

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** “Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

Ron & Carla Wootten

**Singing:** “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**Scripture**

Luke 3:1-6

**Message:** **Jesus Christ — “King of Truth”**

Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

**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**

# 2nd 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.**

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## **THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" arr. by Cindy Berry

+ Call to Worship

One: The Reign of God is drawing near:  
**Many: The prophet calls us to change our lives!**  
One: Prepare the way for the Lord:  
**Many: For a just and peaceful path!**  
One: Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:  
**ALL: For the glory of God!**

+ Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH #203

Lighting the Advent Wreath *Love* Kathy Alred & family

Hymn "Light the Advent Candle" TFWS #2090  
(verse 2)

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Opening Prayer

Making Connections

## TO HEAR THE WORD

A Time with the Children

Sherry Jeter

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

**Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn

“The First Noel”  
(accompanied by The Bells of Providence)

UMH #245

Second Reading \*

Luke 3:1-6

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Thanksgiving Medley”  
The Chancel Choir

Sermon

“The Other Miracle Birth”

Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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## TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory

“Now Thank We All Our God” arr. by Cindy Berry  
*(in the setting of “Promenade” by M. Mussorgsky)*

+ Response \*

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

+ Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”  
(verses 1-4)

UMH #211

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

“O Worship the King”

by Robert Grant

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

## 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.

Today we are happy to welcome our District Superintendent, Dr. Peter Moon, who bring us the message. Dr. Moon was born in Nashville Tennessee, and raised in Rockville, Maryland. He has served in Conference leadership in multiple ways including ten years on the Board of Ordained Ministry, including a term as a Vice Chair of the Board. Along with other boards and agencies, he has served as the chair of the Five Talent Academy and has represented the Conference as a Jurisdictional Delegate in 2004 and as a delegate to General Conference in 2008 and 2012. In 2015 he was appointed as the Richmond District Superintendent. In his spare time, Pete enjoys running, cycling, woodworking, and car repair.

The **Wednesday Night Dinner** this week (12/12) at 5:30pm is being prepared by Donna Smith (Missions) and features spaghetti, salad and dessert. ***Please sign up on today's sign-in sheet for the 12/12 dinner.***

Future dinners are:

- Dec. 12 (Missions) Spaghetti, salad & dessert
- Dec. 19 (CSI) Breakfast for Dinner
- Dec. 26 No Dinner
- Jan. 1 Need Cooks

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 January 2.**

The **Christmas Poinsettia** or **Bibles** 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. **Today is the last day to submit your order.**

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.**

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.

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. 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.

### Looking Ahead

**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 luncheon that follows service.

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

It’s not too early to submit your 2019 committee meeting dates and volunteer schedules for 2019. Please send them to [Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) as soon as possible.

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 9** — We pray for people in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: for persons who are lonely or have no family; for persons who are estranged from their families; for persons who are grieving the loss of a loved one; and for all who need to feel the love of God.

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 [nletlc73@gmail.com](mailto:nletlc73@gmail.com). If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact Nancy.

### 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		

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

- \* 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

**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
- \* 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)

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.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, December 9

- 9:00 Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 2:00 Disciple 2 (205)
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (309)
- 5:30 Youth

## Monday, December 10

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board (309)

## Tuesday, December 11

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Cubs/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

## Wednesday, December 12

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

## Thursday, December 13

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 MIM
- 7:00 Gregory Circle

## Friday, December 14

- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, December 15

- 9:00 Cantata Dress Rehearsal (Sanc)

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (Library)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Narthex)

### 1st Floor

8:15-9:45 Reyna Skrabala  
Beverley Brooks

9:45-11:15 Jolee Hutcheson  
Nikki Earley

### Ushers:

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

### Counters:

Gary Wright  
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

### Nursery:

9:00 Kelly Horne  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Carol Urso & Wendy Collins

### Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
Tyler Griggs (V)  
11:00 Ron Wootten (A)  
Tyler Griggs (V)

### Sanctuary Organizers:

Nickie Price  
Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

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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:

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### Secretary

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### Audio Visual

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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