


# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Singing:** Days of Elijah

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

The Fleenor Family

The Heavens Shall Declare

**Scripture:** Matthew 24:36-44

**Message:** The Adventures of Advent: **Are You Ready?**

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:** Awesome God

**Benediction**

# 1st Sunday of Advent

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**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

+ Call to Worship

One: We don't always know what time it is, but according to Jesus, it is time to watch.

**Many: We're not always sure what we should wear, but according to the Spirit, we should wear garments of Light.**

One: We're not always sure what we should do, but according to God, we should always seek good for those around us.

**Many: Let us worship God.**

(inspired by Matthew 24:36-44, Romans 13:11-14)

+ Opening Prayer

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November 27, 2016

Lighting of the Advent Candle

## *Hope*

Gary & Barbie Vest

Response FWS 2090\*

Lighting the Advent Candle  
(Verse 1)

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

+ Hymn UMH 206

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Wright Jeter

### **TO HEAR THE WORD**

First Reading UMH 845

Psalms 122

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn FWS 2071

Jesus, Name Above All Names

NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

Second Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Creation Will Be At Peace

J. Paul Williams  
Anna Laura Page

Sermon

The Adventures of Advent: **Are You Ready?**

Derrick Parson

### **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 706

Soon and Very Soon

VERY SOON

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Beverley and Ron Brooks in memory of Mary Lee Clarke Giebel.

The **flowers in the narthex** are given to the glory of God by Peggy Martin to celebrate Bill's birthday and their 40th anniversary.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you wish to turn in your **2017 Estimate of Giving Card** and haven't already done so, extra cards (and envelopes) in the narthex.

The next **Wednesday Night Dinner** will be November 30. Sign up for dinner on today's sign-in sheet. This week's menu features a pasta bar. Next week is our Community Dinner and the last one for 2016. Please bring a friend! Our guests eat free!

12/7 Community Dinner (Gary Vest)

**CHAMPS** (Children Active in Ministry @ Providence) will have a gathering December 6, 6:00-7:30 p.m. This is an evening of child-centered Christian fellowship, Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and missions. Email [Sherry.Jeter@providenceumc.net](mailto:Sherry.Jeter@providenceumc.net) for more information.

Please note the **Christmas Poinsettia or Bible** order form insert in today's bulletin. Poinsettias and Bibles are \$10 again this year. Please complete the form and include your donation. You can place the form and your check in the offering plate or drop it off in the

office. There are additional forms in the narthex if you need another.

### **Advent Study: The Redemption of Scrooge**

This 4-week study is being offered by multiple Sunday School Classes and also as a Sunday evening study for anyone interested.

*"Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? The Redemption of Scrooge, from Matt Rawle's The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens' Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will "bless us every one" and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith."*

The Sunday evening study will begin on November 27 at 6:30 p.m. and run for four weeks. It will be led by Robin Sculthorpe. Please sign up on the sign-in sheet today if you are interested in attending the Sunday evening class. If you have questions, email Robin at: [drsculthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:drsculthorpe@gmail.com).

The "**Christmas Card Exchange Box**" will make its appearance on Sunday, December 4 and will be in its usual location, on the table near the Chapel. Address your cards and put them in the appropriate mail slot and check for cards addressed to you as well. This is an opportunity to save a little postage and perhaps use it in another meaningful way.

The **2017 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway today. The **BLUE** flower forms are there too. Please remember: the flowers should be paid for when the blue form is submitted. You can fill out the form and put your form and 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.

### God's Creation Calendars

With the holidays rapidly approaching, the Youth are selling 2017 God's Creation Calendars (\$10 each) as a fundraiser. They will be for sale in the narthex after each worship service. These are beautiful calendars and make excellent gifts.

Next Sunday, December 4, is **United Methodist Student Day** and there will be an insert in the bulletin if you would like to make a special donation. United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The offering provides scholarships and student loans for qualified United Methodist applicants. Learn more at: [www.umcgiving.org/UMSD](http://www.umcgiving.org/UMSD).

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 [nlctlc73@gmail.com](mailto:nlctlc73@gmail.com). 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:**

Jessica Ammon	Harrison Bailey
Hunter Blankenship	Michael Bucholz
Jennifer Collins	Matt Latimer
Wayne Lee	Megan Thomas

#### **Our gathered prayer concerns:**

**Roy Adams** (surgery 11/22, friend of the Bell's), Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio), the family of Isabell Bodtke (who died 11/12), Mary and Purcell Brown (both have serious illnesses, friends of Judy Gindhart), Nancy Carney (battling cancer, sister of Jim McConnell), Nancy Coffman (recent shoulder surgery), Shirley Collins, Jan deCheubel (recent surgery), Sharon deCheubel (daughter of Lewis Miller; wife of Jan deCheubel), Charles Elbert (has pneumonia, Jane Elbert's father), Bob Fitch, Fran Fitch (assisted living at Lucy Corr, room 601), Emma Fleenor (home), Samuel Ford, Judy Gindhart, Carrington Goode (home), Brenda Hair (battling throat cancer), **Aidan Hellams** (undergoing medical tests), Ann Hobbs (battling cancer, friend of Dave

Robinson), Scott Hueston (friend of the Collins family), Ronnie Justice, **Linda Keery** (broke her hand), Tracey Kellam, Tristen Kellam, Chris Landrum (husband of an ALPHA Theatre leader who was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumor), Lewis Miller (recent hospitalization; rehab at Lucy Corr, room 114), Bill Newman (cousin of Bill Parsons), Karen Nowak (Linda Keery's sister), Nickie Price (surgery 11/21), Erma Robins (Sunrise), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith, Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer), James Yeatts.

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for November 27, 2016:** We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: for the inclusion of all, regardless of race, age, or jurisdiction of residence, in the economic health of Metropolitan Richmond; for effective, affordable, regional public transportation.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, November 27**

1st Sunday of Advent

9:00 Connections

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

2:00 Disciple 1 (205)

4:00 Girl Scouts (309)

6:30 Redemption of Scrooge (205)

NO Youth or Inukshuks

### **Monday, November 28**

10:00 Line Dancers (309)

6:30 Trustees (L)

### **Tuesday, November 29**

NO Bible Study (L)

2:00 ALPHA Rehearsal (SH)

6:30 Boy Scouts (SH/PS)

6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)

7:00 Young Adults

### **Wednesday, November 30**

5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner

6:30 Chancel Choir

6:30 ALPHA (SH)

7:00 Founding Fathers (205)

### **Thursday, December 1**

9:30 Prayer Team (P)

2:00 ALPHA (SH)

6:15 Men's Study (L)

6:30 MIM

6:30 AA Group (205)

### **Friday, December 2**

8:00 AA Group (309)

### **Saturday, December 3**

12-6 ALPHA Rehearsal (SH)

## **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 Hailey

### Greeters:

9:00 Barbara Blankenship (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Nickie Price (Library)  
Pam Groome (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Brittany Flores  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Laurie Breeden

### Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)  
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

### Readers:

Carolyn Bowman

### Advent Readers:

9:00 Neal, Ellen, Abby & Toby Fleenor  
11:00 Barbie & Gary Vest

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

### Sanctuary Organizers: (12/1-31)

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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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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Wi-Fi Connection Password [praisegod1](#)

### Church Staff:

**Pastor** Derrick Parson (ext. 201)  
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### Music Ministries

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**Nursery Attendant** Cynthia Liverpool  
**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres  
**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis