

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: "Be Glorified"

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Singing: "Whom Shall I Fear
(God of Angel Armies)"

Scripture

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Message: "When God Speaks"
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: "The Word of God Has Spoken"

Benediction

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

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

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. by Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship *

One: Gather this day in silence and hope.

Many: We wait for God's word for us.

One: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

Many: God is our strength and salvation.

One: Wait patiently for the Lord.

ALL: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn

"God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"

UMH #108

+ Opening Prayer

Making Connections

TO HEAR THE WORD

Children's Time Sherry Wright-Jeter

First Reading (UMH #832) * Psalm 111 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn Medley “Holy, Holy” (vs 2,3,4) FWS #2039
“Awesome God” (2 times) FWS #2040

Second Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “When God Speaks” 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 “Teach Me O Lord, I Pray” lyrics by G. Kearnie Keegan
The Chancel Choir

+ Response * “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

+ Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

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.

Church Council is meeting for **strategic planning** after services on Sunday, January 28 until 3:00 p.m., in the Social Hall.

Providence will begin GED classes on February 20 to help support our surrounding community. Classes will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10:00-12:00. We are in need of volunteers to help tutor students who come in for help. All volunteer tutors will receive training; materials and supplies will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, even if it is only for a period of time, or if you just want more information, please contact Bethany Sharpe at Bethany.sharpe@gmail.com or at 804-303-2291.

We are hoping to begin our **Wednesday Night Dinners** again on February 7 at 5:30 p.m. In order to get them started, we need cooks! There is a **COOKS sign-up sheet** in the hallway next to the Counters' Room. Please talk with your group, Sunday school class, committee or friends and volunteer to cook. Sign up for dinner **on February 7** will be next Sunday.

The **Waste Management dumpster** is for church-related trash only, not trash from your home. To reduce cost, we now have a smaller dumpster and it is emptied every other week. This is a substantial savings for the church. We appreciate your cooperation.

If you notice the **newspaper recycling bin** beginning to overflow, please call the number on the bin to have them pickup. Bags should not be left on the outside of the container. Thank you.

PUMC Financial Report (as of December 31, 2017)			
	December	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Receipts	\$57,929	\$356,132	\$393,373
Disbursements	\$30,865	\$380,865	\$382,686
Net Receipts	\$27,063	(\$24,732)	\$10,686
Operating Fund	\$56,640		

The giving statements for 2017 are available today. They are in the Library in alphabetical order. Please pick yours up so we can save the cost of postage.

Our **Covenant Class** (2nd session, *Living*) is now meeting on Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m., in room 205. We've got a good group started, but we'll always welcome more. Contact the church office if you want to order a book (\$15).

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.

PRAYER MINISTRY

January 28, 2018: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: to proclaim in word and deed the establishment of a beloved community in Metropolitan Richmond.

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

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Bobby Baker (friend of the Bells)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * The family of Margaret Collins (died 1/15; mother of Mike Collins)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis
- * **Jan deCheubel** (knee replacement surgery)
- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * Donna Greene (shoulder replacement, 1/2)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Kelton Honeycutt (grandfather of Danielle Hellams)
- * Diane Huchingson (died, 1/4; sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * Dot Janutolo (in rehab in Nashville, TN)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * Dakota Miller (at home and doing well)

Our gathered prayer concerns: (continued)

- * Johnise Molloy (home)
- * **Lois Reil** (hip replacement 1/23; home)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * **Sandy Sizemore** (husband died suddenly; friend of Julie Fleshman)
- * David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Jeff Smith (father of Fran McConnell)
- * Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- * Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 Connections Worship
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 9:45 Confirmation Class (L)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:00 Strategic Planning Meeting (SH)
- 2:00 Covenant Class (205)
- 4:30 Youth Choir
- 5:15 SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

Monday, January 29

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)

Tuesday, January 30

- No Staff Meeting
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Scouts/Cubs (SH/309)

Wednesday, January 31

- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 1

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM (Sanc)
- 6:30 AA (YH)

Friday, February 2

- 6:30 CHAMPS (SH)
- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, February 3

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 Kyle Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Judy Miles (Library)
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman
Laurie Breeden

Nursery:

9:00 Laurie Breeden
SS Bethany Flores
11:00 Jean Riekers & Jane Gilliam

Counters:

Ron Wootten
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Reader:

Allen Branson

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Peggy Gillette (January 1-31)
Flora Scott & Jean Winfree
(February 1-28)

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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Nursery Attendant Cynthia Liverpool
Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres
Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis