

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: "Firm Foundation"

Opening Prayer

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: "Chainbreaker"

Scripture

Colossians 1:1-10

Message: "Christ at the Center"

Hugh Harris

Prayer Time

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.

Singing with Offering: "Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"

Benediction

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

- Please pick up a welcome gift from an usher in the foyer.
- **Children's activity bulletins, bags and boxes** 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.
- Assisted listening devices, large-print hymnals and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A **nursery** with professional care is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

"The Church's One Foundation"

arr. by Mark Hayes

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can.

ALL: In Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.

+ Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH #131

+ Opening Prayer

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

First Reading *

Psalm 82

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn Medley

"Give Thanks"
"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

FWS #2036

FWS #2037

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-10

Thanks be to God.

The Apostle's Creed

UMH #881

Sermon

"Christ at the Center"

Hugh Harris

Prayer for Guidance *

UMH #366

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 RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory Anthem

"New Doxology"
The Chancel Choir

+ Response *

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

+ Hymn

"Because He Lives"

UMH #364

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Christopher Pega's birthday.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God and to say thank you to the PUMC Missions team for their loving support of Homeward's 11th annual Project Homeless Connect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a clipboard today and include your contact information. Please continue to sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to your personal information that the church maintains.

“THE FIRST NOEL”

Our Christmas Cantata will be presented at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 17. Invite your friends and neighbors to experience the beauty of the Christmas story told through music by our PUMC vocalists, musicians, and guest instrumentalists!

Come Celebrate the Joys of Christmas

Family Pancake Brunch & Festivities

Saturday, December 9th
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

PUMC Social Hall
A Free Event

Experience the Holiday Sights,
Sounds and Smells

Interested in volunteering?

Story Time — Games — Bell Ringing

Email: Sherry Jeter
sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net or

Cookie Decorating
Ornament Making

Sign up on the pew clipboard.

Plus a visit with Santa!



The Youth are selling **“2018 God's Creation”** calendars. Price is \$7 each and are available in the Library.

This year's **Thanksgiving Offering** will be donated to **CCHASM** (Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministries). CCHASM collects non-perishable food items and distributes them to 27 food pantries in the greater Chesterfield area. CCHASM also provides hundreds of Thanksgiving Dinner bags, along with a gift card to purchase a turkey, to families who have been approved through social services to receive food donations. Pantry shelves are getting low, so our offering will help replenish the needed items.

There will be **NO** Wednesday Night Dinner this week. There will be dinner on Wednesday, November 29, at 5:30. The menu will be Swedish meatballs over noodles, green beans, rolls, dessert and beverage. You can sign up on Sunday, 11/26.

Cardboard boxes need to be broken down and placed behind the recycling bin in the hallway near the kitchen. Please do not put cardboard boxes in the dumpster. Thank you.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick (804-276-4289) who can guide you in the next steps.

PRAYER MINISTRY

November 19, 2017: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: for healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and

nurturing of children and caring for the elderly. Handmade **prayer squares are available** in the foyer to take or mail to someone for whom you are praying.

To connect with our email prayer ministry, you may send a prayer request to Nancy Coffman at nlctlc73@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy. Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

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

Jessica Ammon	John Harper
Harrison Bailey	Wayne Lee
Hunter Blankenship	Matt Latimer
Terrance Brunson	Megan Thomas
Jennifer Collins	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Nan Blackwell
- * The family of Bursell Bradshaw Jr. (died 11/9; brother of Natalia Parson)
- * Ronnie Brooks (home)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Bob Ford (home and doing well)
- * Pam Groome (surgery on 10/11)

Our gathered prayer concerns: (continued)

- * The family of Julie Hall (who died 10/18; daughter of Linda Watkins; sister of Melvin Watkins)
- * The family of Myrna Hartley (Janet Goode's sister)
- * Kelton Honeycutt (grandfather of Danielle Hellams)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * The family of Janice Hutcheson, died 9/26 (mother of Jolie King)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Michael Mercatante Sr. (has suffered another heart attack, stint surgery on 10/27)
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Lee Middleton
- * The family of Lewis Miller (died 11/8)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Tracy (recovering from fall, surgery on 11/13; friend of the Fleshmans)
- * Barbie Vest (upcoming surgery, 12/4)
- * The victims and families of the church shooting in Texas on 11/5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 19—Thanksgiving Sunday

9:00 Connections Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Service
1:00 Elmcroft Worship
3:00 Girl Scouts
4:30 Youth Choir
5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

Monday, November 20

10:00 Line Dancers (309)
7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)
7:00 Church Council (309)
Young Adults

Tuesday, November 21

11:00 Bible Study (L)
2:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
6:30 Cubs/Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, November 22

No Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, November 23 — Thanksgiving

Church Office Closed

6:30 AA (205)

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

8:00 AA Group (309))

Saturday, November 25

Prayer Requests

Pray for:

Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: _____

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Drop this sheet in the offering plate or at the church office.

To direct an urgent concern for yourself or a family member to our email prayer group, please contact the church office by phone or email.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:

11:00 Meredith Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Shirley Collins (Library)
Nickie Price (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor, Ron White
11:00 Ed Harper, Bobby Burton
Meredith Kyser, Tom Koertge
Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

Nursery:

9:00 Jane Gilliam
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Carol Urso, Wendy Collins

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver

Reader:

Betty-Anne Roberson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)
11:00 Gary Wright (A)
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Sanctuary Organizers:

Nickie Price (November 1-30)

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Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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