

Providence United Methodist Church

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2015

11:00 p.m.

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Welcome

Prelude

Christmas Fantasia
He Is Born

arr. Jason Krug
arr. Dale Wood

Greeting

Leader: Christ is born; give him glory!

**People: Christ has come down from heaven; receive him!
Christ is now on earth; exalt him!**

Leader: O you earth, sing to the Lord!

ALL: O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

+ Hymn UMH 250

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Verse 1—Emma Breeden, solo; Verses 2, 3, & 4—Congregation

Lighting the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

Natalia, Derrick & Joshua Parson

Advent Candle Response

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Creation Will Be at Peace
Chancel Choir

Anna Laura Page

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Shepherds Told It All

Pastor Derrick Parson

Solo

O Holy Night
Margaret Taylor, Solo

arr. Mark Hayes

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you gave us the transforming birth of the child Jesus as a light for our path.
Yet we confess that we have chosen to live in the shadows. We nurse grudges and avoid**

resolution of conflict. We give up on praying for peace. We ask that your Spirit be renewed within us, that we may share your gifts of peace and justice with all people. We seek to receive and share the Good News of Jesus as announced by the angels. In all things, we desire to give glory to God in heaven and work for peace on earth. Amen.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are a forgiven people. Glory to God!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

+ The Peace

Offertory O Come, All Ye Faithful arr. Mark Hayes

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

Response: O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.

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 of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You are invited to come with open hands to receive the bread and dip it lightly into the juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available as you come.

+ Lighting of the candles (pass the light by tipping the unlit candle)

+ Hymn UMH 239 Silent Night, Holy Night STILLE NACHT

+ Benediction

+ Postlude Sussex Carol Traditional Melody

+ Please stand as you are able.

* Words Projected

Welcome to **Providence United Methodist Church**. If you are looking for a place to belong, be transformed by God's love and make a difference in the world, you have found it. If you want to know more about Providence and finding a more personal connection with God through Jesus, please contact **Pastor Derrick Parson** at derrickparson@vaumc.org or at the church (276-4289). All guests are invited to pick up a Christmas mug as your welcome gift this evening.

Restrooms are located down the main hall turning to the left. A baby changing table is available in the handicap accessible restroom.

The New Year brings **new beginnings**. Join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. for our informal Connections worship and at 11:00 a.m. for a more traditional worship experience. Child care is provided. Study and fellowship is provided for adults, youth and children at 9:45 each Sunday.

All cash and gifts marked "Christmas Offering" will support these important projects. Gifts in regular church offering envelopes will go to the operating budget of the church.

Tonight's **Christmas Offering** will go to local, national and world mission projects:

- **UMFS** (United Methodist Family Services) Headquartered here in Richmond with offices around the state, this agency provides support for families in crisis through an adolescent residential treatment program, family counseling, foster care and adoption services.
- CCHASM (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Alliance for Social Ministry) provides food, Career Closet, and Utility support for people in our neighborhoods.
- Missions of Providence.
- Providence Road Partners (PUMC in mission with A. M. Davis Elementary School).

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