

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
December 2, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Doug Sonderfan

Call to Worship

David Collier

Leader: *“See I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come”, says the Lord Almighty.*

People: *But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears, for He will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap? He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.”*

Leader: *Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel!*

People: *He has come to the help of His people and has set them free.*

Leader: *He has provided for us a mighty Savior*

People: *So that we might be holy and righteous before Him all the days of our life!*

All: *His steadfast love endures forever.*

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

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Creator God, just as you sent John the Baptist as a messenger to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord, so too you have given us this season of Advent that we might prepare the way for the coming of Jesus into our lives with renewed faith and dedication. Help us to use this time wisely, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Through Jesus Christ we have obtained access to God’s Grace*

People: *we can rejoice in the hope of sharing the glory of God.*

Leader: *God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit*

People: *Our assurance rests in the triune God, who grants us new life.*

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

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 7:13-14

Musical Interlude for Children’s Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Stephanie Wood)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

Sermon

“Hope”

Rev. Jim Davis

Anthem

“Still, Still, Still”

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 “O Come Let Us Adore Him” #114

*Acolyte and Benediction

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

December Scripture Passage

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:26-33

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i> Sam Stephenson	<i>Congregational Care</i> Kent Walton	<i>Adult C.E.</i> Atlee Roberts	<i>Long Range Planning</i> Russell Wood
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Class of 2019

<i>Children C.E.</i> Vickie Faircloth	<i>Mission & Outreach</i> John Kopanski	<i>Worship</i> Donna Stolle	<i>Clerk</i> Mary Ann Booth
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Class of 2020

<i>Fellowship</i> David Collier	<i>Persomnel</i> Cathy Simmons	<i>Youth C.E.</i> Kevin Creech	<i>Property</i> Steve Newnam
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Staff

Accounting Treasurer
 Sam Stephenson

Collections Treasurer
 Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
 Brittany Jones

Pianist
 Angie Searcy

Website
 David Nelms

Usher Coordinator
 Russell Wood

Secretary
 Cindy Lynch

Honoring our history.....building our future

Weekly Statistics

2018 General Fund Receipts through October.....	\$203,521.92
2018 General Fund Expenses through October	\$238,471.84
General Fund Receipts for October	\$18,483.46
General Fund Expenses for October	\$22,462.09
Total General Fund Receipts so far for November	\$17,935.60
General Fund Receipts for November 25	\$2,081.30
Attendance for Sunday School November 25.....	80
Attendance for Worship November 25	125

Pastor's Office Hours – The pastor will be in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands.

Secretary's Office Hours – Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 The office number is 919-894-4063.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Mary Ann Booth
Ushers: Joan Stuart, Barri Martin and Lisa Nelms (Back)
Acolyte: Gavin Annis
Nursery: Carolyn Stuart and Adam Stuart
Children's Worship: Stephanie Wood and Rob Wood
Lay Reader: David Collier
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class
Safety/Security: Kent Walton

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 9

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Mary Ann Booth
Ushers: Beth Pickens, Carolyn Stevenson, and Margie Taylor (Back)
Acolyte: Meadow Creech
Nursery: Barri Martin and Mary Wood
Children's Worship: Allison and Ryan Nelms
Lay Reader: Kevin Creech
Fellowship Time: Seekers Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 pm: Worship Service
3:30 pm: Christmas Program Practice
5:00 pm: Christmas Program

Weekly Events:

Dec. 3. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
Dec. 4. Card Ministry 10:00 am
Long Range Planning Committee Meet 7:00 pm
Dec. 5. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec. 7. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Dec. 8. Youth Angel Tree Shopping 9:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 9. Second Sunday In Advent
Dec. 10. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Dec. 11. PPC Women Day Circle 10:00 am and Night Circle 7:00 pm
Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 pm
M&O Universal Health Care Visit 1:00 pm
Dec. 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Dec. 14. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: The Lord your God is with you! Zephaniah 3:17

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*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Carolyn Burns**, *Rich Lambert's sister*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Emily Carr**, *Miriam Lambert's friend*; **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Wendy Stephenson**, member; **Justin Vess**, brother-in-law of *Andrea Jones*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*; and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

For safety/security, no exterior doors will be propped open during services and all doors will be locked during the 11:00 am service except the main sanctuary door.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Christmas Program "Cooking Up Christmas" is Today, Sunday, December 2nd at 5:00pm. We are asking all who attend to participate in a food drive supporting Backpack Buddies. Collections will be taken at the door. Children participating in the program need to wear "Christmas attire." They also need to arrive no later than 3:30pm. Pizza and goodies will be served afterwards. If you have any questions, please see Vickie Faircloth, vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com.

The PPC Youth are collecting Angel Tree donations again this year. The money collected will be used to buy gifts to give to families in need. The youth will go shopping early December. If you would like to donate, you may place a check in the collection plate with "Angel Tree" in the memo or give a check directly to Kevin Creech or Vickie Faircloth. Thank you for your support.

Tree of Warmth 2018 – M&O's Tree of warmth is in the UFH receiving donations for children in need of hats, scarves, gloves, socks and jackets. The tree will be up until after worship on Sunday December 9, 2018. Thank you so much for participation in this effort to meet some needs for the innocent ones in our community. Point of contact: Donna Stolle, 860-214-6698.

Food Ministry Donations: Any and all food donations are accepted any day of the week; please place donations in the designated blue bins located in the UFH foyer. Backpack Buddies most needed items include: Individual servings of 100% fruit juice, fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears), individual packets of oatmeal/grits, and soup. Food Pantry most needed items include: Sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid. The M&O Committee Thanks you for your continued support of these worthy ministries.

Christmas Cantata will be presented by the Providence Choir during Worship Service Sunday, December 18. "A Thrill of Hope". Words and music by Joel Raney. Directed by Brittany Jones and accompanied by Angie Searcy.

Donation Option - Providence is accepting donations of stocks and other securities. To make a donation or obtain more information, please contact Ann Benson, Collections Treasurer.

Youth Caroling – Saturday, December 1 at 5:00 pm.

Youth meal in Upper Fellowship Hall will follow the caroling.

PPC Women's December Outing - "A Christmas Story" play at Benson Little Theatre, December 9, 3:00 pm. "A Christmas Story" is adapted for the stage by Philip Grecian. The play began as a classic 1983 film and is now being revived by the Benson Little Theatre. **Contact:** If you have interest in attending the play, please email Cathy Simmons at cesimmons112@gmail.com or call 919-275-4399.

Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group - The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group invite you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. We meet Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am in the UFH. All are welcome!

Thank You! - On Monday, November 19, all the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were delivered to the receiving center by the Mission & Outreach Committee. Thank you for the generosity shown to each young recipient through the 53 packed boxes your family donated!

More Thanks! - We are grateful for your participation in the 2018 Children's Home Alliance Offering. Every little bit helps the children in this orphanage located in Barium Springs, NC.

Poinsettias - Were delivered and staged on Saturday to adorn our sanctuary during this advent season. Thank you for your 56 purchases, and to the folks who completed the Advent decorating on Saturday! You can take your plants home on Christmas Eve after the 5pm and 10pm services.

Church Newsletter – The December issue of the PPC Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads" is available online at the church website. If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a paper copy of the Newsletter in the Narthex.

The Quarterly Service List of those that serve in our Worship Services is also available on our church website to help with scheduling for the next three months.

Please Note – Bulletin Deadline is the end of the business day Wednesday, for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday.

The Newsletter items deadline is the 20th of this month.