

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 8, 2019**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Kevin, Annah, Phoebe and Meadow Creech

**Call to Worship** (Jeremiah 23) David Collier

Leader: *The days are coming, “declares the Lord, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.”*

**People:** *In his day Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.*

**All:** *Come, let us rejoice and be glad; our Lord of Righteousness is here!*

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

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*Almighty God, we confess that we often live as though you were not with us. When we think of your continual presence in our lives, we have to admit that we are ashamed by some of the things we have done, said and thought. Please forgive us in your mighty mercy, O Lord. Cast us not away from your presence but renew our hearts, minds and souls to reflect your saving grace. Amen.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**People:** *The Lord has declared, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”*

\* Responsive Hymn “Jesus, Name Above All Names” (x2) # 177

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostle’s Creed”

(Inside the back cover of the blue hymnal.)

\*Passing of the Peace of Christ

**Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory

\*Doxology

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

**First Scripture Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**  
(Attributes of the Messiah)

**Anthem** “Boy Child of Mary” Providence Choir

**Musical Interlude for Children’s Worship**

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Allison Nelms)

**Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Second Scripture Lesson** **Matthew 2:1-12**

**Sermon** “What are we waiting for: God to be with us.”  
Rev. Nadia Stropich

\*Dedication Hymn “O Little Town of Bethlehem” # 180

\*Acolyte and Benediction

**Postlude**

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\*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

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*Session*

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

*Class of 2021*

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

*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*

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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 December 1 .....	\$7,488.00
Attendance for Sunday School December 1 .....	67
Attendance for Worship December 1 .....	105

**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:** 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  
**Security:** Wade Johnson

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 15:

**Elder of the Month:** David Collier  
**Greeters:** Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth  
**Ushers:** Sue Bryant, Elaine Wood, and Mary Elaine Wood (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Joey Crocker  
**Nursery:** Jennifer and Roger Gilbert  
**Children's Worship:** No Children's Worship  
**Lay Reader:** Kevin Creech  
**Fellowship Time:** Nesselrodt Class  
**Security:** Wade Johnson

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

**9:45 am:** School  
**10:25 am:** Sunday Fellowship Time  
**11:00 pm:** Worship Service  
**5:00 pm:** Children's Christmas Program

### Weekly Events:

**Dec. 9.** Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Dec. 10.** Senior Citizen Luncheon 12:00 pm  
Women's Circle Meetings, UFH 10:00 am and 7:00 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

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 15.** Third Sunday of Advent  
Christmas Cantata  
**Dec. 18.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Dec. 20.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Newsletter Deadline due to holidays

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** ... God sent His Son! ... Galatians 4:4

**CONCERNS:** Prayers for those who are yet to know our Lord.

Providence extends our condolences to the family of Brack Johnson who passed on Wednesday.

### Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

**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 Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield.

### 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; **Joy Wellons**, Brandon Mott's mother-in-law; **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father and **Eva Younts**, Nadine Reed's Aunt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Children's Christmas Program, "Follow the Star" is today** at 5:00 pm. A love offering for the Mary Tyler Nordan family will be taken up during the program. All are invited.

**The December Senior lunch** will be held at noon at Johnson Memorial Church on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**The M&O Tree of Warmth** – Thank you everyone for donating winter hats, scarves, gloves and new socks for local school children. Your generosity is inspiring, the recipients are always so grateful. Sincerely, The M&O Crew!

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

**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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. David, Pete and Kent will provide breakfast.

**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](mailto:ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com), or 919-201-2696 with your needs.

## Announcements Continued

**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](mailto:cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com)

**The Newsletter items deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 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.

**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.**