

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

## **CONNECTIONS      9:00 a.m.**

**Singing:** “Let Everything That Has Breath”  
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

### **Making Connections**

**Children’s Time**  
Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Scripture:** Mark 1:29-39

**Sermon:** “High Time to Pray”

### **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.

*Everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. 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:** “Down to the River to Pray”

### **Benediction**

# 5th 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.

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## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr. by Mark Hayes

Choral Introit

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

The Chancel Choir

+ Call to Worship \*

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

**People: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

**People: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

**People: God is the light of our lives.**

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

**ALL: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

Prayer of Approach

— based on materials by Peter K. Perr

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+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn \*                      "When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"                      UMH #263

Making Connections

Children's Time    Sherry Wright-Jeter

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

First Reading UMH #859                      Psalm 147:1-11,20c                      **Thanks be to God.**

Offertory                                      "Sweet Hour of Prayer"                      arr. by Martha Mier  
+ Response\*                      Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow                      UMH #94

Second Reading \*                      Mark 1:29-39                      **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                                      "High Time to Pray"                      Derrick Parson

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Invitation

Prayer of Confession    UMH #12

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion                      (with Musical Response A)                      UMH #17

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.**

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

+ Hymn

“Take Time to be Holy”

UMH #395

+ 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.

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. As of today, no one has signed up to cook on Wednesday evening. Please check your mid-week update on Wednesday morning to find out if there **IS** or **IS NOT** going to be a dinner. Regardless, sign up for dinner **on February 7** if you hope to attend.

**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](mailto:Bethany.sharpe@gmail.com) or at 804-303-2291.

### 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		

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The **Young Adults** will be working at the **Chesterfield Food Bank** on February 9 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help the Young Adult group, contact Terrence Jeter at 804-332-4185 or [jeter12@gmail.com](mailto:jeter12@gmail.com).

Having your car broken into can happen anywhere — home, the mall, even at church. Please keep your valuables hidden from sight and keep your car locked. Since there have been some recent automobile break-ins in the Richmond area you can never be too cautious.

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.

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

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**

**February 4, 2018:** We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. Fill us with your compassion for our natural environment. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.

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](mailto: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  
Matt Latimer  
Wayne Lee  
Megan Thomas

**Our gathered prayer concerns:**

- \* Dot Ashburn
- \* Curtis Bailey
- \* Bobby Baker (friend of the Bells)
- \* **Nan Blackwell**
- \* 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
- \* **Charles King** (procedure on leg to open arteries, date TBD)
- \* **Diane King** (severe back pain)

- \* Blanca & Jose Mera
- \* Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- \* Leigh Middleton
- \* Dakota Miller (at home and doing well)
- \* Johnise Molloy (home)
- \* **Grace Newman**
- \* 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)
- \* **The family of Betty Taylor** (died 1/28; sister of Phyllis Ranger and Dot Janutolo)
- \* Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- \* Darla White (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 9:45 Confirmation Class (L)
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 2:00 "Living" Covenant Study (205)
- 3:00 Girl Scouts
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

### Monday, February 5

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)

### Tuesday, February 6

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 Newton Circle

### Wednesday, February 7

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

### Thursday, February 8

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (YH)
- 6:30 MIM
- 7:00 Gregory Circle

### Friday, February 9

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, February 10

## Prayer Requests

Pray for:

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Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

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Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Meredith Kyser

### Greeters:

9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Nickie Price (Library)

Shirley Collins (Narthex)

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Neal Fleenor, Ron White

11:00 Ed Harper

Meredith Kyser, Tom Koertge

Ralph Vernon, Lori Justice

### Nursery:

9:00 Barbara Oliver

SS Troye Hamilton

11:00 Laurie Breeden, Pam Asbury

### Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)

Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

### Reader:

Joe Gillette

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (V)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

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### Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

February 1-28

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday Office Closed

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### Church Staff:

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**Youth Ministries** Mary & Greg Elliott (interim)

**Young Adult Ministries** Terrence Jeter (interim)

**Custodial Service** Bill Duganne

**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool

**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres

**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis