

# *Providence United Methodist Church*

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

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** “You are Holy” (Prince of Peace)

**Making Connections**

**Singing:** “Welcome to Our World”

**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

Steve & Valerie Reese

**Special Music**

“Happy Birthday, Jesus” by Carol Cymbala

*Providence Youth Choir & Chancel Choir, Gabriella Vogeler, Soloist*

**Scripture**

Luke 1:47-55

**Special Music**

“Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive”

“O Thou That Tellest” from Handel’s Messiah

*Ellen Fleenor, Soloist*

**Message:** “Expect the Unexpected” - 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:** “Little Drummer Boy”

**Benediction**

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December 22, 2019

# 4th 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.

Prelude "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" arr. by David M. Cherwien

+ Call to Worship

One: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

**Many: Our souls magnify the Lord!**

One: Holy is God's name!

**Many: The mighty One has done great things for us!**

One: Holy is God's name!

**Many: Let us worship God.**

**ALL: For God is our Maker and our Redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy.**  
— *The Gift of Revelation*

+ Hymn "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" UMH #224  
*Accompanied by the Providence Brass & Woodwind Ensemble*

Lighting the Advent Wreath *Peace* Joe & Peggy Gillette

Hymn \* "Light the Advent Candle" TFWS #2090  
(verse 4)

Opening Prayer

## Making Connections

Special Music                                    “Happy Birthday, Jesus!”                                    by Carol Cymbala  
*Providence Youth Choir & Chancel Choir, Gabriella Vogeler, Soloist*

First Reading                                    Isaiah 35:1-10                                    **Thanks be to God.**

+ Hymn    “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”                                    UMH #240  
*Accompanied by the Providence Brass & Woodwind Ensemble*

Second Reading \*                                    Luke 1:47-55                                    **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music                                    “Behold! A Virgin Shall Conceive!”  
“O Thou That Tellest” from Handel’s Messiah  
*Ellen Fleenor, Soloist*

Sermon    “Expect the Unexpected”                                    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    “Welcome to Our World”                                    by Chris Rice

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

+ Hymn    “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”                                    UMH #240  
*Accompanied by the Providence Brass & Woodwind Ensemble*

+ Benediction

+ Postlude    “Noel Medley”                                    arr. by Leslie D. Cradlaugh



## 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.

**No Wednesday Night Dinner on Dec. 25th!**  
The next Wednesday Night Dinner will be on Jan. 8th sponsored by Gary Vest!

The **Christmas card mail box** is in the Narthex! Don't forget to pick up your mail. Cards left at the end of January will **not** be forwarded!

There will be 1 more session of the Advent Bible Study "**Because of Bethlehem**" (by Max Lucado) on Monday, Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm.



**Christmas Eve Services**

**Family/Traditional Service**  
5:30pm  
The Youth Choir  
will be singing!

**Candlelight & Communion**  
11:00pm

*Christmas*  
EVE

If you have a donation that you want counted in 2019, please be sure that it is in the church office **no later than Tuesday, December 31st** or **postmarked December 31st.** Anything

received after that date will be counted towards your 2020 giving.



### Holiday Office Hours

Monday, 12/23, 10am-4pm  
Tuesday, 12/24, 10am-noon  
Wednesday, 12/25, Closed, Merry Christmas  
Thursday, 12/26, 10am-noon

Monday, 12/30, 10am-4pm  
Tuesday, 12/31, 10am-noon  
Wednesday, 1/1, Closed, Happy New Year  
Thursday, 1/2, 10am-4pm

### Progressive Dinner



We need four volunteers to feed the Youth on Sunday, Dec. 29th. A **Progressive Dinner** sounds fun, right? The caravan of four youth and three adults will progress to the homes of our four hosts. Stop #1 will be at 5:30pm and the last at 7:30pm. We would especially love it if you could share a Christmas story, pictures, whatever you like with the youth while they enjoy each course of their dinner. In addition to dining with friends, they will be looking at the neighborhood decorations while traveling to the next destination of each course.

- Stop #1—Appetizer
- Stop #2—Vegetable/Salad
- Stop #3-Entrée
- Stop #4-Dessert

If you would like to participate in this experience for the Youth, please contact Donna Smith directly at: (443) 366-2537.

It's not too early to submit your **2020 Committee Meeting Dates and Volunteer Schedules**. Please send your information to: [Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) as soon as possible. The office needs your January Volunteers this week so we can list them in the January 5th bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation!

The **2020 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway near the water fountain. The **BLUE** flower order forms are below it. *Please remember that payment should accompany the blue form. Please put completed forms and your check in the offering plate or bring them to the office. Please do not put your name on the calendar until you submit your form and payment.*



**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. (There will be NO CHAIR AEROBICS on Dec. 24th!)
- **The Walking Club** - Tuesdays at 10:30 in the PUMC Lot—Weather Permitting. (The Walking Club will NOT meet on Tues., Dec. 24th!)
- **AMUMC Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service** - Dec. 24th at 11PM! 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.

**December 22:** We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For an end to child abuse; for healthy relationships between children and their caregivers; for families going through divorce; and for all in the midst of life transitions.

To connect with our email prayer ministry, you

**Apportionments have been suspended as of August 2019.**

**PUMC Financial Report as of November 30, 2019**

	November	2019 YTD	2018 YTD
Receipts	\$24,043.85	\$268,207.97	\$316,301.76
Disbursements	\$23,815.03	\$320,666.56	\$322,154.42
Net Receipts	\$228.82	(\$52,458.59)	(\$5,852.66)
Operating Fund	\$44,578.62		

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)
- \* Mae Clarke
- \* Keri L. Coleman (cancer, Dave Robinson's friend)
- \* The family of Dana Dirickson (died 11/6; sister of Reyna Skrabala)
- \* Rev. William Duganne
- \* Dawn DiSavino (Friend of Karen Duncan)
- \* **Anne Carroll Ezzelle** (teacher at Reams Elementary)
- \* The family of Jimmy Groome (died 12-3)
- \* 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
- \* **Janice Mannering** (Bill Mannering's sister-in-law)
- \* 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)
- \* The Family of Edward Vernon (died 12-1—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 22

- 9:00 PUMC Connections Service (S)
- 9:30 AMUMC Sunday School
- 9:45 PUMC Sunday School
- 11:00 PUMC Traditional Service (S)
- 11:00 AMUMC Worship Service (C)

## Monday, December 23

- 10:00 AMUMC Prayer Group (206)
  - 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
  - 6:30 "Because of Bethlehem" (205)
- (Newsletter Deadline updates would be appreciated by the end of the day)**

## Tuesday, December 24-Christmas Eve

*Church Office Closes at Noon*

- 5:30 Family Service w/Communion (S)
- 11:00 Candlelight & Communion Service (S)

## Wednesday, December 25-Merry Christmas!

Church Office Closed

## Thursday, December 26

*Church Office Closes at Noon*

- 10:00 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 6:15 Men's Study (L)
- 6:30 AA (205)
- 6:30 PUMC Praise Band (S)
- 6:30 UMW Leadership Team (309)

## Friday, December 27

- 8:00 AA (309)

## Saturday, December 28

# 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 Joshua

### Greeters:

9:00 Nickie Price (Library)

11:00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Library)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Narthex)

### Reader:

Carolyn Sharp

### Ushers:

9:00 Tony Fleshman  
Bill Blankenship

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

### Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe  
Steve Oliver

### Nursery:

9:00 Laurie Breeden  
SS Wendy Collins

11:00 Laurie Breeden &  
Wendy Collins

### Audio/Visual Team:

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

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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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### Pastor

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### Children's Ministries

#### 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

## 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