

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 15, 2019

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Chris, Kristy, Eva and William Stephenson

Call to Worship

(John 1)

Kevin Creech

Leader: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.*

People: *In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

All: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

*** Opening Hymn**

“Sing We Now of Christmas”

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Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Heavenly Father you sent the Light of the World, your son Jesus, to live among us. We confess that as we draw nearer to Him the darkness in us becomes exposed for all to see. We have tried to hide our words, thoughts and deeds that do not reflect your glory, but the Light has shown there is no place to hide. Forgive us Father, take the darkness from us and replace it with your Holy Spirit so that we may walk in the light of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: *By His grace we have been forgiven! Praise be to the Lord God!*

*** Responsive Hymn**

“Still, Still, Still”

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***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

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

“Let There Be Peace”

Providence Presbyterian Church Choir

(Please refer to the Cantata insert.)

***Dedication Hymn**

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

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***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

Children C.E. *Mission & Outreach* *Worship* *Clerk*
Vickie Faircloth John Kopanski Donna Stolle Mary Ann Booth

Class of 2020

Adult C.E. *Youth C.E.* *Property*
David Collier Kevin Creech Steve Newnam

Class of 2021

Financial *Congregational Care* *Long Range Planning*
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

2019 General Fund Receipts through November..... \$246,003.29
2019 General Fund Expenses through November \$257,488.72
General Fund Receipts for November \$23,823.87
General Fund Expenses for November \$25,156.85
General Fund Receipts so far for December \$13,634.00
General Fund Receipts for December 8..... \$6,146.00
Attendance for Sunday School December 8 71
Attendance for Worship December 8 112

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.



PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Week: Kevin Creech

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

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 22:

Elder of the Week: Scott Martin

Greeters: Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth

Ushers: Lisa Nelms and Donna Stolle (Back)

Acolyte: Kolton Crocker

Nursery: Annah and Kevin Creech

Children's Worship: Peyton Searcy

Lay Reader: Eric Faircloth

Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

Security: Wade Johnson

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: School

10:25 am: Sunday Fellowship Time

11:00 pm: Worship Service
Christmas Cantata

Weekly Events:

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

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 22. Forth Sunday of Advent
La Paz, Bolivia Missionary Offering

Dec. 24. Christmas Eve Services 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Dec. 25. Christmas Day
PPC Office Closed

Dec. 26. PPC Office Closed

JOYS: For the joy of the Lord is with us!

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

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; **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

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.

Men's Fellowship will not be meeting during December due to holidays. The next meeting is scheduled Sunday, January 26th at 7:30 am. 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, 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 20th of this 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

Announcements Continued

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.

The Providence Presbyterian
Church Choir Presents

Let There Be Peace

December 15, 2019
11:00 a.m.

Words and Music by Brittany Jones
Accompanied by Angie Searcy
Instrumental Soloists are Brett Coates,
Kathy Jo Wood, and Ryan Christoe
Directed by Brittany Jones
Narrated by Nadia Stropich



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. *Joy to the World/Let Us Adore Him*
- II. *He is Born*
- III. *Mary's Song*
- IV. *Let There Be Peace*
- V. *Longest Journey*
Soloists:
Travis Jones
Brenda Byrd
Wendy Stephenson
- VI. *Rejoice*
- VII. *Let There Be Peace Reprise*

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!