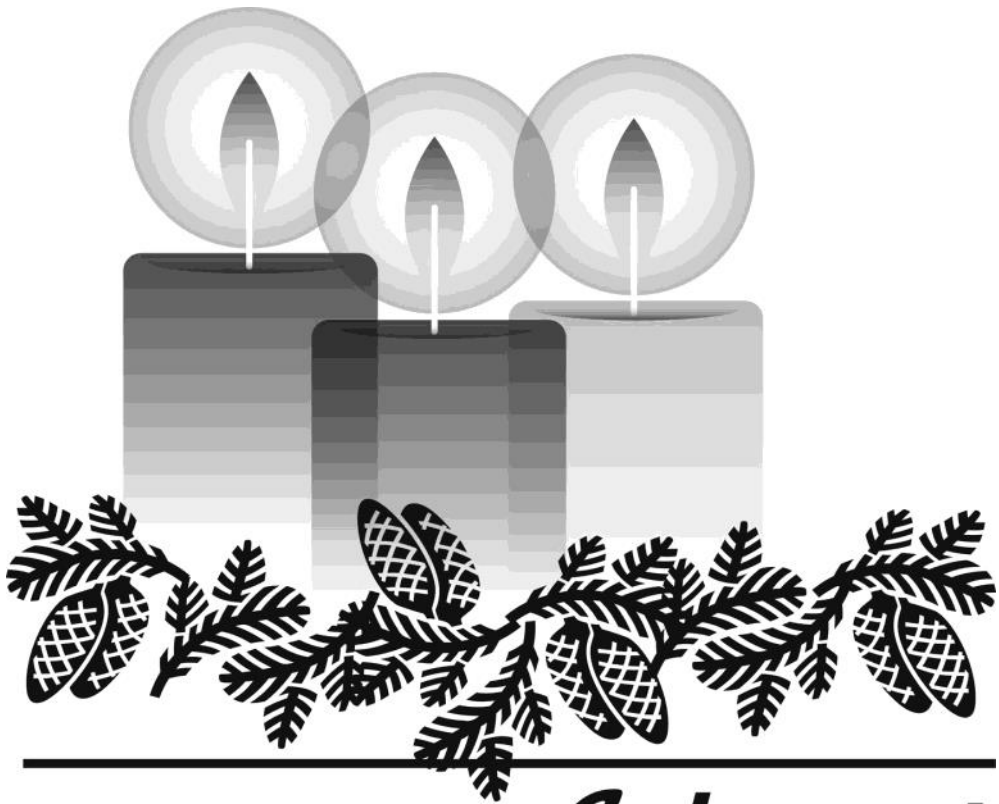


Providence United Methodist Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

CONNECTIONS

9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: “Famous One”

Opening Prayer

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Kinker Family

Thomas, Cara, Brady and Harper

Singing: “He Came Down”

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Message: “The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us”

Isaac Nedd

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: “How Many Kings”

Benediction

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

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 **Birthdays 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.

Our Chancel Choir is presenting "**The First Noel**" today at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Please feel free to stay for the second service today and enjoy our very talented and dedicated musicians at PUMC.

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!

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.

The "**Christmas Card Exchange Box**" is on the table near the Chapel. Address your cards, put them in the appropriate mail slots 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 and has already registered. them But 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:

- * 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)
- * 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 Caroling with the 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		

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.

Dear Providence Family

We want to thank everyone for their expressions of love and support on the sudden death of Julie. It means so much to be surrounded by our wonderful Christian family.

May God bless each of you,

Linda, Melvin, & Lisa

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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Young Adult Ministries Terrence Jeter (interim)

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Nursery Attendant Cynthia Liverpool

Our Covenant Missionary Kim King Torres

Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis

