

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### CANTATA DECEMBER 16, 2018

*Flowers placed on the piano today are in loving memory of Laura McLamb,  
DeEtta Wood and past choir members by the  
Providence Presbyterian Choir.*

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude and Acolyte

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

*By Scott, Barri, Grace and Lily Martin*

#### Call to Worship *(from Isaiah 25)* Eric Faircloth

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.*

**People:** *As fresh water brings joy to the thirsty, so we rejoice in the God of our salvation.*

#### \* Opening Hymn "Joy to the World!" # 179

#### 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 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 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" # 229

**Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostle's Creed"  
*(Back cover of blue Hymnal)*

#### \*Passing of the Peace of Christ

#### Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

*Hymn # 34*

Prayer of Dedication

#### Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

"A Thrill of Hope" Providence Presbyterian Church Choir  
*(Please refer to the Cantata insert)*

#### \*Acolyte and Benediction

#### Postlude

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

Please feel free to take home your printed bulletin. Thank you for placing any discarded bulletins in a trash receptacle as you depart the building.

If you desire to join Christ's Church here at PPC please contact the Pastor – office 919-894-4063, cell# 919-264-4324, or after worship!
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### December Scripture Passage

<sup>8</sup> *In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup> to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"*

**Luke 2:8-14**

**Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church**

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

*Pastor*

Rev. Jim Davis

*Session*

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*Class of 2018*

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

*Class of 2019*

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

*Class of 2020*

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

*Staff*

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*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*

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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 December 2 .....	\$10,488.00
Attendance for Sunday School December 2 .....	81
Attendance for Worship December 2 .....	147

**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:** Elaine Wood, Mary Elaine Wood and Sue Bryant  
**Acolyte:** Phoebe Creech  
**Nursery:** Carolyn Stuart and Adam Stuart  
**No Children's Worship**  
**Lay Reader:** Eric Faircloth  
**Fellowship Time:** Nesselrodt Class  
**Safety/Security:** Kent Walton

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 23

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Mary Ann Booth  
**Ushers:** Donna Stolle, Lisa Nelms and Beth Pickens (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Joey Crocker  
**Nursery:** Sue Bryant and Emma Phillips  
**Children's Worship:** Allison and Ryan Nelms  
**Lay Reader:** Doug Sonderfan  
**Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Committee  
**Safety/Security:** Kent Walton

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

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

### Weekly Events:

**Dec. 17.** M&O Committee Meeting 11:00 am  
Make up Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Dec. 18.** PPC Women's Circle Meetings 10:00 am & 7:00 pm UFH  
**Dec. 19.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Dec. 20.** January Newsletter Deadline  
**Dec. 21.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 23.** Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Christmas Joy Offering  
**Dec. 24.** Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm & 10:00 pm  
**Dec. 25.** Christmas Day  
Office Closed  
**Dec. 26.** Office Closed

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** The Lord is my strength and my song! Exodus 15:2

### 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*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**IMPORTANT:** During the Advent season when wreaths hang on the exterior doors, please pay special attention that a door is closing all the way when you leave the building. Thank you for this extra consideration.

**Wanted: Chicken Pastry Coordinator.** See Ann Benson if you are interested in helping in this capacity with this fundraiser for PPC. The next Chicken Pastry Fundraiser is scheduled for March 15, 2019.

**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.

**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 but please note:

**THE FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS WALKING GROUP WILL NOT MEET DURING THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS.**

**Tree of Warmth 2018** – Here is a thank you the M&O Committee received from one of the teachers who helped get needed items distributed to kids at her school. “From the bottom of my heart, we thank you for organizing this coat drive. My 2 kids with the biggest needs have been outfitted completely. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl even hugged me – that is HUGE!!!! Your kindness and generosity is the true spirit of Christmas.”

**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.

**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.**

**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.

**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.**



Providence Presbyterian Church Choir  
Christmas Cantata

# A THRILL OF HOPE

*Words and Music by Joel Raney*

December 16, 2018  
11:00 am

*Accompanist: Angie Searcy*

*Narrations: Kevin Creech and Payton Searcy*

*Music Director: Brittany Jones*



We trust that the message delivered in song today will touch your heart, and allow you to pause in the busyness 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. A THRILL OF HOPE**

Long Ago, Prophets Knew  
Sing We Now of Christmas  
The First Noel  
Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

## **II. A GIFT OF LOVE**

Love Came Down at Christmas  
*Featuring Cathy Creech*  
Angels from the Realms of Glory  
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling  
Away in a Manger  
The Gift of Love

## **III. A PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Silent Night, Holy Night  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
*Featuring Georgeanna Phillips*  
O Holy Night

## **IV. A SONG OF JOY**

Rejoice  
Mary Had a Baby  
Angels, We Have Heard on High  
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Joy to the World  
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice