

# Providence Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Advent  
December 16, 2007

Prelude *Dr. Henry Goodman, Samuel, Hannah, and Daniel Stephenson*

Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Brenda Byrd and Janice Parrish*

Call to Worship *Psalm 146*

Leader: *Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,*

People: ***who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;***

Leader: *The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;*

People: ***The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!***

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

\* Hymn 218 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Confession of Sin *(In Unison)*

***You have taught us to be patient and promised to supply our needs, O God. Yet we grow weary of waiting and restless with our wants. We blame our troubles on brothers and sisters, withholding from them the tolerance and care you have shown to us. O God, forgive our indulgence and help us to stand firm. In Christ you showed patience with the world in spite of the cross. Teach us to be patient, that in Christ we may have endurance in spite of our need.***

Assurance of Forgiveness

\* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Offertory *Dr. Henry Goodman, Samuel, Hannah, and Daniel Stephenson*

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication *Hymn 34*

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

## Christmas Cantata

In the Bleak Midwinter *Providence Women*  
*arranged by Brittany Kefauver*

**Luke 1:30-32**

Mary, Did You Know? *Laura McLamb*  
*arranged by Brittany Kefauver*

**Luke 1:34-35, 38**

I Wonder as I Wander

**Luke 2:1-4**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

**Luke 2:6-7**

The First Noel / Pachelbel's Canon

Rise Up, Shepherd and Follow *Providence Men*  
*arranged by Brittany Kefauver*

**Luke 2:9-14**

O Come, All Ye Faithful *Lauren Langdon*

Angels We Have Heard on High *Providence Children and Youth*

**Luke 2:16-18**

O Holy Night *Justin Smith*

**Luke 2:20**

Silent Night *Kathy Wood, accompanist*

Acolyte and Benediction

**Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders for the Class of 2010**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bulletins.** If you, or some you know, would like a bulletin mailed to you at home, please contact Nadine Reed at 910-893-4336.

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

<b>Ushers:</b>	Brenda Dupree and Sandra Lordi
<b>Acolyte/Bell Ringer:</b>	Joseph Phillips
<b>Infant Nursery:</b>	Kelly Nordan and Elaine Wood
<b>Toddler Nursery:</b>	Mary Langdon and Carolyn Stuart

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 23:

<b>Ushers:</b>	Mary Langdon and Beth Pickens
<b>Acolyte and Bell Ringer:</b>	Justin Wood
<b>Children's Church:</b>	Sue Bryant and Elaine Wood
<b>Infant Nursery:</b>	Pam and Lauren Collier
<b>Toddler Nursery:</b>	Kay Dry and Lauren Langdon

### Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Adult Sunday School Assembly

10:00 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children

11:00 a.m.: Christmas Cantata during Worship, followed by a Congregational Meeting.

6:00 p.m.: Christmas Cantata - Everyone is invited to come! A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following this performance.

### Events for the week:

**Wednesday, December 19:** Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Upcoming Events:

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

### The Prayer List

Jeff Anderson, Elaine Andrews, Josephine Byrd, Stacy Byrd, Carol Clifton, Tony Docherty, Sheila Dupree, Bill Embrey, Valerie Ennis, Gene Glasgow, Sheila Ivey, Chris Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, David Kopanski, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Carol Nauquin, Jim Parrish, Jenny Parsons, Victor Phillips, Jonathan Pourron, Peyton Rodgers, Larry Ross, Alice Stephenson, Jimmy Stephenson, Paul Stephenson, Wayne Stephenson, Carolyn Stevenson, David Stewart, Christine Wallace, Victoria Whitman, and Rosemond and Ann Woodall.