

Providence United Methodist Church

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: “Great in Power”
“You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)”

Making Connections

Children’s Time

Scripture: Luke 6:20-31

Sermon: “Where would we be without God’s grace?”
Derrick Parson

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.

Everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Singing and Offering: “Amazing Grace (Chains)”

Benediction

Epiphany of the Lord

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)

FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

“One Small Child”
(sung by The SonRise Sisters)

by David Meece
arr. by Joseph Linnsung

+ Call to Worship *

Leader: Merciful God, of what do we boast? Can we truly say with Paul that we do not boast about ourselves or our achievements? Does the danger in such thinking lie in the next step — the thought that we can do anything, or all things — by ourselves?

People: **Forgive us the times when we ignore you, O God, and depend on our own strength to do things our own way.**

Leader: Paul talks about power being made perfect in weakness.

People: **Forgive us for believing that we have to be hard and domineering if we want to get ahead in life.**

Leader: Paul says that he boasts of his weaknesses so that the power of Christ may dwell in him.

People: **Forgive us when we use our power selfishly or aggressively, ignoring that indwelling, Christ-given power which frees us to be vulnerable.**

January 6, 2019

Leader: Jesus says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.

+ Hymn * “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing“ UMH #400

+ Opening Prayer

Dear God, Permeate our lives with your grace, so that we can affirm with Paul that we are content with weaknesses for your sake. Lord, fill us with the knowledge that will allow ourselves to be empowered by you, which makes us truly strong. Amen.

— written by Moira Laidlaw

Making Connections

Children’s Time

TO HEAR THE WORD

Responsive Reading UMH #717 Psalm 42 **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn * “The First Noel“ UMH #245
(accompanied by The Bells of Providence)

Second Reading * II Corinthians 12:6-12 **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music “Noel” arr. by Michael Helman
(The Bells of Providence)

Sermon “Where would we be without God’s grace?” Derrick Parson

HOLY COMMUNION

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Offertory “Carol of the Bells” arr. By Tom Fettke
(sung by The SonRise Sisters)

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

+ Hymn “Grace Alone” TFWS #2162

+ Benediction

+ Postlude “Go, Tell it on the Mountain” arr. by William Farley Smith

The **flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God and in recognition of Michael Worrell's birthday.

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.

Please join Isaac and me during January for our message theme will be — **Grace**. I will preach January 6 & 13 and Isaac will preach January 20 & 27. We hope that you will be with us for our sermon series on **Grace**.
— Pastor Derrick

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 **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 submit your **2019 meeting dates** to the office so they can be added to the church calendar. Please send them to Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net as soon as possible.

The office needs your **January volunteer schedules ASAP** so we can include them in the bulletins.

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

January 6 — We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: for the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education, employment, political jurisdiction, transportation and churches in Metropolitan Richmond.

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)
- * **Keri Lyn Coleman** (cancer; friend of Dave Robinson)
- * 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
- * **The family of Donna Jenkins** (former member, died, funeral was January 4 in New Jersey)
- * Jack & Linda Keery
- * Anna Knight (rehab, Sheltering Arms)
- * 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)

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.)

- * Carly Royer (diagnosed with leukemia; friend of Nancy Treanor)
- * Ernie Simopoulos (cancer diagnosis)
- * Mary & Bill Steele
- * Paula Wilder (friend of Dave Robinson's family)
- * Fred Wilson



Christmas Holidays and time moves steady. On our 69th anniversary we would like to thank our friends at PUMC for the visits and cards, all the phone calls, good food and flowers.

God be with all,
Grey and Sarah Morris



Updates:

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

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

Hidden Culture Immersion in Suburbia

Hello Providence,

I pray that everyone is entering into the New Year with Love, Hope, Faith and Peace. I wanted to let everyone know that I will be away from January 5th until January 18th. I will be participating in a Hidden Culture Immersion in Suburbia. It is part of my studies at Wesley Theological Seminary.

We will be participating in:

- Domestic Violence Workshops
- Police Ride Along Day
- Conversation about how to prevent and End Homelessness
- District Training Day "Engaging our Community"
- Working in Food Pantry
- Serving meals to the Homeless
- Assisting in the Clothing Closet
- Visit Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center
- Visit Mental Health Center

These are just some of the activities that we will be participating in. I want to thank each of you for your prayers, and your support.

I am very fortunate to be a part of a church that is as loving as you are. A church that I truly love not only because of your generosity, but because of your love and heart felt prayers, and support.

God Bless You,
Rev. Isaac R. Nedd Jr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 6

- 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, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, January 9

- 10:30 Staff Meeting (L)
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 10

- 9:30 Prayer Team (L)
- 10:00 UMW Meeting (206)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 MIM (Sanc)
- 7:00 Gregory Circle

Friday, January 11

- 8:00 AA (309)

Saturday, January 12

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 Oliver Sharp
Tabitha Hamilton

Greeters:

9:00 _____ (Library)
_____ (Narthex)
11:00 _____ (Library)
_____ (Narthex)

1st Floor

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

Reader: Natalia Parson

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek
11:00 Klaus Worrell
Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman
Laurie Breeden, Gary Wettle

Counters:

Gary Wright
Wayne Smith, Anne Baird

Nursery:

9:00 _____
SS _____
11:00 _____

Audio/Visual Team:

9:00 _____ (A)
_____ (V)
11:00 _____ (A)
_____ (V)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Peggy Gillette (January 1-31)

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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Young Adult Ministries

Terrence Jeter (interim)

Our Covenant Missionary

Kim King Torres

Presiding Bishop

Sharma Lewis