

Providence United Methodist Church

December 17, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

Prelude "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by Richard Storrs Willis

+ Call to Worship *

+ Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Joy

Kathy, C.J., & Kelsey Alred

Response *

Light the Advent Candle

+ Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vs 1,2,3)

UMH #234

First Reading *

Psalm 126

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

arr. Renfrow

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Cantata

"The First Noel"

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

The First Noel

"The Birthday of a King Medley"

"For Unto Us a Child is Born"

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

"The Birthday of a King"

The Voices of Providence

"Glory, Glory in the Highest"

Soloist — Sherry Jeter; Percussion — Jane Gilliam

The Voices of Providence

"The First Noel"

Soloist — Emma Breeden

The Voices of Providence

"Light of the Stable"

Percussion—Jane Gilliam

The Voices of Providence

"In the First Light"

The Voices of Providence

Invitational Prayer

Althea Armstrong

"Birthday of a King Finale"

"For Unto Us a Child is Born"

"The Birthday of a King"

"The First Noel"

The Voices of Providence

Directed by Allison C. Stowers

Accompanied by Carla Wootten

Flute — Michelle Matts

French Horn — Linda Koertge

Narrated by Laura Loper Griggs

Oboe — Stephanie Ransome

Tuba — Tom Koertge

The Voices of Providence UMC

Sopranos

Marilyn Bell

Emma Breeden

Julie Fleshman

Laura Loper Griggs

Anna Knight

Carolyn Sharp

Kristie Willis

Altos

Ellen Fleenor

Kelsey Fleshman

Heather Harper

Sherry Jeter

Pat Loud

Barbie Vest

Tenors

Jim Chappell

Tony Fleshman

Nathaniel Kun

Rev Derrick Parson

Steve Reese

Gary Vest

Ernie Woodcock

Basses

CJ Alred

Joe Gillette

Hugh Harris

Paul Martin

Dave Robinson

Jimmy Sculthorpe

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Nickie Price to celebrate the birthday of her granddaughter, Paige. "GG loves you!"

Please see the Poinsettia and Bible dedication insert in today's bulletin.

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.

Don't forget the **UMW Bake Sale** today. Get your cakes, cookies, candy and other holiday treats today and avoid having to bake later. The bake shop is open today, 10:00-12:30 in the Social Hall. All proceeds will go towards UMW mission work.

Due to the snowy conditions this past Saturday, our "**Joys of Christmas**" has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m. We will be having a **Birthday Party for Jesus** and will be enjoying cake, hot chocolate, popcorn and as well as Christmas activities. We're still expecting a visit from Santa as well.

Providence will be having **Confirmation Classes** beginning January 7. The classes will be during the Sunday School hour and Confirmation Sunday will be March 25. If you want to be Confirmed and do not have the class information, please contact the church office.

All are invited to join the Youth for an afternoon of **Christmas Caroling** this afternoon. We are meeting at the Youth House at 2:30 p.m. will go from there to share the Christmas Cheer!

The "**Christmas Card Exchange Box**" is 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.

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.

Please mark your calendar for the **District Conference Leadership Training Event** on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 1:30-5:00 p.m., at Reveille UMC. There are 12 different sessions and workshops that might be of interest to you. PUMC has several people attending. If you'd like to be part of this learning opportunity, please contact the church office this week.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick (804-276-4289) who can guide you in the next steps.

PRAYER MINISTRY

December 17, 2017: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions.

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. 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	John Harper
Matt Latimer	Wayne Lee
Megan Thomas	

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * The family of Louise Berger (died 12/3)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * The family of Bursell Bradshaw Jr. (died 11/9; brother of Natalia Parson)
- * Lois Butler (mother of Brenda Woodward)
- * Charles Clarke (blood clots; brother of Beverley Brooks)
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * John Curtis (son of Uldine Curtis)
- * Uldine Curtis

- * Bob & Fran Fitch
- * Emma Fleenor
- * The family of Myrna Hartley (Janet Goode's sister)
- * Kelton Honeycutt (grandfather of Danielle Hellams)
- * Jill Gueswelle (very good friend of Elizabeth Kyser)
- * Diane Huchingson (sister-in-law of Diane King)
- * Earl Jennings (cancer; friend of Paul Martin)
- * Joyce (friend of Jane Elbert)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * The family of Anne Klotz (died 11/12; mother-in-law of Christine Forte Klotz)
- * Wayne Latimer (hip replacement, 11/28)
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Anne Middleton (rehab, Lucy Corr)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * The family of Lewis Miller (died 11/8)
- * Johnise Molloy (Johnston Willis)
- * Matthew Moyer (Crohn's surgery 11/29 in Florida)
- * The family of Monique Turner (died, 11/26; sister of Isaac Nedd)
- * The family of Ursula (Sue) Pickeral (a member of PUMC, died 11/9)
- * Sheila Scott (cancer)
- * David Slenaker (heart failure; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Jean Slaven (Barbara Robertson's mother)
- * Gary Smallwood (brother of Brad Smallwood)
- * Barbie Vest (surgery 12/4)
- * **Darla White** (battling cancer; friend of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Ron White (hip replacement surgery on 12/20)
- * Tracy (recovering from fall, surgery on 11/13; friend of the Fleshmans)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 17

9:00 Connections Service
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Traditional Service with Cantata
 2:30 Christmas Caroling with Youth
 3:00 Girl Scouts
 4:30 Youth Choir
 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks

Monday, December 18

10:00 Line Dancers (309)
 7:00 Young Adults

Tuesday, December 19

11:00 Bible Study (L)
 6:30 Cubs/Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)

Thursday, December 21

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

Friday, December 22

8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 23

1:00 The Joys of Christmas (SH)

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Acolyte:

11:00 Meagan Ostrum

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
 Mike Patterson (Narthex)
 11:00 Shirley Collins (Library)
 Nickie Price (Narthex)

Ushers:

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

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
 SS Brittany Flores
 11:00 Pam Asbury & Meredith Kyser

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
 Steve Oliver

Reader:

Kristie Willis (1st Service)

Audio/Visual Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree
 (December 1-31)

PUMC Financial Report (as of November 30, 2017)

	November	2017 YTD	2016 YTD
Receipts	\$34,925	\$298,203	\$346,729
Disbursements	\$28,842	\$349,999	\$351,271
Net Receipts	\$6,082	(\$51,796)	(\$4,542)
Operating Fund	\$29,571		

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 new-born through age four (located down-stairs).

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

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Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres

Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis

