

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 20, 2011
Commitment Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude "Sonata I: I" J. S. Bach

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship "Praise Medley" arr. Allen
Pass It On and KC Jam

+Greeting*

One: Lord, we lift you holy name up high!

Many: **We welcome you as our special guest.**

One: We're here to sing our praise to you.

Many: **You're the One! You're the reason that we sing!**

+Hymn "We Gather Together" UMH 131

A Morning Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Old Testament Reading* Psalm 24 **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem (8:45) "God of Mercy, God of Grace" Jerry Davidson

Morning Glory Choir

(11:00) "The Best of Gifts" K. Lee Scott

Chancel Choir

New Testament Reading*

I Peter 4:7-11

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"It's All God"

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Witness

Ann Scott

Offertory (8:45)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Rachael Harvey, cello, and Carla Wootten, piano

(11:00)

Offertory on "Kremser"

George Lachenauer

+Response*

"Praise God, from All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94

+Prayer of Dedication

AND SCATTERS TO BE THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

+Hymn*

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

You are invited to bring forward your commitment cards during the hymn.

Reception of New Members (8:45)

Todd and Louise Fouler with Noah, James and Emma; Louise Krasnik

+Benediction

+Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

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) Carolyn Bilski (11:00) Jean and Nicole Riekers
 Acolytes: (8:45) Molly Roberson (11:00) Emily Keyser
 Nursery: (8:45) Linda Koertge (Sunday School) Ann Busbee
 (11:00) Sean & Lindsey Collins
 Counters: Klaus Worrell, 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) Anna Knight (11:00) Valerie Reese
 Audio/Visual Team: Russ Byers' Team
 Name Tag Organizer: Emma Fleenor
 Sanctuary Organizers: Nickie Price and Jean Winfree

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in recognition of Christopher Pega's birthday by Klaus and Sue Worrell.

The flowers on the left in the narthex are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Tommie M. Wood with love from Mary and Bill Steele.

The flowers on the right in the narthex are presented to the glory of our Father and in memory of her husband, "Doc" Fleenor, by Emma Lou Fleenor.

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*"The earth is the Lord's
 and all that is in it ..."*

Psalm 24:1



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 20

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- United Methodist Women's Bake Sale (Social Hall after each service)
- 12:00 p.m. Education Committee Meeting (Room 206)
- 12:00 p.m. Cross Trainers
- 12:15 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee (Library)
- 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 21

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing Class (Room 309)
- 6:25 p.m. Committee Chairpersons Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (Social Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 4 (Room 309)

Tuesday, November 22

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Library)
- 6:00 p.m. Worship Task Force (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, November 23

- No Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:00-6:45 p.m. KC Jam (Room 306)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 24

- Thanksgiving Day
- Church Office Closed

Friday, November 25

- Church Office Closed
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Sunday, November 27

- 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Worship services
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- No evening activities

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

Today we are invited to make our commitments to the **2012 ministries** of our church through our financial gifts. Commitment cards are available in the pew racks or from the ushers.

The United Methodist Women are having a Bake Sale today. They will be in the Social Hall after each service.

There will be no Wednesday Night Dinner this week.

Advent devotional booklets are available today in the foyer. Please take one for you and your family. The season of Advent begins next Sunday and includes four weeks of spiritual preparations for Christmas. Our offerings collected at home during Advent will go to support Pathways in Petersburg, which includes a ministry for youth, 17-24, to attain their GED and get job skills training. Check out more at www.pathways-va.org.

A. M. Davis Elementary School participates in the Campbell Soup, "Boxtops" for Education, and the Martin's School Rewards Program. A box will be placed near Room 206 for the labels and "Boxtops". The Davis number for Martin's School Rewards is 03151. Use it to register your purchases for Davis. Thank you for all the little and big contributions you make for Davis,

Thank you, volunteers who are **adopting** three Davis elementary school families. If you would like to participate as a group, family, or individual, you may contact Jane Logan at 276-2228. The deadline is Monday, November 21. Donations also may be put in the offering designated for Davis Christmas or left in the church office. You may also indicate your interest on the clipboards today.

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. You may also sign up today.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Christian Builders Sunday School Class is using the **Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies** (International Bible Lessons for Christian Teachings). 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)

The Living Word Sunday School Class (Room 303) will be studying the book, "The Journey-Walking the Road to Bethlehem" during the season of Advent. They will be glad to have you.

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.

You may place fresh flowers in the church in 2012. The Flower Chart for 2012 has been posted in the hall across from the name tags.

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.

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.

Mark your calendar for December 7 for One Starry Night. See the bulletin insert.

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. 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."

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 (make payable to the church). 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.

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: Helen Bowman (Laurels of Bon Air), Mae Clarke, **The Family of LaVearn Everett following her death on November 12**, Janet Fattizzi, the family of Matthew Gillette (great nephew of Joe Gillette), **The Family of Alma Groome**, Beth Hastings (Ruby Agee's daughter), Leon Headley, Betsy Holland (mother of Dano Holland), Sally Hunter (grandmother of Glenn Jones), Effie Jamison, Gilda Jordan, Ruby Milby, **Catherine Milholen** (home from the hospital), **Jeannette Wilson and family on the death of her brother, Roland Dean Newcomb**, Clyde Randall, Dr. Barbara A. Ritch-Brant, Joseph Salvaggio, William Viehl (Kathy Kincaid's cousin), Special unnamed request submitted through the website, A. M. Davis students, faculty, and staff

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
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 20, 2011: 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. For advocates who are willing to put their lives on the line for the sake of others; for all who fight for the rights of persons who cannot fight for themselves.

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.