

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: “Everlasting God”
“Our God”

Making Connections

Lighting of the Advent Candle — HOPE
Joshua, Natalia and Derrick Parson

A Time with the Children

Scripture
Luke 21:25-36

Message: “Wait for the King”
Rev. Hugh Harris

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.

Consecration of our 2019 Gifts

Singing with Offering: “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Benediction

First Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens

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)

TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

Prelude

“The First Noel”

arr. By David Huntsinger

+ Call to Worship

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the King?

Many: With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of the eternal Christ?

Many: With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.

One: How shall we prepare this house for the coming of our Savior?

Many: With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.

One: How shall we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Son of God?

Many: By hearing again the words of the prophets, who foretold the saving work of God.

One: For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest.

Opening Prayer

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Sherry Jeter

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.

The Hanging of the Greens

The Meaning of the Service

Hymn

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

UMH #196

The Sanctuary Evergreens

The Christmas Tree

The Christmon Tree

Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”
(verses 1, 2, 3 & 6)

UMH #234

The Christmas Poinsettia

Hymn

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

UMH #216

The Paraments and Advent Colors

The Advent Candles

Lighting of Advent Wreath — HOPE

Sean, Lindsey and Luke Collins

Hymn

“Light the Advent Candle”
(verse 1)

TFWS #2090

The Nativity

Hymn "Away in a Manger" UMH #217

Christmas Caroling

Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" UMH #238

The Christ of Christmas

Consecration of Our 2019 Gifts

Offertory Anthem "In the Bleak Midwinter" by Gustave Holst,
The Chancel Choir arr. By Bradley Ellinghoe

+ Response * "In the Bleak Midwinter" UMH #221
(verse 4)

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "Once in David's Royal City" arr. by Henry Gaunlett



ANNOUNCEMENTS

All guests, visitors and members (adults and children), **please sign in** on a pew clipboard today and include your contact information. Please continue to sign in each Sunday and especially tell us if you have changes to the personal information that the church maintains.

A very special thank you to our Hanging of the Greens readers, Pat Loud and Rev. Hugh Harris. We love you and appreciate that both of you shared your narration gifts with us this morning.

Today is **Consecration Sunday**. If you did not bring your 2019 Estimate of Giving card, there are extras on the table in the narthex.

We might have a **Wednesday Night Dinner** this week (12/5 at 5:30 pm) if anyone volunteers to cook. *Please sign up on today's sign-in sheet just in case we have dinner.* Watch for confirmation (yes or no) of the dinner in the Mid-Week Update. There is a Cook's Sign Up sheet in the hallway near the office if your group would like to sign up to cook. **Someone, please sign up to prepare dinner on December 5, 18 and January 2.**

Our **Family Pancake Brunch** is Saturday, **December 8**, 10am-12:30pm, in the Social Hall. Come celebrate the joys of Christmas with games, ornament-making, musical activities and more!

The **Christmas Poinsettia** or **Bible yellow** order forms are on the table in the narthex. Red Poinsettias are \$11 and Bibles are \$10. Please complete the form, include your donation and place the form and check in the offering plate or bring it to the office. **The last day to submit your order is next Sunday, December 9.**

The **Christmas Card “mail box”** is in the narthex this year. Save the cost of postage and send cards for free — to your PUMC friends.

The **2019 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway, near the water fountain. The **BLUE** flower order forms are below it. Please remember: *payment should accompany the blue form.* Complete the form and put it and your 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.

The Youth are selling **God’s Creation Calendars** again this year for \$7 each. There is a sample and a sign-up form in the

Library. Please sign up if you would like to place an order so we will know how many calendars to order. The calendars will arrive in time for Christmas gifts and you can pay for them when they arrive. If you have any questions, contact Greg or Mary Elliott.

Copies of **“Light My Pathway”** that are wrapped and ready for Christmas giving, complete with gift tag, will be available for sale outside the sanctuary before and after each service. The Communication Committee will be presenting the books each week from November 25 through December 16. The cost is still \$10.

Looking Ahead

December 9 — The Bells of Providence and the SonRise Sisters will be sharing special Christmas music at the 11:00 service. Please come and let your heart be uplifted through their musical gifts.

December 16 — The Chancel Choir will be presenting the Christmas cantata, **“Breath of Heaven”** at the **10:30 a.m. service**. Please come and celebrate the birthday of our Savior with us and join us for the reception that is following the service.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence UMC?

PUMC Financial Report as of October 31, 2018

| | September | 2018 YTD | 2017 YTD |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Receipts | \$21,897 | \$279,993 | \$263,278 |
| Disbursements | \$29,785 | \$293,054 | \$321,157 |
| Net Receipts | (\$7,888) | (\$13,060) | (\$57,879) |
| Operating Fund | \$43,624 | | |

Speak with Pastor Derrick who will guide you in the next steps (804-276-4289).

PRAYER MINISTRY

December 2, 2018 — We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: for the 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.

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 Nancy Coffman at nlctlc73@gmail.com. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy. Please check your email address book to make sure you have this email address.

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families:

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| Jessica Ammon | Paul Hager |
| Harrison Bailey | Wayne Lee |
| Hunter Blankenship | Marshall Mallory |
| Terrance Brunson | Nathan Spencer |
| Jennifer Collins | Megan Thomas |

Our gathered prayer concerns:

- * Dot Ashburn
- * Curtis Bailey
- * Bobby Baker (friend of the Bell's)
- * Nan Blackwell
- * Jean Chappell (home)
- * Mae Clarke
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * AB Creasy
- * John Curtis

- * Uldine Curtis
- * Jim DeLap
- * Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- * Judy Jacobs
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Anna Knight (home)
- * Blanca & Jose Mera
- * Mike Mercatante (heart valve replacement)
- * Tom Mercatante (quadruple bypass)
- * Leigh Middleton
- * Johnise Molloy (Laurels of Bon Air, #205)
- * Mary Murdock (Paul Martin's sister)
- * **The family of Grace Newman** (died 11/23)
- * Sharon (chemo therapy treatments; friend of Cathy Patterson)
- * Carly Royer (diagnosed with leukemia; friend of Nancy Treanor)
- * Ernie Simopoulos (cancer diagnosis)
- * John Stallings (cancer; friend of Bill Mannering and Julie Gaudett)
- * Mary & Bill Steele
- * Sharon & Bob VanWhy (friends of Peg Martin)
- * Fred Wilson

Please continue to remember our **Shut-Ins**. Take a moment to let them know we love them and are thinking of them. A PINK address list of our shut-ins is on the table in the narthex.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 2

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Hanging of the Greens Service
- 2:00 Disciple 2 (205)
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 SonRise Sisters
- 5:30 Youth
- 6:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, December 3

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Staff Parish (L)

Tuesday, December 4

- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 Newton Circle

Wednesday, December 5

- 10:30 Staff Meeting (L)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 6

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

Friday, December 7

- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, December 8

- 10:00 Joys of Christmas
Family Pancake Brunch (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 _____

Greeters:

9:00 _____ (Library)

_____ (Narthex)

11:00 Donna Smith (Library)

_____ (Narthex)

1st Floor

8:15-9:45 Mike Collins

Jolie Hutcheson

9:45-11:15 Mary Elliott

Beverley Brooks

Reader:

The Parson Family

(Joshua, Natalia & Derrick)

The Collins Family

(Luke, Lindsey & Sean)

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Chris Healey

Sheila Dougherty

11:00 Linwood Hudson

Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Linda Wettle

Counters:

Ron Wootten

Janice Bergeron

Gracie Martin

Nursery:

9:00 Laurie Breeden

SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (V)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Nickie Price

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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Young Adult Ministries

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Our Covenant Missionary

Kim King Torres

Presiding Bishop

Sharma Lewis