

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

**CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.**

**Singing:** Famous One

**Making Connections**

**Children's Time**

Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Scripture:** Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon:** Take the Lenten Journey  
Derrick Parson

**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:** Better Is One Day

**Benediction**

# First Sunday of Lent

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).

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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

Be Still My Soul

arr. Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship \*

based on Mark 1:9-15, Luke 4:1-13

Leader: After he was baptized by John, Jesus went by himself to the wilderness where he was tempted.

**People: Forty days in the desert, Jesus was tempted to become relevant, spectacular, and powerful.**

Leader: Today, we begin to journey with Jesus through the season of Lent, which brings us to face some of our own weaknesses and temptations.

**ALL: Let us worship God and walk the journey together, seeking the spirit as our guide and companion along the way.**

+ Opening Prayer

God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey during this Lenten season into a new

awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow you. Amen. © Chris Hecker

+ Hymn UMH 534

Be Still, My Soul

Making Connections

Children's Time

Sherry Wright-Jeter

### **TO HEAR THE WORD**

First Reading UMH 766 \*

Psalm 32

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn FWS 2088

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing 2 times)

Second Reading \*

Matthew 4:1-11

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Take the Lenten Journey

Rev. 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

Be Thou My Vision  
John Robinson — penny whistle and violin

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 269

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

+ Benediction

+ Postlude



The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Ron and Beverley Brooks and in memory of Charles E. Clarke, Sr.

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God by Emma Lou Fleenor with loving memories of Evelyn Clarke.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lenten Study:** *CREED — What Christians Believe and Why*. In this study, Adam Hamilton presents his belief that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed. This study explores what Christians believe, why they believe it, and why it matters, leading readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs. Available on Wednesday evenings, beginning next week, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. AND Sunday School Classes may also choose to use this literature for the 6-weeks prior to Easter Sunday. If you plan to attend the **Wednesday evening** study, please sign up today on the sign-in sheet. For more information, contact Robin Sculthorpe (drsculthorpe@gmail.com).

**Dinner will be available in the Social Hall prior to the Lenten Study each week.** Please sign up today if you plan to attend dinner on March 8. If you or your group would like to provide dinner during Lent, please sign up on the "Cooks Needed" sheet on the bulletin board between the office and the counter's room. Or you can call or email the church office and someone will put your name on the sheet for you.

March 8—Gary Vest

March 22—CSI

April 5 —

March 15—

March 29—

April 12—

Please take a moment to pick up a **Lenten devotional booklet** and **offering box** provided by the Society of St. Andrew. They are available in the narthex and in other locations around the church.

## Children's Ministries Information

During the weekly Lenten Study time on Wednesdays, there will be separate **children's Easter lessons and activities session** for children 3+ who would like to participate.

CHAMPs will begin a **Children's Choir and music jam sessions** on the second and fourth Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m., beginning March 12. No need to sign up — just show up next Sunday afternoon!

On March 25, the **Children's Ministries will be heading to Maymont** for some family fun. All are invited so put it on your calendars now. Specific details will be in the bulletins and mid-week updates soon.

## Spring Festival & Easter Egg Hunt

April 8, 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

We are **collecting donations** of candy (no chocolate or nuts please!), small prizes and plastic eggs for the Spring Festival and Easter Egg Hunt. Please leave your donations in the tub in the hallway near the elevator on the main floor. Please **sign up on the sign-in sheet** if you are able to assist with either (or both) of the events on April 8.

For more detailed information regarding the:

- **Easter Egg Hunt**, contact Diane King ([kt4qu@verizon.net](mailto:kt4qu@verizon.net))
- **Spring Festival**, contact Sherry Jeter ([sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net](mailto:sherry.jeter@providenceumc.net)) or Raina Vann ([believeprv356@gmail.com](mailto:believeprv356@gmail.com))

The Cemetery Committee would like to remind you that any **"seasonal" flowers need to be removed**. Any seasonal flowers remaining after March 15 will be removed by the Cemetery Committee.

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

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 5, 2017:** We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: for persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find cures for diseases.

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  
Jennifer Collins  
Matt Latimer  
Wayne Lee  
Megan Thomas

**Our gathered prayer concerns:**

- \* Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio)
- \* The family of Wayne Bareford (who died 2/13)
- \* Carolyn Bilski (home)
- \* Dru Blalock (cancer, sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen)
- \* **Nan Blackwell**
- \* **Barbara Blankenship (JW-Women's, )**
- \* **The family of Robert H. Blinn, Jr.** (died, 2/21/17, father of Bob Blinn)
- \* Lois Butler (Brenda Woodward's mother)
- \* Nancy Carney (cancer, sister of Jim McConnell)
- \* Erica & Melody Fleenor
- \* Julie Fleshman
- \* Renna Fleshman (rehab after small stroke, mother of Tony Fleshman)
- \* Samuel Ford
- \* Jill Gusewelle (friend of the Kyser family)
- \* Brenda Hair (throat cancer)
- \* Earl Jennings (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Laura Johns (friend of the Kyser family)
- \* Jack Keery
- \* Tracey Kellam
- \* Tristen Kellam

- \* Carl Lunsford (stroke, friend of Catherine Milholen)
- \* Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- \* Johnise Molloy (plantar fasciitis & heel spurs)
- \* Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons)
- \* Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister)
- \* Miss Oppielee (battling cancer, friend Peg & Bill Mannering)
- \* Robert Owens (cancer, friend of Dave Robinson)
- \* Jimmy Stells (cancer, friend of Paul Martin)
- \* Barbara Sutton (broken hip, surgery 2/16)
- \* Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer)
- \* **Darlene Thomas** (grandmother of Megan & Jake Thomas)
- \* Fred Wilson (surgery, 2/20)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Sonrise Sisters
- 5:30 Inukshuks & Youth
- 6:00 Bells of Providence

## Monday, March 6

- 10:00 Line Dancers

## Tuesday, March 7

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (309/SH)
- 7:00 Young Adults
- 7:00 Newton Circle

## Wednesday, March 8

- 5:30 Lenten Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Lenten Study
- 7:00 Children's Lenten Activities

## Thursday, March 9

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

## Friday, March 10

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

## Saturday, March 11

- Ruritan Stew

# 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 Emily Kyser

### Greeters:

9:00 Shirley Collins (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Mary Lou Branson (Library)  
Allen Branson (Narthex)

### Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski  
11:00 George Winstead  
Linwood Hudson, Pam Asbury  
Melvin Watkins

### Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Carol Urso & Wendy Collins

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)  
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

### Readers:

Natalia Parsons

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Nikki Earley (V)  
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Nikki Earley (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers: (March 1-31)

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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CCVLI License #502817990

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### Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
Friday Office Closed

### Contact us at:

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### Church Staff:

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