00 am service. Children's Worship will resume on Sunday, January 1, 2017.

2016 Cantata CD Sales – CDs are in! If you ordered any you can pick them up in the Upper Fellowship Hall, during Fellowship and directly after Worship, on Sunday, December 18. New orders can be placed on Sunday, December 18 during Fellowship only. After that time, please call Kim in the church office to place future orders. If you won't be here on December 18, please call Kim to arrange pick-up. Thank you for participating in this great fundraiser!

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.

Senior Citizens Luncheon – The January, Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 10 at 12:00 (noon), at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. Please let Margie Taylor know by Wednesday, January 4 so that the cooks will know how many to prepare food for. You may contact Margie at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.

Presbyterian Women Day Circle – In 2017 we will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall, at 10:00am on the third Tuesday of each month that we have a scheduled meeting.

Prayer Shawl Circles 2017 -- Don't forget, we will not meet in December. Meetings in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 2017 are scheduled to take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, 10:00am, in the Lower Fellowship Hall.

2017 Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction Volunteers - The next CP&SA is scheduled to take place on Friday, March, 17 2017. . Please contact me if you are interested in helping in any capacity. Many hands make light work, and we need several more hands! Donna Stolle, 860-214-6698, dms6330@gmail.com. Thanks!

Poinsettias -- If you purchased any poinsettias, you are free to take them home after the Christmas Day 11:00am service. Contact Kim or me if you won't be there on Christmas Day and would like to retrieve your plant as soon as possible after Christmas. Donna Stolle 860-214-6698

Advent Decorating Teardown – We will be returning decorations to their storage containers on Saturday, January 7, 2017. Please meet at the church at 9:00 am if you have some free time to help. Any questions, Donna Stolle 860-214-6698.

Please Note – Pastor Jim Davis will not be in the office Monday, December 19 thru Thursday, December 22 and also Monday, December 26 thru Thursday, December 29. If you need to get in touch with someone please call Kent Walton at 919-618-6344 or David Collier at 919-625-3026.

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.

BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of Candidate

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of His promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In Baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present **Macie Elizabeth** for the sacrament of baptism and I present **Stephanie Anne Wood and Greg Kornegay** to be received as new members through Transfer and Reaffirmation of Faith.

Sacrament of Baptism

Thanksgiving Over the Water Baptism

Do you Robbie and Stephanie desire that Macie Elizabeth be baptized? **I Do**

Renunciations

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your children? **I Do**

Congregation charge

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Macie Elizabeth? By word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of this church? **We Do**

Reaffirmation of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I Do**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love? **I Do**

With God's help, will you be a faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love. **I Will**

Will you **Stephanie and Greg** be a faithful members of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help

Profession of Faith

(Inside back cover of Blue Hymnal)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith together in one voice. What do we believe ...

(In Unison)

I believe in God the Father almighty ...

Words of Welcome

Through his baptism, they have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church, affirming the covenant into which they were baptized. As members of the household of God, God has called them to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome them to this ministry.

Please greet the Wood Family and Greg Kornegay in the love and joy of Christ after worship on the steps.

Robbie and Stephanie Wood

Macie Elizabeth

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