

CHRISTMAS SERVICE
DECEMBER 25, 2016

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

***Opening Hymn** “O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 180

Call to Worship Brittany Jones

Leader: *There will be no gloom*

People: *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*

Leader: *they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest*

People: *For the yoke of their burden You have broken as on the day of Midian.*

Leader: *all the boots of the tramping warriors shall be burned*

People: *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;*

Leader: *authority rests upon His shoulders;*

People: *He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Leader: *He will establish justice and with righteousness forevermore.*

All: *The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. Let us worship The Lord God this day!*

***Opening Hymn** “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #182

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Almighty and Everlasting God, hear our prayer of confession. Have mercy upon us, and through Your Son Jesus Christ, the blessed Prince of Peace, You have called the church to be the hands and feet of Your Gospel in the world. You have revealed Your love through the Christ child, our Savior and Messiah. We pray that He may be born anew in our hearts this day so that we might seek Your truth and follow Your will in our lives. Forgive us, O God, and restore us into a right relationship with You.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *For just as the Wise Men sought the Christ child – we seek Your Grace, O God.*

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

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

***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 52:7-10

Anthem

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Providence Choir

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Lesson

John 1:1-14

Sermon

“Word Become Flesh”

Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn**

“He is Born”

201

***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.....	\$18,265.92
*Receipts for December 18	\$2,647.25
Capital Campaign Receipts December 18	\$515.00
Capital Campaign Giving (thru December 18)	\$829,326.51
Capital Campaign Reserve Account.....	\$84,700.29
Current Loan Balance.....	\$1,096,868.94
Attendance for Sunday School December 18.....	84
Attendance for Worship December 18	156
Joy Offering December 18.....	\$328.00

**Does not include Capital Campaign Giving*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

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: Brittany Jones
No Fellowship Time

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 1, 2017

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Kent Walton
Ushers: Donna Stolle & Margie Taylor, Joan Littleton (back)
Acolyte: Charlotte Wood
Nursery: Israel & Karen Morrow
Children's Worship: Beth Breeden
Children's Helpers: Scott Martin & Kay Dry
Lay Reader: Eric Faircloth
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

11:00 am: Worship Service

Weekly Events:

Dec 26. Office Closed Christmas Day observed
Dec 31. New Year's Eve

Upcoming Events:

Jan 1. New Year's Day
Jan 2. Office Closed New Year's Day observed
Jan 3. No Card Ministry
Jan 3. Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 4. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Merry Christmas – for Christ was born this day!

CONCERNS: **B.A. Johnson**, friend of Brenda Byrd, recovering from pneumonia and pancreatitis and Mrs. Mollie Ward, Brenda Byrd's friend's mom, recovering from a heart attack.

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; **Carolyn Johnson**, member; **Norbert Kopanski**, John Kopanski's father; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of Andrea Jones; **Susan Kushnereit**, Bob Zattiero's niece; **Wayne Lamm**, member; **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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Schedule – Today, Christmas Day there will only be a Worship Service at 11:00 am. Children’s Worship will not be held today, we welcome children to worship with their families during the 11:00 am service. On Sunday, January 1, 2017, Sunday School and Fellowship Time will resume at normal times. Children’s Worship will resume on Sunday, January 1, 2017 as well.

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.

Flower Sign Up – The 2017 year Sanctuary flower placement sign up is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the piano. Please reserve your Sunday(s) for honorarium and/or memorials as well as joys such as birthdays, anniversaries, births, marriages, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry/Backpack Buddies - Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bins leading into the New Fellowship Hall. While all donations are appreciated, the most needed items are given below.

BACKPACK BUDDIES MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice
- 2) fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)
- 3) individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits
- 4) soup

FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) sugar
- 2) flour
- 3) paper towels
- 4) toilet paper
- 5) cloths washing detergent
- 6) dish washing detergent.

Please Note – Pastor Jim Davis will not be in the office 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@providencypressb.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 Wednesday evening if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for New Year’s Sunday. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday, December 29 due to Kim Callis being off on Friday, December 30.

POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

December 25, 2016

Poinsettias for Advent

December 25, 2016

Given by Randy, Ann & Austin Benson

In Honor of Danny & Paula Coates, Mike & Willa Bea Coates,
Kathy B. Lancaster, Dan & Susan Benson & Shelby B. Darden

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

Given by Tony & Sue Bryant

In Memory of Beverly & Spicer Rhodes, Brandy Lewis Hawkins,
Mica Lewis Love and Marcelle & Albert Atkinson

Given by David & Pam Collier

In Memory of Janet Theodor and Betty Campbell

Given by Kevin & Annah Creech

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

In Memory of Lottie Mae Creech

Given by Jennifer Crocker

In Memory of Athaleen Johnson (her Grandmother)

Given by Nathan & Kay Dry

In Memory of Cloniger & Vera Young

Jesse & Doris Dry

Given by Don & Brenda Dupree

In Honor of Connor Reed

In Memory of Leon & Vearl Stephenson and

Alfred & Agnes Dupree

Given by Wayne, Heather, Chance & Mady Ennis

In Honor of Berlene Ennis

In Memory of Earl Ennis, Mary Etta Hartley, Manly & Lorena McGee and

Ernest & Ruby Ennis

Given by Ron & Pat Forren

In Honor of Mary S. Wilkinson (Ron's Mom) and Peggy Hamilton (Pat's
Sister)

Given by Nell Franke

In Honor of Mrs. Dorothy H. Nesselrodt

In Memory of Rev. Julian D. Nesselrodt

Given by Wade & Carolyn Johnson

In Honor of Virginia Moore

In Memory of Mary Johnson Luman Moore, John Moore and Mandy Moore

Given by Becky Kleaver

In Memory of William Kleaver

Given by Tim & Cathy Maddux, Candace & Travis Creech

In Memory of Fred & Blanche Ipock, Thelma C. Ipock, Josephine Lee Creech and Mr. & Mrs. James Gordon Maddux

Given by Scott & Barri Martin

In Honor of Grace & Lily Martin

Given by David & Lisa Nelms

In Honor of Ryan, Allison & Brock Nelms, Eric, Christina & Dylan Jones, Our Parents

In Memory of Our Grandparents

Given by Ryan & Allison Nelms

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

In Memory of Papa Jake and Papa & Granny King

Given by Tom & Nancy Nelms

In Memory of Annie & Valmond King

Given by Frank & Betsy Olive

In Memory of Mrs. Ruth Dupree Lassiter and Mr. & Mrs. David Stephenson

Given by Ginny Parker

In Memory of George & Betty Neely and Carolyn Neely

Given by Janice Parrish

In Honor of Providence Presbyterian Choir, Brittany Jones and Angie DeJesus

Given by Joan & Glenwood Parrish

In Honor of Angie & Nadia DeJesus

Given by Gary & Georgeanna Phillips & Family

In Memory of Dr. William Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Phillips and Janice Phillips

Given by John & Beth Pickens

In Honor of Our Children, Stewart & Jane Pickens and Our Church Family

In Memory of Brian Lewis (Beth's brother) and RN & Virginia Pickens (John's parents)

Given by Bob & Nadine Reed

In Honor of Ray F. Manuel and Dorothy R. Healy

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Reed, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Reed, Gladys Manuel, Ed A. Harvey, Janet Reed, Mr. & Mrs. John Dempsey, Mr. Les Healy, and Mr. Paul Reed

Given by Cathy Simmons & Sally Allen

In Honor of Dorothy Nesselrodt

Given by Ann K. Stephenson

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

Given by Sam & Wendy Stephenson and children

In Honor of Mrs. Ann Stephenson

In Memory of Alice & J.C. McLeod, Jean & Paul Stephenson, Jr.

Given by Carolyn Stevenson

In Honor of the Hamrick and Hefter families

In Memory of Lois & Chris Johnson

Given by Rick & Margie Taylor

In Honor of Frances Elkins

In Memory of Eva Taylor and Norma & Bernard Parsons

Given by Donna R. Walker

In Memory of Don Walker (late husband), Amy Walker (late daughter) and Adam Walker (late son)

Given by Kent & Gwen Walton

In Honor of Rosyval & Barbara Walton

In Memory of Alice & Palmon Stephenson, Roy & Lib Vann and Amos & Alice Walton

Given by Jeff, Justin, Mary Elaine & Ava Wood

In Memory of DeEtta Wood

Given by Robert Zattiero

In Honor of Margaret Zattiero

In Memory of Julia Henry

Given by Liz & Alisha

In Memory of Robert W. Gillespy