


# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Singing:** Trading My Sorrows

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

Sherry Wright-Jeter

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jim & Francine McConnell and Family  
The Heavens Shall Declare

**Scripture:** Matthew 11:2-11

**Message:** The Adventures of Advent: Don't Lose Heart!

**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:** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Benediction**

## 3rd 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

Prelude

Still, Still, Still  
(Salzburg Melody, c. 1819)

arr. Mark Hayes

+ Call to Worship \*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, boys and girls —

**People: come and worship!**

Leader: Even if you're tired and worn out —

**People: come and worship!**

Leader: Lay down the heavy things you are carrying —

**People: come and worship!**

Leader: Listen to what Jesus wants to tell you —

**People: come and worship!**

Leader: See if you can discover how Jesus wants to use you —

**People: come and worship!**

Leader: For Jesus is humble and gentle, and he will give us everything we need to follow him.

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

+ Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Response FWS 2090

+ Hymn UMH 202

Children's Time

## Joy

Light the Advent Candle

People, Look East

Joe & Peggy Gillette

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

BESANÇON

Sherry Wright-Jeter

### TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading \*

Isiah 35:1-10

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading \*

Matthew 11:2-11

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Adventures of Advent: Don't Lose Heart!

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

**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

Offertory

People Look East

Joseph Bertolozzo

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn UMH 211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine  
(Traditional German Carol)

arr. Mark Hayes

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by Nickie Price, in celebration of all the birthdays, past and present, within the Price family.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***The Joys of Christmas:*** celebrating the **sights, sounds and smells** of our favorite traditions. Fun for all ages! There will be a **pancake breakfast**, crafts, games, musical activities, hot chocolate, cookie decorating and a visit from **St. Nick!** Let's come together and share the spirit of the season with our families, neighbors and friends! Presented by the Family Council. Don't miss out on this spectacular event — **December 17, 10:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon** — in the Social Hall.

**TODAY** is the last day to place your request for **Christmas Poinsettias or Bibles**. The order form insert is in today's bulletin. Poinsettias and Bibles are \$10 again this year. Please complete the form, include your donation and place both in the offering plate today. There are additional forms in the narthex if you need another. No orders can be accepted after today.

The "**Christmas Card Exchange Box**" is in its usual location on the table near the Chapel. Address your cards, 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.

**Sanctuary Organizer volunteers** are needed — one or two people per month, an hour or two each week. Duties are primarily tidying the sanctuary between Sundays and putting out the new Sign-Up sheets. Organization can be done at your convenience and does NOT have to be done during office hours. Thank you to those who volunteered for January and February! We could still use a couple more volunteers so individuals don't have to "work" more than one month during the year. Please sign up on the Sign-In Sheet today, email the church office ([providenceumc@providenceumc.net](mailto:providenceumc@providenceumc.net)) or call (276-4289) if you (and perhaps a friend) can help. If you have any specific questions, please contact Jean Winfree ([jeanboy33@aol.com](mailto:jeanboy33@aol.com)).

The **2017 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 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.

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

## God's Creation Calendars

With the holidays rapidly approaching, the Youth still have plenty of 2017 God's Creation Calendars (\$10 each). They are for sale in the narthex after each worship service. These are beautiful calendars and make excellent gifts.

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

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 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	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), the family of Helen Bowman (died November 25), 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), **David Dennier** (father of Lindsey Collins), 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, Ann Hobbs (battling cancer, friend of Dave Robinson), Scott Hueston (friend of the Collins family), Ronnie Justice, Linda Keery (successful surgery on hand 11/29), 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, Erma Robins

(JW), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer).

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for December 11, 2016:** We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, December 11**

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth or Inukshuks

### **Monday, December 12**

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retired Club (SH)
- 7:00 Finance (L)

### **Tuesday, December 13**

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (The Egg and I)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 7:00 Young Adults

### **Wednesday, December 14**

- 6:30 Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, December 15**

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

### **Friday, December 16**

- 9:00 SH Reserved (Vest)
- 9:15 Cooks for Christ
- 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal (Sanc)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### **Saturday, December 17**

- 10:00 Joys of Christmas (SH)
- 3:00 Wedding (2nd floor & Sanctuary)

## **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 Diane King (Library)  
Mike Patterson (Narthex)  
11:00 Allen Branson (Library)  
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

### Ushers:

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

### Nursery:

9:00 Kelly Horne  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Kathy Alred & Zoe Justice (Y)

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)  
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

### Readers:

Barbie Vest

### Advent Readers:

9:00 Jim & Francine McConnell and  
family  
11:00 Joe & Peggy Gillette

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

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**Our Covenant Missionary** Kim King Torres  
**Presiding Bishop** Sharma Lewis