


Providence United Methodist Church

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December 27, 2015

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Prayer

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.

Offertory	Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow	arr. Lloyd Larson
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn UMH 246	Joy to the World	ANTIOCH
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	Caroling, Caroling	arr. Diane Bish

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Welcome, guests. We're glad you're here!

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate 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).

The rosebud on the altar today is given to the glory of God and in honor of their new grandson, Luke Patrick Gaudett, born on December 7 to Julie and Patrick Gaudett. Maternal grandparents are Peg and Bill Mannering.

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Emma Fleenor in memory of her husband Doc Fleenor's birthday on December 30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we welcome the **Rev. Paul S. Honaker** as our guest organist. He is from Cincinnati, Ohio and is a graduate of Georgetown College (KY) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville where he received a Master's Degree in Church Music. He served as the Associate Pastor of Worship and Music at Bon Air Baptist Church from 1974 until his retirement in August of 2012. Paul is the director of the Jubilation Senior Adult Community Choir at Salisbury Presbyterian Church and is employed as a Funeral Assistant with Bliley's Funeral Home of Richmond.

Please welcome **Christine Ertell** as our guest musician today. Christine was a long-time member of the Richmond Symphony, and naturally found it impossible to give up playing on retirement. She performs as often as possible, state-wide, and maintains a teaching schedule at her Studio Impromptu RVA. Christine is active in the music ministry of Bon Air Baptist Church, especially "@ the Village" campus.

Your Society of St. Andrew Advent offering (coin box) is due back next Sunday, January 3, Epiphany Sunday. Please place them on the altar rail either before worship or during Communion. Your Advent gifts are greatly appreciated and will be used to provide healthy food for hungry people in this country.

“**Alice in Wonderland**” is coming to the stage at Providence in January. The Alpha Theatre and Arts Company (a Christian youth theater group) has been rehearsing here for many weeks to prepare for the performance. In appreciation for the use of our facilities, they repaired and re-roped the curtain pulleys on our stage. We are grateful for their presence at Providence and their gift of the repairs! Be sure to watch for more information about their performance of “Alice in Wonderland” which will be in January 2016.

The **2016 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway. If you would like to provide flower arrangements for the altar or narthex for a particular Sunday,

1. Reserve date on Flower Calendar
2. Complete Blue Flower Order Form
3. Submit form **with payment** to the office or put in offering plate.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Collins at 276-4289 or by email: Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net.

The **Christmas Card mailbox** is on the table near the chapel. Be sure to check the mailbox to see if you have mail.

Please note: The church office will be closed on Monday, December 28, and Friday, January 1.

Your **Financial Commitment Cards for 2016** are still being received. You may place yours in the offering plate or mail to/drop by the church office. Extra cards are available in the foyer.

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: janeelbertquilts@gmail.com.

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

Hand-knitted **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 tlcnic@verizon.net. 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: Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Brian Bilski, Ed Blackwell (knee surgery on 12/4), Nan Blackwell, Shirley Collins (knee surgery 11/19), Thomas Donne, Bill Estes, family of John Ezell (died on 12/14), Emma Fleenor (death of her sister on 12/15), Sharon Harris, Lori Hudson, Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, the family of Norma Kidd (who died on 11/15), **Kathy Kincaid** (surgery 12/21), Diane King, Brian Krane (nephew of Amy & Ethan Palmer, has cancer), Buddy Lindsey (surgery on 12/1, son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart, friend of Linda Collins), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Sarah Morris, Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Mary & Bill Steele, the family of **Jim Teeter** (who died on December 20), Sharon & Bob VanWhy, Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for December 27, 2015: We pray for the families in 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 27

10:00 Traditional Worship

Monday, December 28

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 29

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31

6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, January 1

Church Office Closed

8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, January 2

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 Davis

Greeters:

10:00 Nickie Price (Library)
Tracey Kellam (Narthex)

Nursery:

10:00 Barbara Oliver
Jennifer Clemmons

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Ushers:

10:00 George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters
T L Jenkins, Stuart Watkins
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Audio/Media Shout Team:

10:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (MS)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott, Jean Winfree

Reader:

10:00 Laurie Breeden

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

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