
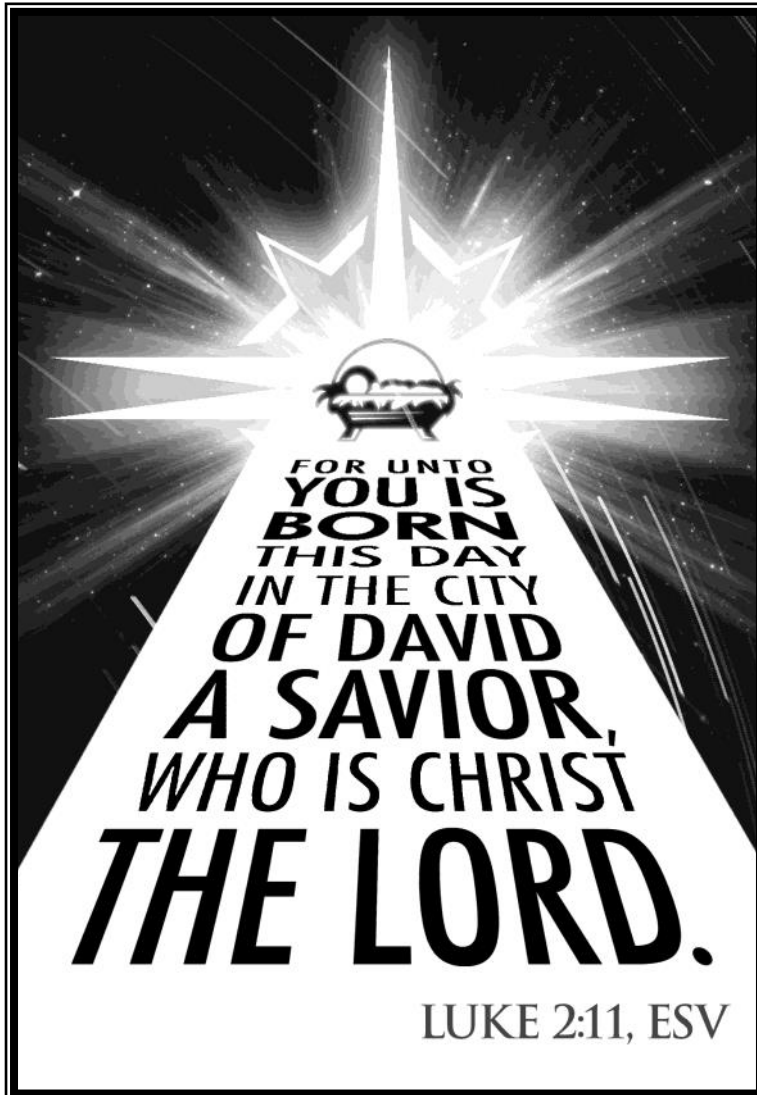


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.



Christmas Day

11:00 a.m.

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

- 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).

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

A Christmas Fantasy

arr. Victor L. Gunna

Linda Koertge (handbells), Carla Wootten (piano)

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

People: God is there.

Leader: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

People: God is there.

Leader: This very morning,

People: God is here.

Leader: In the future we cannot see,

People: God is there.

ALL: Let us worship God!

December 25, 2016

+ Opening Prayer

+ Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

UMH 238

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Wright Jeter

TO HEAR THE WORD

Scripture *

Luke 2:1-21

Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

UMH 230

Message *

The Birth of Christ Resulted in Praise!

Pastor Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

Noel
Sherry Jeter, soloist

Redman, Tomlinson and Cash

+ Response*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn

Joy to the World

UMH 246

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Schedule

Monday, 12/26	Church Office Closed
Sunday, 1/1, 11:00 a.m.	ONE Traditional Worship (no Sunday School)
Monday, 1/2	Church Office Closed
Monday, 1/16	Church Office Closed

Please note: there will be **one worship service** and **no Sunday school** on January 1, 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. Please take a moment to check the mailbox for "mail".

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, 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), **Anne Middleton** (Chippenham), 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 25, 2016: 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.

Dear PUMC Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your interim organist for these past 5 months. It has been a pleasure working with so many talented musicians and to see how engaged, committed, and warm your congregation is. It has been a pleasure to be a part of your music ministry, especially during the Advent and Christmas season

Warmest Regards,
Janet Watts

Special visit



I would like to thank all of the children who decorated cookies at the Joys of Christmas and gave them to me. They were beautiful and delicious. Thank you for the beautiful morning you spent with me at Providence.

Merry Christmas!
Santa Claus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 25

11:00 Traditional Worship
No Sunday School
No Afternoon Activities

Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed
Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (L)

Tuesday, December 27

NO Bible Study
6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

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

Friday, December 30

8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 31

Sunday, January 1

11:00 Traditional Worship
No Sunday School
No Afternoon Activities

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

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 Karrie Ostrum

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 Laurie Breeden
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Readers:

Audio/Visual Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizers: (12/1-31)

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

Portions of our service may be recorded.

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday Office Closed

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Presiding Bishop Sharma Lewis