

First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2010

UMH United Methodist Hymnal (Red)
* Words Projected

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

Prelude "Preparation for the King" Arcangelo Corelli

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship* Romans 13:11-12

Leader: You know what time it is,

People: How it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep.

Leader: For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

People: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness

Leader: And put on the armor of light.

+Hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" UMH 196

Lighting of the Advent Wreath*

A Time with the Children

Musical Offering Anthem (8:45) "How Great Our Joy" Theodore Baker
Morning Glory Choir

(11:00) "Every Valley" John Ness Beck
Chancel Choir

Morning 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.

Old Testament Reading* Isaiah 2:1-5 **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Story "There's Within My Heart A Melody" UMH 380
The Rev. Tom Coffman

Offering Our Gifts Meditation on "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" John Sciveyner
+Response*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

New Testament Reading* Romans 13:11-14 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Time for Hope"

+Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707

+Benediction
+Postlude "Head of the Church Triumphant" Herbert Colvin

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

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

- A welcome bag is available for you today at the rear center door.
- Children's worship bags and age-appropriate worship activity bulletins are available in the foyer.
- 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 for our children newborn through age four.

Those serving today:

Greeters	(8:45)	Carolyn Bilski	(11:00)	Nickie Price
Acolytes	(8:45)	Tristen Kellam	(11:00)	Nicole Riekers
Nursery	(8:45)	Barbara Oliver	Sunday School	Wendy Collins
	(11:00)	Shirley Collins, Sallie Elliott, Hannah Jenkins		
Ushers	(8:45)	Neal Fleenor, Ron White, Bill Blankenship		
	(11:00)	Bobby Burton, Ed Harper, Bobby Johnson, Tom Koertge, Mike Patterson, Ralph Vernon, Bobby Wood		
Readers	(8:45)	Elizabeth Melancon	(11:00)	Mary Lou Branson
Counters		Jimmy Sculthorpe, Captain		
Audio/Visual Team		Russ Byers, Captain		
Name Tags		Gracie Martin		
Sanctuary Saints		Fred and Jane Loveless		

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The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Bill's birthday and our 34th Wedding Anniversary by Peg Martin and Bill Mannering.

The narthex flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Robert Ricketts on his birthday by Robin Jeffrey.

The baby candle on the altar is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Molly Lynne Rust, who was born on November 18, 2010. Her parents are Colleen and Brian Rust, and her proud paternal grandparents are Dianne and Craig Rust.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, November 28

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 3:45 p.m. A Cappella Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. Pass It On Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 p.m. Advent Study (Room 206)
- 7:00 p.m. Bells of Providence

Monday, November 29

- 10:00 a.m. Line Dancing (Room 309)
- 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Women Executive Board Meeting (Library)
- 7:00 p.m. Disciple 1 (Room 206)

Tuesday, November 30

- 10:00 a.m. Quilters (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Christian Believer Class (Room 206)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (3rd Floor)
- 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting (Room 205)
- 7:00 p.m. Preschool Board Meeting (Library)
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Social Hall)
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee (Parlor)

Wednesday, December 1

- 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline (send articles to Kathy.Smith@providenceumc.net)
- 6:15-6:45 p.m. KC JAM Rehearsal including Cross Trainers (Social Hall) (**Note Change**)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 2

- 6:00 p.m. Newton Circle Meeting (with Betty-Anne Roberson)
- 7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, December 3

- 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal
- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Room 309)

Saturday, December 4

- 5:00 p.m. Stevens/Eastman Wedding

Sunday, December 5

- 8:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Hanging of the Greens
- 12:00 p.m. Turkey Luncheon for the church provided by the United Methodist Men

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent devotional booklets are available today in the foyer. You may also pick up a bank for your Advent Society of St. Andrews offerings. Your gifts will make otherwise unused produce and food available to those who are hungry.

Find ways to discover and live out a Life-Giving Christmas on the church Facebook page, and on the website at **www.providenceumc.net**.

Quilt to be auctioned: A beautiful blue crazy quilt pattern hand-tied full-size quilt has been made and donated to the church by the Providence Quilting Group. A silent auction begins today and ends December 12 in the Library, where the quilt is displayed. The proceeds will go to support Christmas blessings for several families in need from A. M. Davis School.

The Youth Choir needs your help! Could you please email to the church within the next week or two Christmas pictures that we might display on the wall during the Youth Christmas Musical on December 24? Pictures of trees, carolers, presents, bells, happy people/children would be great! Send them to **linda.collins@providenceumc.net**. Any questions, call Carla Wootten (276-5683). Thank you so much from the Youth Choir.

Our Advent study begins today! This Bible Study, combined with video, will help us look at the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love in a new light leading to a "Life Giving Christmas". This group will meet every Sunday in Room 206 through December 19 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Our church will be "**adopting**" **eight families** from A. M. Davis Elementary School, as identified by the guidance office. If your group or class is interested in helping with this outreach project, contact Valerie Reese at 909-3659. Individuals or families are also welcome to participate.

Next Sunday, the **Hanging of the Greens** will be held at 11:00 a.m., followed by a **Turkey Luncheon**, a gift from the United Methodist Men. Sign up today if you are planning to attend the lunch. Worship at 8:45 will include the Service of Holy Communion.

The newest Chrismons are on display in the Library, along with those from last year. The project is sponsored by the United Methodist Women and to be enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to those ladies from UMW and the congregation who made these lovely ornaments for our Chrismon tree: Billie Vernon, Judy Dotson, Hilda Lindsey, Nancy Gillie, Betty Gregory, Beverly Evans, Sarah Morris, Diane Morris, Anne McKinnish, and Evelyn Hastings.

The new 2011 Flower Calendar is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the water cooler. The pricing for 2011 will remain the same as this past year: \$30.00 for the altar arrangement and \$25.00 for a narthex arrangement.

Commitment cards for 2011 are being received daily. Place yours in the offering plate, or bring/mail to the church office. Thanks to all those who have responded at this time.

You can “**GET CONNECTED**” through a new survey offering opportunities through groups, hands-on ministries and committees. You will find the survey on the church website, www.providenceumc.net and also paper copies in the foyer. The checklist is accompanied by a catalogue with descriptions. The completed paper forms may be placed on the altar rail today, in the foyer, or in the office.

Fun For The Whole Family - One little hour filled with music, scripture, drama, conversation, and laughter for all ages! The Voyage of the Dawn Treader movie will be featured. It will be held on **December 8**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. This event is free and everyone is invited. We do need a head count so please register on the clip boards or online today.

Needed: An Electronic Drum Set that an adult could use to accompany the Pass It On Choir when they present their Christmas Musical on December 24. If you can help out with this, please contact the church office.

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Gifts contributed toward our **Thanksgiving Offering** will go toward CCHASM (Chesterfield Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry). You may use your Thanksgiving envelope, or designate your gift.

Providence Road Partners: Make a difference! Be a lunch buddy (men in particular are needed), classroom helper or volunteer, library aide, or participate in another volunteer activity at A. M. Davis Elementary School. There are sign-up forms in the office. Choose your activity and complete a form for the school and get ready to make a difference in a child’s life and education.

The Christmas Mother wishes to thank you for your donations this year. Providence has always been very generous, and this year is no exception! Thank you so very much. The need is great.

Jubilation Senior Adult Community Choir Concert will be on Tuesday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m. at Salisbury Presbyterian Church. Three of our members, Betty Gregory, Jackie Hargrave, and Kathy Kincaid, are part of this choir and invite you to this wonderful seasonal concert

Stewardship Report for Sunday, November 21, 2010:

Attendance - Worship	Sunday School	Budgeted Offering	Needed per Week for Budget
261	143	\$6,830.00	\$8,422.52

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hospitalized: Ruth Jarrell

The prayer request forms are located in the narthex 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. Call the church office if you would like to have someone added to this prayer list.

Our gathered prayer concerns: Evelyn Agee, Jeff Alred, Edna Bowen, Connie Bowlin and Doug Berliner (Jean Winfree’s cousins), Janice Bradley and family (at the death of her father, Harry Costello), Page Brockwell (friend of Evelyn Hastings), Susan Brown (Ben and Phyllis Beasley’s daughter), Mae Clarke, Ashby Clay, Gail Crosby, **Diane and Ray Dillard**, Jessica Fulghum (Nancy and Tom Coffman’s granddaughter), the family of Leslie Jones, **Steve Jones** (friend of Hugh Miles), Gilda Jordan, Joy Keerans, Caroline Lee (Roland Bodtke’s sister), **Pauline Pace**, Ken and Eula Phillips and family (on the death of Eula’s brother), Barbara Ritch-Brant, Anna Grace Ritter (granddaughter of Jackie Hargrave’s friend), Bruce Roeder (Isabell Bodtke’s nephew), Joseph Salvaggio, Joan Shealy, Martha Stewart (friend of Evelyn Hastings), Gene Shelton, Hannah Stnons, Pamela Tadlock, Lynn Wilkinson (Barbara Ritch-Brant’s daughter)

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

Julia Berger	Kevin Judd	Megan Thomas Clark
Nathan Berger	Kenneth Wagner	Cris Deyo
Hunter Blankenship	Wayne Lee	Brian Wilson
Brent Davis	Jennifer Collins	Bobby Swanson
Bob Muchow		

Providence Church has an email Prayer Ministry. Please call the Church Office at 276-4289 if you have an immediate need for which you think prayer is appropriate. The call should come from the person in need, or a member of his/her immediate family.

Metro Richmond Prayer for November 28, 2010: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age, or jurisdiction of residence, in the economic health of Metropolitan Richmond; for effective, affordable, regional public transportation.