

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2011**

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude "Fanfare" Hugh Livingston
Bells of Providence

+Greeting*

One: We have come together, in this place, to worship God. Come into God's gates with thanksgiving and into God's courts with praise. We have to give thanks and praise to God for God has been good. Let the redeemed of the Lord say:

Many: Thank you, God. You have been good!

One: God has delivered us from addictions, illnesses, financial problems, heartaches, oppression and so much more. Today, we have much to thank and praise God for. Let the redeemed of the Lord say:

Many: Thank you, God. You are always good!

One: We come this morning from the North, the South, the East and the West. We, your redeemed people of God say together:

Many: God, you are good and we thank and praise you today.

+Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384
+Statement of Faith UMH 881
+Response* UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

Anthem (11:00) "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

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.*

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

New Testament Reading* 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering "Why We Sing" Greg Gilpin
Betty Gregory and Jackie Hargrave, Duet Carla Wootten, piano

Gospel Reading* Luke 16:1-13 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "One Master"

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Witness Christopher Wilms

Offertory (8:45) Offertory on "Beecher" Alfred Fedak
(11:00) "Living God's Word"
Older Elementary Sunday School Class

+Response* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94
+Prayer of Dedication

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" UMH 399

+Benediction

+Postlude Improvisation on "Messiah"

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)
*Words Projected

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)
+Please stand as you are able

Greeters: (8:45) Carolyn Bilski (11:00) Jean and Nicole Riekers
 Acolytes: (8:45) Tristan Kellam (11:00) Andrew Bowers
 Nursery: (8:45) Kelly Horne (Sunday School) Wendy Collins
 (11:00) Mike & Wendy Collins
 Counters: Jimmy Sculthorpe, Captain
 Ushers: (8:45) Bill Blankenship, Neal Fleenor, Ron White
 (11:00) Mike Patterson, Bobby Burton, Ed Harper, Bobby Johnson,
 Tom Koertge, Ralph Vernon, Bobby Wood
 Readers: (8:45) Neal Fleenor (11:00) Jennifer Ostrum
 Audio/Visual Team: Bob Gillie's Team
 Name Tag Organizer: Amy Mott
 Sanctuary Organizers: Nickie Price and Jean Winfree

The **altar flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Diane King's birthday with love from the 3 Ks, their spouses, and the grands.

The **flowers in the narthex** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of James Kvasnik by the Kvasnik and Foular families.

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Living God's Word

*Have you heard?
 Have you heard I'm living God's word?
 Now I'm doin' what I've gotta do.*

*Did you know?
 Did you know every place that I go
 I will live a life that is good and true?*

*I can give.
 I can give every day that I live,
 And the giving will come back to me.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 13

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence (Room 306)

Monday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Providence Retired Club (Social Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Evangelism Committee (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 309)

Tuesday, November 15 **Newsletter Deadline**

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 309)
- 10:30 a.m. Whitt Circle (Room 206)
- 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)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force (Parlor)
- 6:30 p.m. Marketing Task Force (Library)

Wednesday, November 16

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Dinner (Social Hall)
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. KC Jam (Room 306)
- 6:30 p.m. Small Groups
- 6:30 p.m. Trustees' Meeting (Library)
- 6:45 p.m. Upward Soccer Wrap-Up (Room 309)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 17

- 7:00 p.m. Providence Green (Chapel)

Friday, November 18

- 9:15 a.m. Cooks for Christ go to Centenary UMC for feeding program
- Couples Group (with the Wilms)
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, November 19

- 10:30 a.m. Congregational Care Committee to pack boxes for students and the military (Room 206)

Sunday, November 20 Commitment Sunday

- 12:00 Noon Education Committee Meeting (Room 206)
- United Methodist Women's Bake Sale (Social Hall after each service)

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

- Children's worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
- Colorful bags at the back have helpful information.
- Restrooms are located on the main hall to the left.
- 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

Each year our congregation takes the time to think and pray about how God is calling us to share what we have. Today and next Sunday will provide opportunities to hear about how we can **grow in our stewardship**. This week our pastor will send out a letter with an enclosed commitment card. You are invited to bring the card next Sunday after prayerful consideration of your giving, or return it to the church office. Additional cards will also be available next Sunday.

Sign up for **Wednesday Night Dinner**. Menu is chili, cornbread, and dessert.

The Christian Builders Sunday School Class is using the **Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies** (International Bible Lessons for Christian Teachings). Through the end of November, we will be looking at various passages from Matthew. Starting in December, we will be looking at passages from Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Galatians. The themes are: God's Covenant, God's Protection, and God's Redemption. We have four teachers that rotate and would welcome anyone interested in Bible-based studies. We meet in Room 206 at 9:45 each Sunday. --Diane King (276-0469)

Would you like to make a child happy at Christmas? Mary Lou Robinson will be in the Library after the eleven o'clock service today with **stockings provided by The Salvation Army**. Please stop by and pick up as many as you would like to fill.

Would you like to place fresh flowers in the church in 2012? The new Flower Chart for 2012 has been posted in the hall across from the name tags. You may sign up starting today.

Our staff meets each week on Tuesdays, 11:00-12:00. A **volunteer** is needed to answer the phones and the door one or more Tuesdays a month. Sign up today if you are interested in this ministry opportunity.

Our **Annual Charge Conference** will be held on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All Church Council members, plus the pastor and retired elders (clergy) in our congregation, are members of the Charge Conference. All persons in the congregation are welcome to attend. The agenda will include reporting of the year past, election of officers for 2012, and other business.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The **zoning permit sign** in the front yard of the church is for the required application for a provisional use permit for the continued operation of our Preschool in an Agricultural Zone. If you have questions, contact Glenn Jones, Trustees' Chairperson, at 330-5946.

Did you know that children in our community are hungry this weekend? There are 25 students at A. M. Davis Elementary School who need meals on the weekends. For \$12 a week or \$324 for the remainder of the school year, you can provide food for these students to feed them until they return to school each Monday. If you are interested in making contributions to this program, please contact the church office or Wendy Collins (Email: MrsCollins17@aol.com or (804)276-2418) as soon as possible. If you would like to pay by check, please write the check payable to the church, with "Backpack Program" on the memo line.

The United Methodist Women are having a Bake Sale next Sunday, November 20. They will be in the Social Hall after each service.

Advent Devotional Booklets will be available next Sunday, November 20.

Would you like to participate in the **nativity** during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service? Just dressing up and acting—no speaking parts, just the narrator. Sign up today—adults, youth and older children. We need Mary, Joseph, Shepherds, Wise Men, and Angel Gabriel. Please consider being a part of this very special Family Service. Call Carla Wootten at 276-5683 or email her at cwootten@comcast.net.

God's Creation 2012 calendars are available today in the Library after both services. The cost is \$6.00. Checks should be written to "Providence Youth."

Would you like to help **provide a meal** occasionally to a family in our church? Contact Pat Loud at 763-3792 (evenings) and get connected.

A **car** has been donated to the church and will be sold to benefit church ministries. If interested, contact the church office.

Project Homeless: This year's count will be held on November 17, 2011. Help is needed to load trucks and set up at the Richmond Coliseum on November 16, and individuals age 18 or older are needed to help on November 17. The items needed are adult size socks, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, coats, boots, granola bars, razors and reusable shopping bags. Contact Valerie Reese (909-3659) or Mary Lou Robinson (739-2991) for more information.

This year's Thanksgiving offering will benefit CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministries). Use the Thanksgiving Offering envelope in your monthly mailing or designate your check. CCHASM provides emergency assistance through food, financial assistance, and career clothing to area residents in Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, and Prince George. For more information, visit www.cchasm.org. Please see the November newsletter for offerings for Advent and Christmas.

Hospitalized: Catherine Milholen (St. Francis Hospital)

Church-wide Prayer Request: for the Worship Task Force and our congregation as we discern how God is leading us to offer two different worship experiences.

The 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 resubmit a request at any time.

Our gathered prayer concerns: Jennifer Bilski (Carolyn Bilski's daughter), Helen Bowman (Laurels of Bon Air), Dave Clarke, Mae Clarke, Emma Cyr (grandmother of Kim Parr), Steve DeGaetani (requested by Elizabeth Kyser), Janet Fattizzi, David Francisco (requested by Mildred Crostic), **the family of Matthew Gillette (great nephew of Joe Gillette)**, Alma Groome, **Beth Hastings** (Ruby Agee's daughter), Leon Headley, Betsy Holland (mother of Dano Holland), Noelle Holland and her family (sudden death of her cousin), Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), Gilda Jordan, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke's sister), Kevin Loud (Pat Loud's nephew), Ruby Milby (The Virginian), Johnny Parsons, Clyde Randall, Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Pat Robison, Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke's nephew), Jan Rogers (co-worker of Wendy and Sean Collins), Dr. Joshua Rubinstein (Wayne and Kathy Smith's dentist), Joseph Salvaggio, Timmy Spears (requested by Pat Loud), Eric Suter (requested by Mildred Crostic), William Viehl (Kathy Kincaid's cousin who had a heart transplant and for the donor and his family), A. M. Davis students, faculty, and staff

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

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| 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 |
| Bob Muchow | 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 November 13, 2011: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the homeless and the hungry, for the provision of safe, affordable housing and low cost nutritious food, for the personal safety, dignity, and well being of those who are unable to work.

If you feel led to Christian baptism or would like to transfer your membership to Providence, please contact Pastor Mary Beth Blinn at 276-4289 or Marybeth.blinn@providenceumc.net.