


Providence United Methodist Church

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CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Singing: O Come All Ye Faithful/Sing to the King

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Kelly King Horne with Charlotte & Georgia

Singing: The Heavens Shall Declare

Scripture: Matthew 5:14, Matthew 25:40

A Time with the Children

“The Sparkle Box”

Laura Griggs

Singing: The Little Drummer Boy

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: Hearts Waiting/Joy to the World

Benediction

4th 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.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

He Shall Feed His Flock

G.F. Händel/H. Zetterall (arr.)

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: We are always looking for evidence that God is with us.

People: That sign is in the One to come — the One that God is sending.

Leader: We want to know for sure that everything is in God's care.

People: And so we cry to the heavens in our distress. Our cries are heard! God is responding in love and hope.

Leader: Let us come before God with expectant hearts and spirits!

People: Let us be ready to receive the blessed gift of the Savior. Amen.

+ Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Peace

Sean and Lindsey Collins

Response *

Light the Advent Candle

+ Hymn UMH 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

J.F. Wade/David Willcocks (arr.)

TO HEAR THE WORD

First Reading *

Isaiah 7:10-16

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading *

Matthew 1:18-25

Thanks be to God.

Offertory

Coventry Carol

Mike Simpson (arr.)

+ Response *

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

CANTATA

“The Birthday of the King”

by Stan Pethel

**The Birthday of a King
In the Village of Bethlehem
How the Angels Sang
A Child Is Born
The Promise
In the Midnight Sky
The Birthday of a King
We Have Come**

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

Variations to the Sicilian Hymn

B. Carr/B. Owens

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Providence is blessed and delighted to have Janet Watts and her daughter, Kate Watts, with us at our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service. Janet (on piano) and Kate (on flute) will be providing 20 minutes of pre-service music. Come early and enjoy their gift of music to our church.

Holiday Service Schedule

Christmas Eve	5:00 p.m.	Family Friendly Worship
Christmas Eve	7:30 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion
Christmas Eve	11:00 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion (pre-service music begins at 10:40 p.m.)
Christmas Morning	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship (no Sunday school)
New Year's Day	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship (no Sunday school)

Please note: there will be **one worship service** and **no Sunday school** on both Christmas morning and New Year's day. Regular worship services and Sunday school will resume on January 8.

Our 2016 **Christmas Offering** will be sent to:

- Branches (our missionary outreach in Florida)
- A. M. Davis Backpack Program
- Pastor's Discretionary fund

For those of you who coordinate **volunteers** throughout the year (Communion, Acolytes, Readers/Greeters, etc.), would you please get your first quarter (or 2017) lists to the church office prior to January 2. However, the names of the January 1 volunteers will be needed no later than December 27. Please leave them in the Office Staff mail box in the hallway or email them to Linda Collins (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net).

Volunteers are needed at A. M. Davis for child care for adult ESL classes, Mondays & Wednesdays, January 9—March 15, from 5:30—6:30 p.m., in trailer 6. No class on Monday, January 16. If you have questions, contact Mary Lou Branson at 804-379-0940.

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. Please take a moment to check the mailbox for "mail".

A couple more **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) 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).

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.

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.

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. 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:

Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio), **Dru Blalock** (cancer, sister-in-law of Catherine Milholen), 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), 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), 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), **Carl Lunsford** (stroke, friend of Catherine Milholen), 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, Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer).

Metro Richmond at Prayer for December 18, 2016: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 18

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

Monday, December 19

10:00 Line Dancers (309)

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, December 21

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

Thursday, December 22

9:30 Prayer Team (P)
6:15 Men's Study (L)
6:30 AA Group (205)
7:00 UMW (309)

Friday, December 23

8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 24

5:00 Family Friendly Worship
7:30 Candlelight & Communion Worship
11:00 Candlelight & Communion Worship

Sunday, December 25

NO Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed
6:30 Trustees Mtg.

Sunday, January 1

NO Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship

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 Hailey

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 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Brittany Flores
11:00 Jennifer Ostrum
Meredith Kyser (Y)

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver

Readers:

Laurie Breeden

Advent Readers:

9:00 Kelly King Horne with
Charlotte & Georgia
11:00 Sean and Lindsey Collins

Audio/Visual Team:

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

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