


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

CONNECTIONS — 9:00 a.m.

Singing: Everlasting God

Making Connections

Children's Time

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Mike & Cathy Patterson

Singing: The Heavens Shall Declare

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: God's Assignment

Holy Communion

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.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. You are invited to put your offerings in the basket as you come forward for communion. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Singing and Offering: Revelation Song

Benediction

2nd Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens
11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	J. Brahms
+ Call to Worship *		
Opening Prayer		
The Meaning of the Service		
Special Music		King of Kings Youth Ensemble
+ Hymn *	Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus	
The Sanctuary Evergreens		
The Christmas Tree		
The Chrismons		
+ Hymn *	O Come, All Ye Faithful	Linda Koertge, Handbells
The Christmas Poinsettia		
+ Hymn *	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	
The Paraments and Advent Colors		
Lighting of the Advent Candle	<i>Love</i>	Dano & Noelle Holland, & family
Response *		Light the Advent Candle

The Nativity

+ Hymn *

Away in a Manger

Christmas Caroling

+ Hymn *

Angels We Have Heard on High

The Christ of Christmas

Musical Offering

In the Bleak Midwinter
Chancel Choir

Gustav Holst
arr. Bradley Ellingboe

+ Response *

In the Bleak Midwinter

Special Music *

Congregation sings refrain

Star Child
Youth Ensemble

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

Reflections on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

J. Carter

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

* = Words Projected

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

+ = Please stand as you are able

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).

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Lane and Gilda Jordan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **United Methodist Student Day** and there will be an insert in the bulletin if you would like to make a special donation. United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The offering provides scholarships and student loans for qualified United Methodist applicants. Learn more at: www.umcsgiving.org/UMSD.

The last **Wednesday Night Dinner** for 2016 will be December 7. [Sign up for dinner on today's sign-in sheet.](#) The menu features pot roast, mashed potatoes, something green, rolls and dessert. This is our Community Dinner so please invite a friend! Our guests eat free!

CHAMPS (Children Active in Ministry @ Providence) will have a gathering [December 7, 6:00-7:30 p.m.](#) This is an evening of child-centered Christian fellowship, Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and missions. Email Sherry.Jeter@providenceumc.net for more information.



Alpha Theatre and Arts is presenting "Secret Garden" the musical, on Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. Please come to this musical rendition of Frances Hodgson Burnett's sweet story. The tickets are \$6 each with a family cap of \$20, and will be available at the Social Hall door.

Please note the **Christmas Poinsettia or Bible** order form insert in today's bulletin. Poinsettias and Bibles are \$10 again this year. Please complete the form and include your donation. You can place the form and your check in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. There are additional forms in the narthex if you need another.

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.

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. We especially need assistance in January and February. Please email the church office (providenceumc@providenceumc.net) or call (276-4289) if you (and a friend) can help. If you have any specific questions, please contact Jean Winfree (jeanboy33@aol.com).

The **2017 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 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.

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:

Roy Adams (surgery 11/22, friend of the Bell's), Lisa Atkinson (friend of Cheran Salvaggio), the family of Isabell Bodtke (who died 11/12), **the family of Helen Bowman** who died November 25, Mary and Purcell Brown (both have serious illnesses, friends of Judy Gindhart), Nancy Carney (battling cancer, sister of Jim McConnell), Nancy Coffman (recent shoulder surgery), Shirley Collins, Jan deCheubel (recent surgery), Sharon deCheubel (daughter of Lewis Miller; wife of Jan deCheubel), 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), Scott Hueston (friend of the Collins family), 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), 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 (JW), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Rosie Tarkington (former member undergoing treatment for cancer).

Metro Richmond at Prayer for December 4, 2016: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent—Hanging of the Greens

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:00 Luncheon (SH)
- 2:00 Disciple 1 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth or Inukshuks

Monday, December 5

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 5:30 SH Reserved
- 7:00 Staff Parish (L)

Tuesday, December 6

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 2:00 ALPHA Rehearsal (SH)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (SH/PS)
- 6:30 Jesus in the Gospels (205)
- 7:00 Young Adults

Wednesday, December 7

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 1:00 Visitation Team (L)
- 5:30 Community Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:00 CHAMPS
- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Founding Fathers (205)

Thursday, December 8

- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:30 MIM
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, December 9

- 9:00 ALPHA Setup and Rehearsal (SH)
- 7:00 Secret Garden Musical, (SH)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 ALPHA Setup and Rehearsal (SH)
- 2:00 Secret Garden Musical, (SH)

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 Meredith Kyser

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, Jack Waters
T L Jenkins, Pam Asbury
Melvin Watkins

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Carol Urso & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Gary Wright (captain)
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

Readers:

Advent Readers:

9:00 Mike & Cathy Patterson
11:00 Dano & Noelle Holland
And family

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Steve Oliver (V)
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Steve Oliver (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.
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