

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
July 23, 2006

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Preparing our Hearts to Worship

We invite you to center your hearts and minds during a few moments of musical meditation as we prepare to worship our God.

Call to Worship

Leader: *Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son!*

People: **And they shall name him Emmanuel.**

Leader: *Which means: God is with us!*

All: **Let us worship God, who is present with us, now and forever more!**

* Hymn No. 182 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Call to Confession (First in Unison and then in Silent Confession)

Gracious God, You call us to come and adore You, but often, we are too preoccupied to hear Your voice. Our lives are full – full of things that keep our hearts and minds focused on ourselves. Forgive us for ignoring Your call to see beyond our own lives. You call us to first love You, then to love others as we love ourselves. O Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us the grace to share the love of Jesus with all people – for that is truly the greatest gift the world has ever known.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Hymn No. 188 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Special Music

Children's Choir

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Darren and Joan Stuart to Children's Church

Prayer Requests, Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

First Lesson

Matthew 1:18-25

* Hymn No. 186 "Silent Night! Holy Night!"

Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

* Hymn No. 203 "Away in A Manger"

Third Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

* Hymn No. 185 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon

"Christmas in July?"

Rev. Lisa Nance

* Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Hymn No. 179 "Joy to the World!"

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers. The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ken and Sandra Lordi in honor of their grandchildren.

Newsletter. If you have items that should appear in the August newsletter, please have that information to DeEtta Wood by Thursday, July 27. Thanks!

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers:

Jimmy Stuart and Kent Walton

Acolyte and Bell Ringer:

Joseph Phillips

Infant Nursery: Johnathan and Amy Reed

Toddlers: Lisa Ingram

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, July 30:

Ushers:

David Collier and Russell Wood

Acolyte: Haley Jones

Bell Ringer: Adam Ingram

Children's Sermon: Nancy Nelms **Children's Church:** Kay Dry & Sandra Lordi

Infant Nursery: Sue Bryant and Carolyn Stuart

Toddlers: Roxann Porter

Events for this week:

Today, July 23: Children's Choir Rehearsal from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and **Christmas in July** during Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, July 24: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 26: No Adult Choir Rehearsal this week

Thursday, July 27: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 30: Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., followed by Combined Adult Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. **Baby Shower for Chris and Kristy Stephenson from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Upcoming Events:

July 31: Pastor Nominating Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 2: Christian Education Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

August 5: Cub Scout Pack 210 YARD SALE from 7:00 a.m. – 12 noon

August 13: The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship at 11:00 a.m.

August 26: Churchwide Pool Party and Fellowship Meal at McGee's Crossroads Pool from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings. Everyone is invited to come and bring a side dish or dessert!

The Prayer List

Christy Anderson, Jeff Anderson, Richie Andrews, Bevoline Brooks, Josephine Byrd, Mickey Carroll, Carol Clifton, Vera Critcher, Will Duncan, Lovie Dorman, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Ricky Jackson, Chris Johnson, Tim Lang, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Eloise McLeod, Julia Nales, Mike Sanchez, Mary Serman, Harry and Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, and Margaret White.

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe God's mission for Providence Presbyterian Church is:

To make new disciples by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,

To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,

To serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,

And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.

Providence Presbyterian Church



Jesus Christ touching lives through us
and growing His church

*Rev. Lisa Nance
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