


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: Sing, Sing, Sing

Making Connections

A Time with the Children: Joy Wagner

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Singing: Spirit, Open My Heart

Message: Strengthened or Weakened?
Derrick Parson

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: It Is You

Benediction

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jesus Love Me
Bells of Providence

arr. Michael J. Glasgow

+ Call to Worship*

Perfect Light of revelation,
As you shone in the life of Jesus,
Whose epiphany we celebrate,
So shine in us and through us,
That we may become beacons of truth and compassion,
Enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen

Prayer

+ Hymn UMH 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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TO HEAR THE WORD

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Joy Wagner

Prayer of Illumination

Blessed Lord, you have caused the holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us to hear, read, learn, and inwardly digest them. May we embrace and hold fast to the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading*

Psalm 19

Thanks be to God.

Special Music	The Heavens are Telling Chancel Choir	Franz Joseph Haydn
Second Reading*	Luke 4:14-21	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn FWS 2117	Spirit of God	DOVE SONG
Sermon	Strengthened or Weakened?	Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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.

Offertory	Priere a Notre-Dame	L. Boëllmann
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94

Baptism of Luke Collins

+ Hymn FWS 2197	Lord of All Hopefulness	SLANE
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+ Benediction

+ Postlude	Nun Danket Alle Gott, "Now Thank We All Our God"	J. S. Bach
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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

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

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate 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).

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of **Luke David Collins**. Luke is the son of Lindsey and Sean Collins and was born October 20, 2015. Grandparents are Wendy and Mike Collins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The procession of electric candles during the first hymn or song represents the coming of the Messiah through Jesus Christ, born on Christmas day. He is our light in the darkness. In this season of Epiphany, may the candles carried in by our children and youth remind us that the Lord is our light and salvation.

The **Youth District Retreat** to Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg is February 19-21 and the theme is

"Jesus Loves Me". The cost is \$125 and is due today. The weekend offers a keynote speaker, a band, breakout sessions, games and youth group bonding time. We will leave the church at 5:00 on Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Checks should be made payable to Providence Church with Eagle Eyrie on the memo line. For additional information, contact the Youth Director at: susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

The Faith Sharers Adult Sunday School Class (room 307) will begin a new study on Sunday morning, February 7. The book they will be studying is "Crossing Cultures with Jesus: Sharing Good News with Sensitivity and Grace". We now have unprecedented opportunities to meet people from every culture and nation. This study will help us learn how to witness the way Jesus did, entering into people's worlds and drawing them into God-centered community. If you are interested in joining us and would like to purchase the book, please contact Robin Sculthorpe (drsculthorpe@gmail.com).

Giving Statements for 2015 are available in the church office today and Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Please help us save a little postage by picking yours up.

"**Alice in Wonderland**" is still coming to the stage at Providence. Their performances that were scheduled for January 22 and 23 are being **rescheduled for sometime in February**. Exact dates and times will be in next week's bulletin. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6 each with a family cap of \$25.

We are in need of volunteers to serve on a **worship elements committee** periodically to assist with elements of worship such as

decorations, flowers, crosses and other various visuals presented in worship. We are particularly looking for able-bodied individuals that can climb ladders and carry heavy boxes. This committee would only meet seasonally or as needed. Please contact the church office at 276-4289 or sign up on the clipboards today if you are interested.

The United Methodist Women are selling **Tote Bags**. The bags are \$5 and will be available today between the worship services and after the 11:00 service in the church office. They are nice bags and can be used for gifts, groceries, crafts or as a carry-on for your next airplane trip! The bags will also be available in the church office during the week. Get yours today while supplies last!

The second **Planning Meeting** originally schedule for today has been postponed to February 7, at 12:15 in the Social Hall. This meeting is for the entire council and all church committees are invited. Our goal is to coordinate the church calendar and to make clear our strategies for "Finding New Members."

Please ponder these questions before coming to the meeting:

- What would you like to see happen at Providence UMC in 2016?
- How would you like to "plug in" at Providence UMC in 2016?

Please sign up on the sign-in sheet today if you are able to attend the meeting on February 7. The list for January 24 is no longer in use.

Mission Minute: On Thursday, January 28, Homeward will hold its Winter Point In Time

Count for our homeless neighbors at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. If you received a new coat for Christmas; you might consider donating your old one. We will also be collecting individual snack items and chewing gum to distribute. Thank you again for all you do to make life a little easier for those in need.

Be sure and pick an age appropriate (3-6 or 7-12) **Children's Worship Activity Bulletin** full of activities that follow the theme of our worship service. They are in the foyer along with children's bags and boxes. Notice that today there is a **secret code** on the bottom of the children's bulletin that will **unlock fun learning activities**. The code is unique to Providence and allows safe and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. Several games are rotated (Memory Match, Word Search, Gems of the Bible and Coloring Book) and are geared toward all age levels.

- **Step 1:** Go to: www.games.childrensbulletins.com and enter the secret code on the bottom right of the bulletin and changes each week.
- **Step 2:** Play!



The **Christmas Card mailbox** is now in the hallway, on the bench near the Library. Be sure to check the mailbox to see if you have mail.

Lost & Found. Please take a minute to look at the items hanging in the hallway, outside the church office. Glasses, keys, and jewelry items

are inside the office on the counter as you go inside. Items not claimed by January 31 will be donated or discarded.

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: janeelbertquilts@gmail.com.

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

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hand-knitted **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 Tom and Nancy Coffman at tlcnlc@verizon.net. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact the Coffmans.

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families: Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

The family of Shirley Bailey (who died on 1/2), Curtis Bailey, Brian Bilski, Nan Blackwell, **Jim DeLap** (began chemotherapy), Thomas Donne, Nikki Earley, Julie Fleshman (fell on 1/10), Mother of Tony Fleshman (mild stroke on 1/7), Mary Harris (mother of Hugh Harris), Mildred

Isbell, Ronnie Justice, **Jack Keery** (fractured his hand), Tristen Kellam, Kathy Kincaid (surgery on 1/18), Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Charlene Reardon (sister of Linwood Hudson), **the family of Ellie Rennie** (Nan Blackwell's mother) who died on January 20), Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (surgery on 1/19), **Mary Steele** (JW) & Bill Steele, Sharon & Bob VanWhy, the family of Linwood Waltrip (died on 1/14, brother of Flora Scott), Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for January 24, 2016: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: to overcome ignorance, indifference, resentment, and bitterness with regard to race in both private and public life.

Inclement Weather Information

Please check the resources below for delayed openings or possible closings:

- Providence website
- Providence Facebook page
- Email (similar to a midweek update email)
- CBS6 (Channel 6)
- NBC12 (Channel 12)

As a rule, if worship is cancelled, or Chesterfield County schools are closed, all church activities are also cancelled.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 24

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, January 25

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 Trustees (L)

Tuesday, January 26

- 11:00 Bible Study
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 Young Adults (L)

Wednesday, January 27

- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 28

- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Ministry in Motion
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 6:30 Providence Green Assn. (309)

Friday, January 29

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, January 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:

11:00 Carrie Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 Marisa Evanco (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Evelyn Hastings (Library)

Carolyn Winstead (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Lindsay Garrison

Emma McConnell (Y)

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Pam Asbury

Meredith Kyser (Y)

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)

Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek

11:00 Klaus Worrell

Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman

Laurie Breeden, Brad Wootten

Rudy Petrick

Reader:

11:00 Laura King

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Steve Oliver (MS)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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