

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 17, 2006**

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Meditation in Silence, Preparing our hearts for Worship

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Mary, Emily, & Lauren Langdon*

* Hymn No. 180 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

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

Lord Jesus, on this third Sunday of Advent we are called to celebrate with joy all the events of Your birth. We confess that we often feel too caught up in the hectic pace of this season to really enjoy any of what we are doing. The gift giving, the gatherings and the greetings can all lose their true meaning when we lose sight of You. Forgive us Lord. Clear our minds, focus our hearts and open our spirits so that the joy You offer us might be the gift we truly receive.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Hymn No. 189 "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Children's Sermon *Carolyn Stephenson*

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "A Star Will Soon Shine" *Adult Choir*

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Sam and Wendy Stephenson Children's Church

Prayer Requests, Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Epistle Lesson *Philippians 4:11-13*

* Hymn No. 184 "What Child Is This"

Gospel Lesson *Luke 1:26-38*

Sermon "Mission Possible?" *Rev. Lisa Nance*

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostle's Creed* *Page 12, Red Hymnbook*

The Service of Installation of Elders

The Constitutional Questions

Prayer

Welcome and Greeting

* Hymn No. 229 "The First Noel" (verses 1, 3 and 6)

* 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 Meeting. Today, the Youth Group will not have their regular youth meeting. However, they will leave immediately following Worship to go to Target at White Oak Shopping Center to purchase gifts for the Barium Springs Home for Children. The group will also eat lunch after shopping. Anyone with questions regarding this youth outing is asked to contact Bob Dry or Mary Langdon.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers:

Jenni Dry and Crissy Porter

Acolyte and Bell Ringer:

Daniel Stephenson

Infant Nursery:

Nell Franke and Jeffrey Wood

Toddler Nursery:

Joan Littleton and Carolyn Stuart

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 24:

Ushers:

Mary Langdon and Beth Pickens

Acolyte & Bell Ringer:

Hannah Stephenson

Children's Church:

Robbie and Kathy Wood

Infant Nursery:

Johnathan and Amy Reed

Toddler Nursery:

Pam Nelms and Brenda Dupree

Events for this week:

Today, Dec 17: 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 Installation of Elders during Worship at 11:00 a.m. Pioneer Clubs Christmas Caroling Hayride at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, Dec 20: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Paul and Ann Stephenson

Sunday, Dec 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. **A nursery will be provided at the 5:00 p.m. service.**

Upcoming Events

January 6. Presbyterian Women to take down Advent and Christmas decorations

January 7. Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m.

January 16. Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Prayer List

The family of Reba Langdon. Also, Jeff Anderson, Richie Andrews, Wayne Brewer, Josephine Byrd, Carol Clifton, Kim Creech, Lovie Dorrman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Sheila Ivey, Ricky Jackson, Vernon Jackson, Chris Johnson, Dorothy Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, Tim Lang, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Amanda Moore, Julia Nales, John O'Connell, Grover Osborne, Jenny Parsons, Jamie Pearce, Peyton Rodgers, Mike Sanchez, Harry and Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, and Suzanne Underwood.

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 worshipping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.