


Providence United Methodist Church

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**CHRISTMAS
EVE**

December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

Lessons and Carols

+ = Please stand as you are able

* = Words are projected

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices!

Prelude	“Setting on Veni Emmanuel”	arr. by Gregg Sewell
Hymn	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	UMH #218
Prayer		
FIRST LESSON	Genesis 3:8-15	Hugh Harris
Carol UMH #229	“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”	
SECOND LESSON	Genesis 22:15-18	Robbie Robertson
Carol UMH #211	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (stanzas 1,4,7)	
THIRD LESSON	Isaiah 9:2, 6-7	Natalia Parson
Carol UMH #219	“What Child Is This” (vs 1 & 3)	
FOURTH LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9	Joe Gillette
Carol UMH #217	“Away in a Manger” Children/Youth Choir	
FIFTH LESSON	Luke 1:26-35,38	Pam Asbury
Carol UMH #230	“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs 1 & 3)	

SIXTH LESSON	Luke 2:1-7	Tom Koertge
Carol UMH #245	“The First Noel” (stanza 1 & 2)	
SEVENTH LESSON	Luke 2:8-16	Jolee Hutcheson
Carol UMH #220	“Angels from the Realms of Glory” (vs 1 & 2)	
EIGHTH LESSON	Matthew 2:1-11	Paul Martin
Carol UMH #254	“We Three Kings” (vs 1, 2 & 5)	
NINTH LESSON	John 1:1-14	Hugh Harris
Carol UMH #204	“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”	

Service of 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.

Offering/Offertory	“Still, Still, Still”	arr. by Dennis Alexander
Response UMH #221	“In the Bleak Midwinter” verse 4 only	

Lighting the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle *	David & Troye Hamilton
Lighting of the Candles	and Family

UMH #239	“Silent Night, Holy Night” (words printed on back of bulletin)
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Benediction

Postlude	“O Holy Night”	by Adolphe Adam
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Welcome to **Providence United Methodist Church**. If you are looking for a place to belong, be transformed by God's love and make a difference in the world, you have found it. If you want to know more about Providence and finding a more personal connection with God through Jesus, please contact **Pastor Derrick Parson**. You may reach him at the church (804-276-4289) or by email at:

derrick.parson@providenceumc.net.

Restrooms are located on the main floor toward the chapel. A baby changing station is located in the handicap accessible restroom. A baby changing station and a play area (without attendant) is also available in the nursery on the first floor. Ask an usher for assistance.

Tonight's **Christmas Offering** will be divided between CCHASM and "The End of the Month Hump". All cash and gifts marked "Christmas Offering" will support these important projects. Gifts in regular church offering envelopes will go to the operating budget of the church.

The New Year brings **new beginnings**. Join us for worship at 9:00 am for our informal Connections worship and at 11:00 am for a more traditional worship experience. Child care is provided. Study and fellowship is provided for adults, youth and children at 9:45 each Sunday.

Silent Night (Stille Nacht)

(repeat until all candles are lit)

Verse 1

**Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace**

Verse 2

**Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born**

Verse 3

**Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth**

Verse 4

**Silent night holy night
Wondrous star lend thy light
With the angels let us sing
Alleluia to our King
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born**

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