

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
YOUTH SUNDAY
December 3, 2006**

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements Ryne Jones

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship Ryne Jones

Meditation in Silence, Preparing our hearts for Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle Emily Langdon, Amanda McLamb,
Jane Pickens, and Sam Stephenson

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

Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession and Moment of Silent Prayer

Gracious God, on this first Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the beginning of our season of anticipation. But God, we confess that often what we are anticipating has more to do with the things we want to have and the things we want to get done than with the life You are calling us to live. We fail to live as if we believe You are actually about to break into our world. Forgive us Lord. Teach us the purpose of anticipation and grant us the grace to cling to the promise that Your birth brought to the world.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Hymn No. 198 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Children's Sermon Lauren Collier

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory Austin Benson, Lauren Collier, and Lauren Langdon

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Come, Child of Peace" Adult Choir

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Mark and Pam Nelms to Children's Church

Prayer Requests, Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 25:1-10 Courtney Walton

* Hymn No. 153 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:25-36 Stewart Pickens

Youth Speaker Christina Nelms

Sermon "To Be Expecting" Rev. Lisa Nance

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed Ryne Jones

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

* Acolyte, Benediction, and Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to stand*

If you are a guest this morning, a warm welcome! Our ushers are available to help you with directions to our nursery and restrooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Christmas Program: The Youth Christmas Program is scheduled for today at **4:00 p.m.** All youth and adults participating in the program are asked to be at the church at 3:00 p.m. Following the program, there will be a time of refreshments and a visit from Santa Claus in the Fellowship Hall.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Ryan Nelms and Stewart Pickens
Acolyte and Bell Ringer: Kendall Nelms
Infant Nursery: Robbie and Kathy Wood
Toddler Nursery: Richard and Andrea Jones

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 10:

Ushers: Kay Dry and Sandra Lordi
Acolyte & Bell Ringer: Abigail Wood
Children's Sermon: Ann Benson
Children's Church: Sam and Wendy Stephenson
Infant Nursery: Jenni Dry and Carolyn Stevenson
Toddler Nursery: Roxann Porter and Heather White

Events for this week:

Today, Dec 3: Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Worship at 11:00 a.m. Youth Christmas Program at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 5: Senior Citizen's Luncheon at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, Dec 6: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Paul and Ann Stephenson.

Sunday, Dec 10: Children's Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

December 12. Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner and Program at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

December 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with the Christmas Joy Gift Offering collected during the 11:00 service.

December 31. Coffee and doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., followed by Combined Adult Sunday School.

The Prayer List

Jeff Anderson, Richie Andrews, Josephine Byrd, Carol Clifton, Kim Creech, Lovie Dorrman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Ricky Jackson, Vernon Jackson, Chris Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, Tim Lang, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Amanda Moore, Julia Nales, John O'Connell, Jenny Parsons, Jamie Pearce, Mike Sanchez, Harry and Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Suzanne Underwood, and Barbara Walton.

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.