

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”
“Joy to the World”

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52

Message: “I Am About My Father’s Business!”
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

1st Sunday after Christmas

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

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

arr. by David Cherwien

+ Call to Worship

One: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

Many: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

One: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

Many: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

One: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

ALL: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives.

+ Hymn

“Once in Royal David's City”

UMH #250

Opening Prayer

TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Responsive Reading (UMH #861) Psalm 148 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn “He Is Born” UMH #228

Second Reading * Luke 2:41-52 **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “I Am About My Father’s Business!” 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 “What Child is This?” arr. by Dennis Alexander

+ Response * “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #94

+ Hymn “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” UMH #251

+ Benediction

+ Postlude “Carols of Joy and Wonder” arr. by Steven Scott

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.

Important Year-End Message

If you have giving that you want counted in 2018, please be sure that it is in the church office no later than Monday, December 31 or postmarked December 31. Anything received after that date will be counted towards your 2019 giving.

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

The **Christmas Card “mail box”** is still in the narthex. Don't forget to pick up your mail. Cards left at the end of January will not be forwarded.

The Youth still have some **God's Creation Calendars** available today in the Library. The cost is \$7 each. These are beautiful calendars of extremely good quality.

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.

Please sign up if you might be interested in a **Technology Basics Class**. The exact date has not been determined. This would be a very basic class and will be held here at the church. More information will be communicated soon.

Looking Ahead

The Church Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, 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 as soon as possible. I need your **January volunteers this week** so we can list them in the January 6 bulletin.

Also, please send me your **2019 meeting dates** so I can get them on the calendar.

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 30 — We pray for the families in Metropolitan Richmond: for peace, reconciliation, forgiveness and accord among family members, whatever the distance, and however old the hurt or grievance.

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:

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
- * Keisha Clement (niece of Althea Armstrong)
- * **The family of Doris Creasy** (died 12/19)
- * AB Creasy
- * John Curtis
- * Uldine Curtis
- * Jim DeLap
- * Linda Downey (broke her arm)
- * John Duncan (MCV)
- * Duncan family during John's recovery
- * Allison Fuquay (cancer; niece of Robin Jeffrey)
- * **Doug Harrick** (husband of Laurie Glassburn, a former member)
- * Judy Jacobs
- * Dot Janutolo
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Anna Knight (MCV; surgery 12/24)

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.)

- * 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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 30

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

Monday, December 31—New Year's Eve

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1—New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 10:30 Staff Meeting (L)

Thursday, January 3

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

Friday, January 4

- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, January 5

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)
11:00 _____ (Library)
Klaus Worrell (Narthex)

1st Floor

8:15-9:45
9:45-11:15

Reader: Allen Branson

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy
Sheila Dougherty
11:00 Linwood Hudson
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins
Linda Wettle

Counters: Ron Wootten
Janice Bergeron
Gracie Martin

Nursery:

9:00 SS
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Jimmy Sculthorpe (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Nickie Price
Peggy Gillette (January 1-31)

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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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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