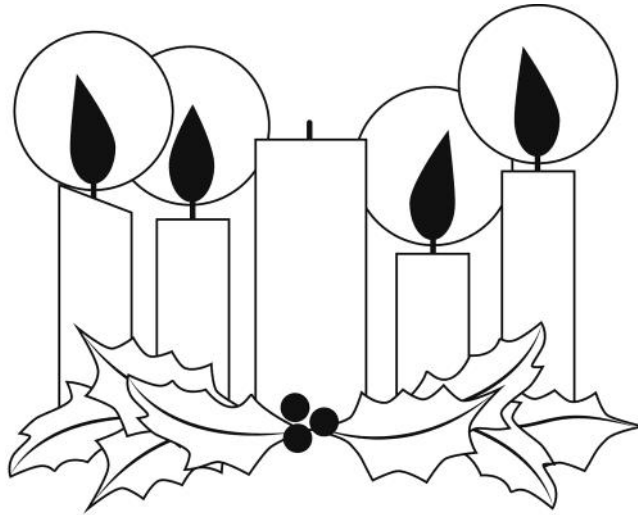


Providence United Methodist Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

Providence United Methodist Church

December 24, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 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 "What Child is This" arr. by Tom Fettke
- + Call to Worship Based on Luke 2:1-20
- + Hymn "Angels From the Realms of Glory" (vs 1,2,3) UMH #220
- Lighting of the Advent Wreath * *Peace* Joe & Peggy Gillette and Family
- + Opening Prayer
- Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time		Sherry Wright-Jeter
First Reading (UMH 815) *	Psalms 96	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn	"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"	UMH #240
Second Reading	Luke 2:1-20	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	Derrick Parson

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	"Two Thousand Decembers Ago" Trio — Emma Breeden, Sherry Jeter, Allison Stowers	
+ Response *	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #94
+ Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High" (vs 1,2,3)	UMH #238
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude		

The flowers on the narthex are given to the glory of God by Nickie Price to celebrate the birthday of her granddaughter, Paige. "GG loves you!"

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.

Homeward's Winter Point In Time Homeless Count will be held downtown on January 25, 2018. We depleted our winter clothing at the big event in November but will accept any warm or layering clothing, comfortable shoes or boots, but especially gloves, if you would like to donate. We will also be collecting individual snack items. Thank you for your continuing support of this mission.

Happy New Year — wait, not yet! But we will be starting the second 8-week segment of the Covenant Bible Study series on Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "Living" focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love and how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life. We'd love to have you join us. No, you don't have to have taken the first 8-week class, but you will need a workbook. **Please sign up on the clipboard** or call the church office if you want us to order one for you, at \$15 each. There's been interest in moving the class to Sunday afternoons. We'll decide as a group on January 10. Hope to see many of you there.

Laura Griggs

LauraLoperGriggs@gmail.com

Please mark your calendar for the **District Conference Leadership Training Event** on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 1:30-5:00 p.m., at Reveille UMC. There are 12 different sessions and workshops that might be of interest to you. PUMC has several people attending. If you'd like to be part of this learning opportunity, please contact the church office this week.

Providence will be having **Confirmation Classes** beginning January 7. The classes will be during the Sunday School hour and Confirmation Sunday will be March 25. If you want to be confirmed and do not have the class information, please contact the church office.

This year's **Christmas Offering** will be divided between Branches (our missionary outreach in Florida) and United Methodist Family Services. All gifts marked "Christmas Offering" will support these important projects. Gifts in regular church offering envelopes and cash will go to the operating budget of the church.

Any 2017 donations must be received (or postmarked) on or before December 31, 2017. Donations received after December 31 will be applied to your 2018 giving.

The “**Christmas Card Exchange Box**” is on the table near the Chapel. Address your cards, put them in the appropriate mail slot and check for cards addressed to you as well. This is an opportunity to save a little postage and perhaps use it in another meaningful way.

The **2018 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway, near the water fountain. The **BLUE** flower forms are there too. Please remember: *payment should accompany the blue form*. Complete the form and put it and your check in the offering plate or bring it to the office. Please do not put your name on the calendar until you submit your form and check.

Office Holiday Schedule

The office will be closed on the following days:

December:

25 Christmas Day

26 Tuesday

January:

1 New Year's Day

15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

December 24, 2017: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for an end to child

abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions.

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

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * The family of Louise Berger (died 12/3)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * The family of Bursell Bradshaw Jr. (died 11/9; brother of Natalia Parson)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)

Our gathered prayer concerns: (continued)

- * Uldine Curtis
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * **Carlton Gregory**
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * The family of Myrna Hartley (Janet Goode's sister)
- * **Dottie & Leon Headley** (parents of Lisa Fleenor)
- * Kelton Honeycutt (grandfather of Danielle Hellams)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * The family of Anne Klotz (died 11/12; mother-in-law of Christine Forte Klotz)
- * Wayne Latimer (hip replacement, 11/28)
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * The family of Lewis Miller (died 11/8)
- * Johnise Molloy (Johnston Willis)
- * Matthew Moyer (Crohn's surgery 11/29 in Florida)
- * The family of Monique Turner (died, 11/26; sister of Isaac Nedd)
- * The family of Ursula (Sue) Pickeral (a member of PUMC, died 11/9)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * **Donna Smith** (shoulder replacement, 1/2)
- * Barbie Vest (surgery 12/4)
- * Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Ron White (hip replacement surgery on 12/20)
- * Tracy (recovering from fall, surgery on 11/13; friend of the Fleshmans)

PUMC Financial Report (as of November 30, 2017)

	November	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Receipts	\$34,925	\$298,203	\$346,729
Disbursements	\$28,842	\$349,999	\$351,271
Net Receipts	\$6,082	(\$51,796)	(\$4,542)
Operating Fund	\$29,571		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 24

10:00 Worship

5:30 Candlelight & Communion Worship

Monday, December 25

Church Office Closed

No Church Activities or Meetings

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27

Thursday, December 28

9:30 Prayer Team (L)

11:00 Knitters & Crocheters

6:15 Men's Study (L)

6:30 AA (205)

Friday, December 29

8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 30

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:

10:00 Meredith Kyser

Greeters:

10:00 Patty Wright (Library)
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

Ushers:

10:00 George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury
Melvin Watkins

Nursery:

10:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Reader:

Audio/Visual Team:

10:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree
(December 1-31)
Peggy Gillette
(January 1-31, 2018)

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday Office Closed

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Young Adult Ministries Terrence Jeter (interim)
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Nursery Attendant Cynthia Liverpool
Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres
Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis