

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
December 1, 2019**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Candle Doug Sonderfan

Call to Worship Mary Ann Booth

Leader: *It is written in Isaiah the prophet:*

People: *“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare the way a voice of one calling in the desert.”*

Leader: *“The time has come. The kingdom of God is at hand.”*

All: *Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.*

*** Opening Hymn** “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” # 153

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Father God, as we enter into the Advent Season, we confess that we have forgotten the sacrifice you made on our behalf in allowing your son, Jesus, to become Immanuel, “God with us.” Father, help soften our hard hearts and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, but through your Holy Spirit help us to draw closer to you this Advent season. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The Lord said through Isaiah, “My word that goes out from my mouth will not return empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

People: *Redemption has come through the Lord, Jesus Christ! Our sins are forgiven by the King of kings!*

*** Responsive Hymn** “O Come O Come Emmanuel” # 154

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology** Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

First Scripture Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

Anthem “Comfort Ye” Doug Sonderfan

Musical Interlude for Children’s Worship
(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Annah Creech)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson Matthew 5:17-20

Sermon “What are we waiting for?” Rev. Nadia Stropich

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** “Once In Royal David’s City” # 183

***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 Pastor Stropich after worship, an Elder of the Session or call the office at 919-894-4063.

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
 The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Nadia Stropich

Session

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>Adult C.E.</i> David Collier	<i>Youth C.E.</i> Kevin Creech	<i>Property</i> Steve Newnam
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Class of 2021

<i>Financial</i> Sam Stephenson	<i>Congregational Care</i> Carolyn Johnson	<i>Long Range Planning</i> Scott Martin
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Staff

Accounting Treasurer
 Wendy Stephenson

Collections Treasurer
 Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
 Brittany Jones

Pianist
 Angie Searcy

Secretary
 Cindy Lynch

Website
 David Nelms

Honoring our history.....building our future

Weekly Statistics

2019 General Fund Receipts through October.....	\$222,179.42
2019 General Fund Expenses through October	\$232,331.87
General Fund Receipts for October	\$15,450.00
General Fund Expenses for October	\$27,063.08
General Fund Receipts so far for November	\$22,243.87
General Fund Receipts for November 24	\$3,905.11
Attendance for Sunday School November 24.....	90
Attendance for Worship November 24	122

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. If you would like to reach Rev. Nadia Stropich after office hours, please call 937-903-9487.

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: David Collier

Greeters: Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth

Ushers: Lisa Nelms, Donna Stolle, and Margie Taylor (Back)

Acolyte: Gavin Annis

Nursery: Laura Langdon and Mary Elaine Wood

Children's Worship: Annah and Kevin Creech

Lay Reader: Mary Ann Booth

Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

Security: Wade Johnson

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 8:

Elder of the Month: David Collier

Greeters: Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth

Ushers: Beth Pickens, Donna Stolle, and Joan Stuart (Back)

Acolyte: Meadow Creech

Nursery: Barri Martin and Mary Wood

Children's Worship: Allison and Ryan Nelms

Lay Reader: David Collier

Fellowship Time: Seekers Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: School

10:25 am: Sunday Fellowship Time

11:00 pm: Worship Service

4:00 pm: Christmas Program Practice

Weekly Events:

Dec. 3. Card Ministry 10:00 am

Dec. 4. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Dec. 6. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Youth Angel Tree Shopping

Dec. 7. Christmas Program Practice 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 8. Second Sunday In Advent
Children's Christmas Program 5:00 pm

Dec. 9. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm

Dec. 10. Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 pm
M&O Universal Health Care Visit 1:00 pm

Dec. 11. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Dec. 13. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Dec. 14. Relay for Life Pancakes with Santa, PPC
Youth Christmas Caroling, Dinner begins at 5:00 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: A safe holiday weekend!

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*; **Bobbie Langdon** at *Highland Village in Cary*; **Virginia Moore** at *The Pearl, Fort Mill, SC*; and **Ken Passe** at *Gabriel Manor in Clayton*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Sherri Cox**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Jamie Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **David Ryan**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Tim Scarborough**, friend of *Wade and Carolyn Johnson*; **Abby Stanley**, coworker of *John Pickens*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Debbie Sturgis**, member.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones*; **Lauren Collier Bellissimo and family**, members; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Patricia Chapin**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Larry Creech**, Father of *Kevin Creech*; **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Brenda Dupree**, mother of *Amy York*; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of *Providence*; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **John Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **Brian Johnson**, cousin of *Don Dupree*; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law*; **Hubert Lipscomb**, Scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero*; **Ken Moore**, brother of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Judy Nemeth**, friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Mary Tyler Nordan**, daughter of *Tyler and Natalie Nordan*; **Ed & Lou Penny**, members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Stephen Southers**, community; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Charles Tadlock**, friend of *Pamela Collier*; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father* and **Eva Younts**,
Nadine Reed's Aunt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Christmas Program, "Follow the Star" is scheduled for Sunday, December 8th at 5:00pm. If interested in helping, please contact Vickie Faircloth, Brittany Jones or Susan Rudd.

The December Senior lunch will be held at noon at Johnson Memorial Church on the 10th. If you are going, please let Margie Taylor know by December 4th at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.

The PPC Youth will be collecting Angel Tree donations again this year. The money collected will be used to buy gifts to give to local families in need. The youth are planning on shopping on **Dec 6th**. 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.

The M&O Tree of Warmth - Will be in place through Dec. 8th. Thank you for donating new and gently used winter hats, scarves, gloves, and new socks for local school children.

Toys For Tots - box will be outside the Upper Fellowship Hall through December 16. We are collecting new unwrapped toys. Contact John Mott at 845-401-3021.

Boy Scout Troop 210 is having their annual 5K Decem-burrrr Dash at West Johnston High School on Saturday, December 7th. Proceeds go toward Scout summer camp and activities, leadership training, Scout awards, and the West Johnston HS Leadership Development Programs. Participants can register online at:

<http://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Benson/Decemburrrrdash>

Contact Eric Faircloth with any questions. Thanks for your support!

The Providence Presbyterian Church Relay for Life Team will be holding a **Pancakes with Santa fundraiser on December 14th** from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10.00 per person and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Please see Cathy Maddux or Kristy Stephenson for more information. Interested in joining the Relay for Life Team?? Please contact Cathy Maddux 919-438-9461.

Men's Fellowship will not be meeting during December due to holidays. The next meeting is scheduled Sunday, January 26th at 7:30am. David, Pete and Kent will provide breakfast.

Advent Readers - Thank you so much for signing up to participate in our worship service through reading during this Advent season.

Greeters at the Welcome Center - Thank you to everyone who has served as a greeter to date. Anyone else that might be interested in serving, please send an email to Donna Stolle at dms6330@gmail.com.

Children's Hope Alliance at Barium Springs - Thank you for participating with PPC to send much needed funds to this safety net for innocent children. We are still collecting today, Sunday, 1 Dec. If you are interested in sending anything separate from the church, the address is:
Children's Hope Alliance, Post Office Box 1, Barium Springs, NC 28010

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like to thank those who prepared gift shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritans Purse. Somewhere, a child in another country, will be the recipient of your box & experience the excitement of the surprises inside them. Every child soon attends a special camp to learn about God's son, His plan for salvation, and then receives a Bible in their own language. Our congregation has provided 46 boxes that will be shipped abroad to reach and teach young minds about Jesus Christ and His unconditional love. Your efforts here at PPC are like hands reaching across the world.

Donation Options - Providence Presbyterian Church can accept donations of stocks and other securities. To make a donation or obtain more information, please contact Ann Benson, Collections Treasurer.

Blood Drive Coming soon! After the holidays, give a gift of life by giving a pint of blood. Providence Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive on Friday, January 10th. Call Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149 to set up appointment so that you can come when it is convenient for you.

Men's Fellowship Group Assistance: Small chores & household assistance is available by the PPC Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, call Eric Faircloth at ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com, or 919-201-2696 with your needs.

Congregational Care - If there are members of the congregation or regular attendees who would like a member of the Congregational Care Committee to visit with them, please get that information to Carolyn Johnson at cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com

The Newsletter items deadline is the 23rd of the month.

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

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

Reminder – Please email ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com if you need to:

- Add or remove anyone from the prayer list
- Schedule use of the UFH or LFH
- Update the Directory for a change of address, phone number or email

Church Newsletter – The November 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.

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.

