

Providence Presbyterian Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 9, 2007

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Bob and Nadine Reed

Call to Worship

Psalm 72

Leader: *Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.*

People: ***Blessed be Your glorious name forever, O God, may Your glory fill the whole earth.***

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

* Hymn 198

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O God, you judge Your people with righteousness, we judge our neighbors either right of wrong. Your Servant defended the cause of the poor, it is because of our greed that many still want. You bring deliverance to the needy, but we stand in the way of its being received. You send us a Savior who will crush the oppressor, but we raise up idols in his stead. Make us mindful of Your dominion, how You rule while sun and moon endure. May we bow down before You and pay You tribute that You are due..

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *The peace that passes all understanding is found in God's good news of Jesus Christ in whom we are forgiven!*

People: ***God's love is made real in a baby laying in a manger where the Prince of Peace became flesh. Praise God for Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.***

* Responsive Praise

“The First Noel” (verses 1, 2 & 3)

Hymn 229

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children's Message

Carolyn Stevenson

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn 34

The Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem

“What Child Is This”

Adult Choir

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Richard and Andrea Jones to Children's Church

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The New Testament

Romans 15:4-13

Sermon

“Peace on Earth and God's Good Will”

Rev. Jim Davis

* Hymn 186

“Silent Night! Holy Night!”

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

*Hymn 114

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

* *Signifies Congregation to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins. If you, or someone you know, would like a bulletin mailed to you at home, please contact Nadine Reed at 910.893.4336.

Christmas Cantata. The Providence Christmas Cantata is scheduled for next Sunday, December 16 with performances at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Following the 6:00 p.m. performance a meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall. The meal is of no cost, but donations will be accepted to go towards the support of a needy family in our community for the holidays.

Congregational Meeting. The Session is calling a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, December 16, immediately following Worship, for the purpose of electing three elders for the Class of 2010. The Nominating Committee will present Sandra Lordi, Mark Nelms, and Atlee Roberts for nomination. Nominations may be made from the floor if the nominee has agreed ahead of time to be nominated.

DECEMBER SCRIPTURE VERSE

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore..” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Kay Dry and Lisa Nelms
Acolyte and Bell Ringer: Hannah Stephenson
Infant Nursery: Beth and Jane Pickens
Toddler Nursery: Christina Nelms and Jeffrey Wood

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 16:

Ushers: Brenda Dupree and Carolyn Stevenson
Acolyte and Bell Ringer: Daniel Stephenson
Infant Nursery: Kelly Nordan and Elaine Wood
Toddler Nursery: Mary Langdon and Carolyn Stuart

Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Adult Sunday School Assembly; Children's Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m.: Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship
6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall

Events for the week:

Tuesday, Dec 11: Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 12: Christmas Cantata Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. All children, youth and adults involved in this cantata should plan to be at this rehearsal
Sunday, Dec 16: Christmas Cantata at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. A catered meal will be provided following the 6:00 p.m. performance. The meal is of no cost, but donations are appreciated to go towards the support of a needy family in our community.
Sunday, Dec 16: Congregational Meeting, immediately following Worship to elect Elders for the Class of 2010.

Upcoming Events:

December 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.