

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing**

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

**Making Connections**

**Children’s Time**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

Rev. Parson & Family

**Scripture**

Matthew 6:25-34

**Message**

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy!”

**Singing with Offering**

“Little Drummer Boy”

**Benediction**

# First 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)

**FWS** = The Faith We Sing (Black)

\* = Words Projected

+ = Please stand as you are able

**Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.**

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Prelude

"Once in Royal David's City"

arr. by Henry Gauntlett

+ Call to Worship \*

Leader: May the Lord, whose face shines upon us, be with you always.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We are longing and waiting for the Lord to be revealed.

**People: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

Leader: Let us live decent lives, bathed in the light of the Lord.

**People: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

Leader: We know not when the master comes: evening, midnight, dawn.

**People: The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

Leader: God of hosts, bring us back.

**ALL: Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

~ from *An Advent Reflection*

+ Hymn

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

UMH #213

Lighting the Advent Wreath

**Hope**

Reverend Parson & family

Hymn	“Light the Advent Candle” (Verse 1)	TFWS #2090
+ Opening Prayer		
Stewardship Presentation		
Making Connections		
A Time with the Children		
Responsive Reading (UMH #845)	Psalm 122	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
+ Hymn *	“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”	UMH #196
Second Reading *	Matthew 6:25-34	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
Choir Anthem	“Creation Will Be At Peace”	by J. P. Williams & A. L. Page
Sermon	“Don’t Worry, Be Happy!”	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.	
Offertory	“Coventry Carol Medley”	arr. by David Huntsinger
+ Response*	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	UMH #94
+ Hymn *	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	UMH #211
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	“People, Look East”	by Eleanor Farjeon

## 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 is **United Methodist Student Day**, a special giving day for the United Methodist Church. Your donation supports scholarships administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Gifts today enrich ministry and help connect students to their faith.

The American Red Cross is holding a **Blood Drive today** in the Social Hall from 10am—2pm. There may be an opening if you'd like to give blood. Stop by the Social Hall and ask.

There **WILL be a Wednesday Night Dinner** on Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 pm. Our guest cook is Gary Vest. The menu features Hawaiian pork, jasmine rice, green vegetables, rolls and a Hawaiian dessert.

**Stewardship Campaign**—Today is the fourth Sunday in our Stewardship Campaign supporting our mission to “Belong, Be Transformed, Make a Difference.” We are continuing our theme of “Making a Difference—Changing Lives.” This morning we will have a special presentation on CCHASM. Most of us are familiar with the Thanksgiving meal program; however, the services they provide

are much more dynamic than that one-time event every year.

Please join us next Sunday for another presentation about how our outreach programs, with God's guiding hand, are “changing lives”. The campaign will culminate with our Consecration Sunday on December 8th when members will have the opportunity to come forward and present their Estimates of Giving for 2020.

~Stewardship Committee

The **Christmas Poinsettia or Bible** order form insert is in today's bulletin. Red Poinsettias are \$11 and Bibles are \$10. Please place your completed form and payment in the offering plate or bring it to the office. Next Sunday, December 8, is the last day to submit your order.

**New Advent Bible Study!** On Dec. 2nd we will begin a video Advent Bible Study “*Because of Bethlehem*” based on a book by Max Lucado. There will be 4 sessions on Mondays at 6:30pm. If you plan on attending, please contact the church office to sign up or Robin Sculthorpe at [drsculthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:drsculthorpe@gmail.com).

We will celebrate our “**Hanging of the Greens**” service next Sunday, Dec. 8th! Come hear the *Bells of Providence* and *SonRise Sisters* as we honor the beautiful Season of Advent!

“**Messiah—Heaven's Glory**” performed by the PUMC Chancel Choir will be held on Dec. 15th! We will have **one service only** that day

at **10:30am!** There will be a Luncheon afterwards.

**The filled Fox Holiday Socks** for the Salvation Army Children’s program are due **today!** If you have questions, please see Valerie Reese or Mary Elliott.

**Christmas Movies & Discussion with the Pastor!** Wednesdays at Noon in Room 309. Popcorn and drinks will be provided! You may bring a bag lunch if you prefer!

- Dec. 4th — “It’s a Wonderful Life”
- 11th — “Miracle on 34th Street”
- 18th — “A Christmas Carol”

**Santa Breakfast**—Saturday, Dec. 14th at 9am in the Social Hall! Come visit and have your picture taken with Santa! There will be many fun activities afterwards including Cookie Decorating, Christmas Charades, Christmas Crafts, Storytelling and more! Each child will also receive a gift bag!



You can start addressing your **Christmas cards** now. The Christmas card mail box is in the narthex. No postage required!

**2020 God’s Creation Calendars!** Mary Elliott will be available in the Library before and after service the next few Sundays if you would like to support the Youth and purchase a 2020 calendar (\$7.00 each). Please make check payable to PUMC and designate “Youth Calendar” in the memo field.

**Piggy Banks for Christ** — We have a few more piggy banks if any of the “kids” here today want one. Each Sunday the kids should bring their banks back to worship service with the money that they and their family have been able to collect. Don’t forget to bring your piggy bank to church on Consecration Sunday, Dec. 8th as well! After all donations have been collected, the pigs are yours to keep. Be creative and have fun!

<b>PUMC Financial Report as of October 31, 2019</b>			
	<b>October</b>	<b>2019 YTD</b>	<b>2018 YTD</b>
Receipts	\$29,211.29	\$244,164.12	\$279,837.97
Disbursements	\$25,114.06	\$296,851.53	\$291,854.32
Net Receipts	\$4,097.23	(\$52,687.41)	(\$12,016.35)
Transfers to OF			
Operating Fund	\$44,349.80		
<b>Apportionment payments have been suspended since August 2019.</b>			

**Asbury Memorial Church invites you** to participate with them in the following opportunities and activities:

- **Chair Aerobics** classes will be on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. Please add your name and phone number to today's sign-in sheet if you are interested.
- **Asbury Walking Club** meets weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30am in the back parking lot to walk. All are welcome!

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

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

**November 24:** We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For single-parent families, adoptive families, foster families, and for households that are communities of friends; for elderly persons living in their own homes, in retirement communities, and in nursing institutions.

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 gathered prayer concerns:**

- \* Nan Blackwell
- \* Mary Lou Branson (surgery 10/28)
- \* Monica (Mary Lou & Alan Branson's granddaughter)

- \* Keri L. Coleman (cancer, Dave Robinson's friend)
- \* The family of Dana Dirickson (died 11/6; sister of Reyna Skrabala)
- \* Rev. William Duganne
- \* John Duncan
- \* Jim Harris (brother of Hugh Harris—shoulder replacement surgery on Nov. 5th)
- \* Mildred Isbell
- \* Kelli (cancer; sister of Jake Vogeler)
- \* Wayne Latimer (Beth's husband)
- \* Gwen Madison
- \* Catherine Milholen
- \* Mary Murdock (Paul Martin's sister)
- \* The family of Katherine Nester (Kathy Alred's mother)
- \* Leeanne Percell (friend of Martha Negri)
- \* Dr. Joy Rowe (battling breast cancer; doctor of Logan & Linda Wettle)
- \* Edward Vernon (son of Ralph & Billiedale Vernon)
- \* Stephanie White

### **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
Shelby Gordon	Thomas Wood

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Sunday, December 1

- 9:00 PUMC Connections Service
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 10:00 Red Cross Blood Drive
- 11:00 PUMC Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AMUMC Worship (Chapel)

**No Youth, SonRise Sisters or Bell Practice!**

## Monday, December 2

- 10:00 AMUMC Prayer Group (206)
- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 6:30 "Because of Bethlehem" Bible Study (205)
- 7:00 Staff Parish (L)

## Tuesday, December 3

- 9:45 Chair Aerobics (SH)
- 10:30 Asbury Walking Club (Parking Lot)
- 11:00 Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Newton Circle (205)
- 6:30 The Path to Healing (206)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

## Wednesday, December 4

- 7:30 Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Shoney's)
- 10:30 Staff Meeting (Library)
- 12:00 Movie & Discussion with the Pastor  
*"It's a Wonderful Life"* (309)
- 5:30 Community Dinner
- 6:30 Chancel Choir

## Thursday, December 5

- 10:00 Prayer Team (P)
- 6:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 Praise Band (S)

## Friday, December 6

- 5:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, December 7

- 9:00 Cub Scouts (SH)

## 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 Tabitha/Oliver

**Greeters:**

9:00 Klaus Worrell (Narthex)

11:00 Nickie Price (Library)  
Klaus Worrell (Narthex)

**Ushers:**

*Head Usher—Klaus Worrell*

9:00 Tony Fleshman  
11:00 Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins,  
Linda Wettle, Frank Bell

**Nursery:**

9:00 Laurie Breeden

SS Laurie Breeden

11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

**Counters:**

Ron Wootten, Janice Bergeron &  
Gracie Martin

**Reader:**

**Audio/Visual Team:**

9:00 \_\_\_\_\_ (A/V)

11:00 \_\_\_\_\_ (A/V)

**Sanctuary Organizers:** Donna Smith (December)

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**Our Covenant Missionary**

Kim King Torres

**Presiding Bishop**

Sharma Lewis

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

- 1 **1st Sunday of Advent — HOPE**
- 8 **2nd Sunday of Advent — LOVE**  
Hanging of the Greens, 11:00 am
- 14 **Santa Breakfast**, 9:00 am (Social Hall)
- 15 **3rd Sunday of Advent — JOY**  
One Service, 10:30 a.m. — Cantata  
Luncheon after worship
- 22 **4th Sunday of Advent — PEACE**  
Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 am
- 24 **Christmas Eve**  
Family/Traditional Service, 5:30pm  
Candlelight & Communion Service,  
11:00pm
- 29 **Worship, 9:00 & 11:00 am**

“Because of Bethlehem” Study  
Christmas Movies & Discussions