


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

Epiphany Sunday

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: We Three Kings

Making Connections

Children's Time

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: The Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Communion

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.

Singing: God of Wonders

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. You are invited to put your offerings in the basket as you come forward for communion. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Singing and Offering: Indescribable

Benediction

Epiphany Sunday

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

arr. Mark Hayes

+ Call to Worship*

Leader: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

People: Too long we've gone the wrong way followed the wrong stars!

Leader: We went South following movie stars, greed, and lust.

People: Star of Wonder...

Leader: We went East following stars of militarism, nationalism, and war.

People: Star of Light...

Leader: We even went North following our own vision, our own intuition, and our own way.

People: Star with Royal Beauty Bright...

Leader: Lord, this year, we will follow the Star of Bethlehem.

People: Star of Hope.

Leader: Star of Peace.

People: Star of Joy.

Leader: Star of Love.

ALL: The Star that is You.

Prayer

Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, you brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright and morning star, even Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

+ Hymn UMH 254

We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT

Vs. 1—All

Vs. 4—Men

Vs. 2—Chancel Choir

Vs. 5—All

Vs. 3—Women

Refrain—ALL

TO HEAR THE WORD

Making Connections

A Time With the Children

Joy Wagner

First Reading*	Psalm 72:1-7	Thanks be to God.
Second Reading*	Matthew 2:1-12	Thanks be to God.
Sermon	The Epiphany of the Lord	Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation		
Prayer of Confession		UMH 12
Sharing the Peace of Christ		

Holy Communion		
Prayer of Thanksgiving*		UMH 17
The Lord's Prayer		

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Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table. The ushers will invite you to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

Offertory	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light	
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 247	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright	WIE SCHON LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN
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+ Benediction
+ Postlude

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

* = Words Projected

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

+ = 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 in recognition of Michael Worrell's birthday.

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.

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.

If you brought your **Society of St. Andrew Advent offering** (coin box) back today, please place it on the altar rail either before worship or during Communion. Your Advent gifts are greatly appreciated and will be used to provide healthy food for hungry people in this country. If you did not bring it today, please bring it soon.

Youth groups for both middle and high school will resume this evening, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Youth House next door to the church. We invite all students to join us for games, food, teen issue

topics, mission projects, retreats, and life changing mission trips. For more information about youth ministry, contact Susan Clark at susan.clark@providenceumc.net.

“**Alice in Wonderland**” is coming to the stage at Providence later this month. The Alpha Theatre and Arts Company (a Christian youth theater group) has been rehearsing here for many weeks to prepare for the performance. In appreciation for the use of our facilities, they repaired and re-rope the curtain pulleys on our stage. We are grateful for their presence at Providence and their gift of the repairs! Their performances will be on Friday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6 each with a family cap of \$25.

The **2016 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway. If you would like to provide flower arrangements for the altar or narthex for a particular Sunday,

1. Reserve date on Flower Calendar
2. Complete Blue Flower Order Form
3. Submit form **with payment** to the office or put in offering plate.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Collins at 276-4289 or by email: Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net.

The **Christmas Card mailbox** is on the table near the chapel. Be sure to check the mailbox to see if you have mail.

The January **Birthdays & Anniversaries** list and the January **Calendar** are available on the PUMC website and printed copies are available in the narthex.

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 tlcnic@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 (deploying to Djibouti this week) , Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Brian Bilski, Ed Blackwell (knee surgery on 12/4), Nan Blackwell, Thomas Donne, Bill Estes, family of John Ezell (died on 12/14), Emma Fleenor (death of her sister on 12/15), **Mary Harris** (mother of Hugh Harris), Sharon Harris, Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, Kathy Kincaid, Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart, friend of Linda Collins), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Sarah Morris, **Charlene Reardon** (sister of Linwood Hudson), **Iris Ryder** (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Mary & Bill Steele, the family of Jim Teeter (who died on December 20), Sharon & Bob VanWhy, Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for January 3, 2016: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: for racial reconciliations and healing in Metropolitan Richmond; for an end to all racial prejudice and discrimination, beginning with what is in our own hearts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 3

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

Monday, January 4

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Staff Parish (L)

Tuesday, January 5

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

Wednesday, January 6

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 CSI (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 7

- 5:30 Ministry in Motion
- 6:30 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, January 8

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, January 9

- 9:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)

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

Greeters:

9:00 Marisa Evanco (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Evelyn Hastings (Library)
Carolyn Winstead (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Terra Taylor
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Anne Baird, Wayne Smith

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 Joe Gillette

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (MS)
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Communion Preparers:

9:00 Lisa Fleenor
11:00 Amy Palmer

Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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