

**FORTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 22, 2019**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Ryan, Allison, Brock and Baylee Nelms

**Call to Worship**

*(Psalm 22)*

Eric Faircloth

Leader: *I will declare your name to my brothers; in the congregation I will praise you.*

**People:** *You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you descendants of Israel, honor and revere Him!*

Leader: *For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted ones; He has not hidden His face from him, but has listened to his cry for help.*

**All:** *Prepare the way for the King of kings to be praised forevermore!*

**\* Opening Hymn**

**“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

**# 198**

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*Almighty God, we come before you to repent from our pride and self-centered ways. We have acted as though we have saved ourselves, even though we know that it was through the birth, death and resurrection of your son that made salvation possible. Father, forgive us and renew a right spirit in our hearts so that we can proclaim the truth which saved us, now and forevermore. Amen.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

*(Micah 7:18, 19)*

Leader: *Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgressions of the remnant of His inheritance?*

**All:** *You will again have compassion on us; You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven!*

**\* Responsive Hymn**

**“In the Bleak Midwinter”**

**# 196**

**\*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**

**Amos 9:11-15**

**Anthem**

**“Be Born In Us”**

Brittany Jones

**Musical Interlude for Children’s Worship**

*(Children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Payton Searcy)*

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

**Second Scripture Lesson**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**Sermon**

**“What are we waiting for: Salvation to come.”**

Rev. Nadia Stropich

**\*Dedication Hymn**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**# 188**

**\*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> Vickie Faircloth	<i>Mission &amp; 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*  
 Sam 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 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 .....	\$17,701.00
General Fund Receipts for December 15 .....	\$4,067.00
Attendance for Sunday School December 15 .....	72
Attendance for Worship December 15 .....	145

**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 Week:** Scott Martin

**Greeters:** Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth

**Ushers:** Lisa Nelms, Donna Stolle and Bob Stolle (Back)

**Acolyte:** Kolton Crocker

**Nursery:** Annah and Kevin Creech

**Children's Worship:** Payton Searcy

**Lay Reader:** Eric Faircloth

**Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Committee

**Security:** Wade Johnson

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 29:

**Elder of the Week:** Steve Newnam

**Greeters:** Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth

**Ushers:** Beth Pickens, Joan Stuart and Elaine Wood (Back)

**Acolyte:** Connor Frickman

**Nursery:** Allison and Ryan Nelms

**Children's Worship:** Kristy and Chris Stephenson

**Lay Reader:** Doug Sonderfan

**Fellowship Time:** Encouragers Class

**Security:** Wade Johnson

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

**9:45 am:** Sunday School

**10:25 am:** Fellowship Time

**11:00 pm:** Worship Service

La Paz, Bolivia Missionary Offering

### Weekly Events:

**Dec. 23.** Bulletin Deadline

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

**Dec. 25.** Christmas Day

PPC Office Closed

**Dec. 26.** PPC Office Closed

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 29.** First Sunday After Christmas

**Dec. 31.** Bulletin Deadline

**Jan. 1.** Happy New Year, Welcome 2020

PPC Office Closed

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** For the celebration this week of our Savior's birth!

**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** is moving back home.

### 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*; **Becky Hall**, 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*; **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

**A Corporation Meeting of Providence Presbyterian Church of McGee's Crossroads, Inc. has been called on January 5, 2020** for the express purpose of changing the By-laws of the Corporation in regards to wording and position of the President of the Corporation. The By-laws currently state that the Clerk of Session is the President. According to the EPC Book of Order the Clerk of Session can be a seated or a non-seated Ruling Elder. The change will reflect the need for a seated Ruling Elder to serve as President. All active members of PPC are invited to attend and vote at this corporation meeting.

**Men's Fellowship will not be meeting during December due to holidays.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 [cmoorejohanson2012@gmail.com](mailto:cmoorejohanson2012@gmail.com)

**Please Note** – Due to the holidays, the Bulletin Deadlines are as follows for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sundays: This week, December 22, 2019 the deadline is the end of the business day Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>; The following week, December 29, 2019 the deadline is Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

## *Announcements Continued*

**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.**

## POINSETTIAS FOR ADVENT

*December 22, 2019*

*Given by Jim & Brenda Abbott*

**In Memory of** Wade and Annie Stephenson; James Sr. & Grace Abbott; and Gene Abbott

*Given by Sally Allen & Cathy Simmons*

**In Honor of** Janice Parrish and Brenda Byrd

*Given by Randy, Ann, & Austin Benson*

**In Honor of** Brittany Jones, Angie Searcy, Susan Rudd, Providence Choir, and the Stropich Family  
**In Memory of** George & Helen Coates; Shelton & Kathleen Benson; and Dr. Douglas Benson

*Given by Pete & Mary Ann Booth*

**In Honor of** Cathy Simmons

*Given by Tony & Sue Bryant*

**In memory of** Spicer & Beverly Rhodes; Brandy Lewis Hawkins; and Mica Lewis Love.

*Given by David & Pamela Collier*

**In Memory of** Betty Campbell

*Given by Kevin, Annah, Phoebe & Meadow Creech*

**In Honor of** David & Sylvia Wood, and Larry & Hilda Creech

*Given by Don & Brenda Dupree*

**In Honor of** Connor Reed, Amy & Matt York, and Donna & David Murphy  
**In Memory of** Leon & Vearl Stephenson, and Alfred & Agnes Dupree

## *Poinsettias for Advent Continued*

*Given by Jack & Judy Franzen*

*Given by Wade & Carolyn Johnson*

**In Honor of** Virginia Moore  
**In Memory of** J. L. Moore, John & Mandy Moore, Katie Moore, and Robert & Mary Johnson

*Given by Haley Jones*

**In Memory of** Pauline H. Jones, “Nana”

*Given by Greg Kornegay*

**In Honor of** Mr. & Mrs. Tim Kornegay and Family  
**In Memory of** Mr. & Mrs. E.G. Kornegay

*Given by Wayne & Joyce Lamm*

**In Honor of** LaVette Morgan, church member and friend  
**In Memory of** Harold Pittman, Joyce’s brother

*Given by Jane & Jim Lewis*

**In Memory of** our Sons; Brian Lewis and David Lewis  
**In Memory of** Our Parents; Joseph & Thresa Lewis, and Merle & Ruth Latson

*Given by Cathy Maddux, Candace Creech and Travis Creech*

**In Memory of** Fred & Blanche Ipock, and Cecil & Josephine Creech

*Given by “McLamb Family” (Stephanie, Amanda & Beck)*

**In Memory of** Laura McLamb

*Given by David & Lisa Nelms*

**In Honor of** Ryan, Allison, Brock and Baylee, Christina, Eric, and Dylan; Our Parents  
**In Memory of** Jane Wright; Our Grandparents

*Poinsettias for Advent Continued*

*Given by Ryan, Allison, Brock and Baylee Nelms*  
**In Honor of** Our Parents; Randy & Pam Parrish,  
and David & Lisa Nelms  
**In Memory of** Papa & Papa Jake

*Given by Brittany Parks*  
**In Memory of** Janet Mozingo and Chip Davidson

*Given by John & Beth Pickens*  
**In Honor of** Stewart & Jane Pickens  
**In Memory of** David Lewis, Bryan Lewis,  
and Virginia & Noel Pickens

*Given by Bob & Nadine Reed*  
**In Honor of** Mrs. Dorothy Healey, Ray F. Manuel,  
and Eva M. Younts  
**In Memory of** Mr. & Mrs. John Dempsey, Ed A. Harvey, Mr. Les  
Healey, Gladys Manuel, Janet Reed, Mr. & Mrs. Loyd Reed, Mr. Paul  
Reed, and Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Reed

*Given by Atlee & Linda Roberts*  
**In Memory of** T.O. Noles

*Given by Ann King Stephenson*  
**In Memory of** Valmond & Annie King, and W. Paul Stephenson

*Given by Sam & Wendy Stephenson and Children*  
**In Honor of** Mrs. Ann Stephenson and Mrs. Marilyn Johnson  
**In Memory of** J.C. & Alice McLeod, Paul & Jean Stephenson,

*Given by Carolyn Stevenson*  
**In Memory of** Lois & Chris Johnson

*Given by Rick & Margie Taylor*  
**In Memory of** Eva Lee Taylor, Frances Marie Elkins,  
and Norma & Bernard Parsons

*Poinsettias for Advent Continued*

*Given by Kent & Gwen Walton*  
**In Honor of** Barbara Walton  
**In Memory of** Rosyval Walton

*Given by Adam & Amanda Weaver*  
**In Memory of** Candy Weaver

*Given by Carolyn Weir, Diane Adams and Children*  
**In Honor of** My Parents, Carl & Veta Brown  
**In Memory of** My Husband and Son, Richard Weir, Sr.,  
and Richard Weir, Jr.

