

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

**CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** “Great In Power”  
“Angels We Have Heard on High”

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**  
Greg & Mary Elliott and family

**Scripture**  
Luke 1:39-45

**Message:** “Getting Ready”  
Rev. Derrick Parson

**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.

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

**Benediction**

# 4th Sunday of Advent

## 11:00 a.m.

**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.**

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

arr. by David M. Cherwien

+ Call to Worship

One: Come let us worship the Lord!

**Many: Our souls magnify the Lord!**

One: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

**Many: The mighty One has done great things for us!**

One: Holy is God's name!

**Many: Let us worship God.**

**ALL: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.**

— *The Gift of Revelation*

+ Hymn

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

UMH #224

Lighting the Advent Wreath

*Peace*

Joe & Peggy Gillette

Hymn \* "Light the Advent Candle" TFWS #2090  
(verse 4)

Opening Prayer

Making Connections

## **TO HEAR THE WORD**

A Time with the Children Derrick Parson

First Reading Micah 5:2-5a **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" UMH #240

Second Reading \* Luke 1:39-45 **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music "Welcome to Our World" arr. by Russell Mauldin

Sermon "Getting Ready" Rev. Derrick Parson

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.

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

Offertory "He is Born, the Divine Christ Child" arr. by Dennis Alexander  
+ Response \* "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #94

+ Hymn "Joy to the World" UMH #246

Acolyte Installation Tabitha Hamilton, Oliver Sharpe  
And Joshua Parson

+ Benediction

+ Postlude "The Newborn King" arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

# 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.

The next **Wednesday Night Dinner** is January 2. And, YES, we have cooks! You can sign up today or next Sunday for dinner reservations on 1/2/19. Dinner is being prepared by Donna and Barbie to benefit New Life for Youth.

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. Don’t forget to pick up your mail too. Cards left at the end of January will not be forwarded.

**Last chance before Christmas!** 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 through today. The cost is still \$10.

The Youth have **God’s Creation Calendars** available today in the Library. The cost is \$7 each. No need to order in advance. These are beautiful calendars of extremely good quality and make excellent Christmas gifts.

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.

## Looking Ahead

**December 24** — Christmas Eve worship at 5:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly candlelight and communion service.

The Church Office will be closed on:

Monday and Tuesday  
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December 24 & 25  
December 31 & January 1

It's not too early to submit your **2019 committee meeting dates and volunteer schedules**. Please send them to [Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) as soon as possible. I need your **January volunteers this week** so we can list them in the January 6 bulletin.

Also, please send Linda Collins your **2019 meeting dates** so she can get them on the church calendar. Meetings scheduled in 2018 do not carry over to 2019. *Please confirm your 2019 schedules.*

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence UMC? Speak with Pastor Derrick who will guide you in the next steps (804-276-4289).

## PRAYER MINISTRY

**December 23** — 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.

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](mailto: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:

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
- \* Mae Clarke
- \* Doris and AB Creasy
- \* John Curtis
- \* Uldine Curtis
- \* Jim DeLap
- \* Linda Downey (broke her arm)
- \* John Duncan (MCV)
- \* Duncan family during John's recovery

### PUMC Financial Report as of November 30, 2018

	November	2018 YTD	2017 YTD
Receipts	\$36,461	\$316,455	\$298,203
Disbursements	\$30,300	\$323,354	\$349,999
Net Receipts	\$6,161	(\$6,899)	(\$51,796)
Operating Fund	\$49,787		

**Our gathered prayer concerns: (cont.)**

- \* Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- \* Judy Jacobs
- \* Dot Janutolo
- \* Jack & Linda Keery
- \* Anna Knight (surgery on 12/18; Johnston Willis)
- \* Blanca & Jose Mera
- \* Mike Mercatante (heart valve replacement)
- \* Tom Mercatante (quadruple bypass)
- \* Anne Middleton (Lucy Corr nursing home)
- \* Leigh Middleton
- \* Johnise Molloy (Willow Creek, #508)
- \* 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 Simopoulis (cancer diagnosis)
- \* Mary & Bill Steele
- \* Paula Wilder (friend of Dave Robinson's family)
- \* 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 list of our Shut-Ins (pink) is in the narthex.

**Shut-In Changes:**

Change: Uldine Curtis  
Tyler's Retreat  
12001 Ironbridge Rd., 211D  
Chester, VA 23832

Add: Mildred Isbell  
1920 Old Farm Rd.  
N. Chesterfield, VA 23235

*A very special THANK YOU goes to Gary and Barbie Vest for an outstanding job in organizing the reception following the Christmas Cantata! We are so thankful for them and everyone who participated by bringing food to the reception. It was a wonderful time of fellowship for everyone!*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, December 23

9:00 Connections Service  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Service  
2:00 Disciple 2 (205)

## Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

5:30 Family Candlelight & Communion  
Worship  
Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

## Wednesday, December 26

## Thursday, December 27

9:30 Prayer Team (L)  
11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)  
6:15 Men's Study (L)  
6:30 AA (205)

## Friday, December 28

8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, December 29

## Sunday, December 30

9:00 Connections Service  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Service  
2:00 Disciple 2 (205)  
5:30 Youth

## Monday, December 31—New Year's Eve

Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, January 1—New Year's Day

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Greeters:

9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Library)  
Klaus Worrell (Narthex)

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Jolee Hutcheson

## Reader:

## Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship  
Chris Healy  
Sheila Dougherty

11:00 Linwood Hudson  
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins  
Linda Wettle

## Counters:

Klaus Worrell  
Steve Oliver

## Nursery:

9:00 Bethany Sharpe  
SS Laurie Breeden

11:00 Pam Asbury &  
Meredith Kyser

## Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Nikki Earley (V)

11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)  
Nikki Earley (V)

## Sanctuary Organizers:

Nickie Price

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## Office Hours:

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

## Contact us at:

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## Church Staff:

**Pastor** Derrick Parson  
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## Intern

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## Music Ministries

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## Secretary

Linda Collins  
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## Audio Visual

Tyler Griggs  
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## Custodial Service

Curtis Jones

## Nursery Attendant

Cynthia Liverpool

## Youth Ministries

Mary & Greg Elliott (interim)

## Young Adult Ministries

Terrence Jeter (interim)

## Our Covenant Missionary

Kim King Torres

## Presiding Bishop

Sharma Lewis