

First Sunday in Lent
February 26, 2012 Journey to Hope

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”	arr. John Ferguson
Welcome/Announcements		
Call to Worship	“Kneel at the Cross” Men’s Quartet	C. E. Moody
+ Prayer		
+ Hymn	“Great is Thy Faithfulness”	UMH 140
+ Statement of Faith		UMH 883

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children		
New Testament Reading*	Ephesians 2:1-10	Thanks be to God.
Anthem 8:45	“Down to the River to Pray” Morning Glory Choir	Southern Folk Song
11:00	“Down to the River to Pray” Chancel Choir	arr. David L. Mennicke
Gospel Reading*	Mark 12:41-44	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	“Holding Tight or Letting Go”	

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Hymn	“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”	UMH 420
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Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Offering	“The peace may be exchanged...”	Dan Locklair
+ Response*	“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH 94
+ Prayer of Dedication		

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+ Hymn	“Living for Jesus”	FWS 2149
+ Benediction*	May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey. May the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road. May the love of Christ make us caring companions, as together we go forth from this place. Amen	
+ Postlude	Improvisation on “Faithfulness”	

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

**Words Projected*

+Please stand as you are able

Greeters: (8:45) Ben & Mary Brown (11:00) Shirley Hathaway
 Acolytes: (8:45) Tristen Kellam (11:00) Emma McConnell
 Nursery: (8:45) Lori Justice (Sunday School) Wendy Collins
 (11:00) Wendy & Mike Collins
 Counters: Gary Wright, Captain
 Ushers: (8:45) Neal Fleenor, Ron White
 (11:00) Mike Patterson, Bobby Burton, Bobby Johnson, Tom Koertge,
 Bobby Wood, Ed Harper, Ralph Vernon
 Readers (8:45) Brenda Woodward (11:00) Cathy Patterson
 Audio/Visual Team: Ron Wootten (Audio) and Brad Wootten (Video)
 Name Tag Organizer: Kyser Family
 Sanctuary Organizers: Charles and Jackie Hargrave

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The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of a very special lady, Mary Grizzard Johns, by the Franklins: Paul, Debbie, Carrie, and Laura.

The narthex flowers on the left are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Tommie Wood by Bobby Wood.

The narthex flowers on the right are presented to the glory of God and in honor of the Morning Glory Choir. Thanks for all the beautiful music.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 26

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:15 p.m. Cross Trainers (Youth House) (bring a lunch)
- No Pass It On Choir Rehearsal
- No Youth Fellowship
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)
- 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Monday, February 27

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Room 309)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 206)

Tuesday, February 28

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 309)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (Third Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)

Wednesday, February 29

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:00–7:00 p.m. KC Jam Rehearsal (Room 306) (**Note time change**)
- 6:30 p.m. CPR/AED Training (Social Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, March 1

- 6:30 p.m. Family Council (Library)

Friday, March 2

- 11:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study (Room 206)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. Small Group Leader Training (Room 206)
- 2:00 p.m. Margaret Anderson's Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 p.m. "Connections" Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, March 4

- 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship (Social Hall)
- 9:00 a.m. Connections Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- Children's worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
- Restrooms are located down the main hall turning to the left. A baby changing table is available in the handicap accessible restroom.
- Name tags can be found on the clipboards in the pews.
- Assisted listening devices and large print hymnals are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A nursery is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday our 8:45 a.m. worship will move to 9:00 a.m. Called "**Connections**," this contemporary service will be informal, welcoming for all ages, and led by our pastor and the new worship music ensemble, **Ministry in Motion**. A fellowship time will be 8:30-8:55 in the Social Hall. Who will you invite?

Wednesday Night Dinner is 5:30-6:15 p.m. This week's menu is chili dogs, baked beans, French fries, and dessert. Sign up today.

Check out our website for **family Lenten activities** you can do together. We will be preparing our hearts and minds for Easter. Take pictures or video of the activity taking place and post it to the Providence Facebook page.

The Lenten offering for 2012 will be given to the B.T. Cooper U.M. Academy in Kenya, Africa. Our Mission Kids' mid-week program learned about this ministry sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Offering boxes will be available as you leave the service today. Our Mission Kids will also be collecting loose change in cans they decorated. Bring your offering boxes back at Easter time. If you would like to learn more about this organization, visit www.btcooperschool.com.

Mark your calendar for a **Veggie Tale event**, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. Interested in helping with this event? The Family Council is looking for 3-4 individuals to help greet families, assist with crafts and games, and serve refreshments (great way for youth to earn community service hours). Contact Isabelle Sullivan at isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net if you can help.

Ever wondered what makes an effective small group? Come on March 3 at 9:30 a.m. or March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in room 206 to learn more about small groups here at PUMC and how you can be involved. RSVP with date choice to isabelle.sullivan@providenceumc.net.

Needed: People to help serve and/or prepare light refreshments for the Sunday morning social time to precede the 9:00 a.m. service beginning on March 4. Get in on the ground floor of this **new opportunity** by contacting Gracie Martin: 272-4289 (between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., please) or graciemartin@verizon.net.

Save the date! Our 2012 Golf Tournament will be held at the Meadowbrook Country Club on Monday, May 9, at 1:00 p.m. Fee is \$70.00 per golfer including supper. Proceeds support United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond and our Upward Soccer program. Sign up forms are by the church office door.

The last issue of Pockets (for children) and Devozone (for youth) are now available in the narthex. If you would like to continue receiving these great magazines, please consider ordering them for your child by visiting [the upperroom.com](http://theupperroom.com).

Please remember that **scrip orders are being taken in the church office** from now on after each service. Order your card(s) today. They're here! Kroger grocery cards are finally here! They are being sold in \$100.00 increments.

Prayer Focus for Worship at Providence

February 22-28: Pray for transformation for everyone who comes. Isaiah 58:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-32; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The pink prayer request forms are located on the clipboards and may be placed in the offering plate or left in the office. In order to keep our GATHERED PRAYER CONCERNS list up-to-date, names will remain in the bulletin for four weeks. You may submit or resubmit a request at any time.

Our gathered prayer concerns: The family of Margaret Anderson (memorial service Sat. at 2 p.m.), Aaron Andrews (friend of Bill and Mary Steele), Andy Bankert, Brian Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's son), Isabell Bodtke's relatives and friends (Lorraine Roeder, Caroline, Ann Louise, Stacy, and Randy's father, Larry), Connie Bowlin, Albert Branson (Allen Branson's father), Robert Camp (Jean Winfree's great nephew), Mae Clarke, Pete Cole, Thelma Cosby (friend of Pam Asbury), Clarice Elsey (requested by Amy Palmer), Fred Evans, Janet Fattizzi, **Loretta Hancock** (friend of Kathy and Wayne Smith), Gilda Jordan, Nathaniel Kun (at the death of his mother, Juah Weah, in Liberia), Charlie and Martha Negri (friends of Paul Martin), Kathy Rhea, Mary Lou Robinson, Lorna Schaeffer, **Joanne Stokes** (Ellin Howell's sister), Madeline Tarantino (friend of Kathy Kincaid), **Delbert Vandergrift** (brother-in-law of Dave and Mary Lou Robinson), **Terry Wagner**, Fred Wilson

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families.

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark	Bobby Swanson
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Brent Davis	Jennifer Collins
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson	David Dias
Matt Latimer			

Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry. Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for yourself or a family member.

Metro Richmond Prayer for February 26, 2012: We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: For enhancement of our common life in Jesus' Name through the Holy Spirit, and for the Resurrection of metropolitan Richmond as a modern metropolitan city of hope for the world.