

Providence Presbyterian Church

Fifth Sunday
December 30, 2007

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 148

Leader: *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!*

People: **Praise him, all His angels; praise Him, all His host!**

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.*

People: **He established them forever and ever; He fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*

People: **For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above earth and heaven.**

All: **Praise the LORD!**

* Hymn 188 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O Merciful God, forgive our sinfulness in this place and time. We praise Your holy name and ask You to send Your Holy Spirit into us so that we may be convicted and turn towards You. We so often seek the things of this world to fill our needs and desires. Rescue us from ourselves, O God, and open the eyes of our hearts so we may see those around us in need. Pour Your Love and Truth into our hearts so we may seek You in all we say and do.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *The hope of the world through the Son of God is the good news of Jesus Christ in whom we are forgiven!*

People: **God has given us the joyful gift of eternal life, realized in a baby lying in a manger. Praise God for Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, Amen.**

* Responsive Praise “What Child Is This” Hymn 184

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children's Message Andrea Jones

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn 34

The Old Testament Isaiah 63:7-9

Special Music DeEtta Wood

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Gary & Georgeanna Phillips to Children's Church

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

The New Testament Luke 15:4-10

Sermon “Know God - Know joy ... no God - no joy” Rev. Jim Davis

* Hymn 180 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Poinsettias. If you purchased a poinsettia, please feel free to take it with you following today's service.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Sue Bryant and Elaine Wood

Acolyte and Bell Ringer: Daniel Stephenson

Infant Nursery: Amanda McLamb and Linda Roberts

Toddler Nursery: Jane Pickens and Roxann Porter

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 next Sunday, January 6:

Ushers: Dick Embrey and Russell Wood
Acolyte/Bell Ringer: Joseph Phillips
Children's Message: Darren Stuart
Children's Church: David and Pam Collier
Infant Nursery: Kent and Gwen Walton
Toddler Nursery: Courtney and Abbey Walton

Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Coffee and Doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.: Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m.: Worship and Christmas Cantata, Congregational Meeting,

Events for the week:

Wednesday, Jan 2: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Saturday, Jan 5: Presbyterian Women to take down Advent/Christmas decorations at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

January 6. Installation and Ordination of Elders for the Class of 2010 during worship at 11:00 a.m.
January 6. Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m., and Youth Group at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.
January 8. Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
January 15. Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **There will be no PW Coordinating Team meeting in January.**
January 27. Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The Prayer List

The family of Tony Docherty. Also, Jeff Anderson, Elaine Andrews, Rachel Burnette, Josephine Byrd, Stacy Byrd, Carol Clifton, Sheila Dupree, Bill Embrey, Valerie Ennis, Gene Glasgow, Tim Hudson, Sheila Ivey, Chris Johnson, Lacy and Marilyn Johnson, David Kopanski, Carolyn Lewis, Joan Littleton, Carol Mayben, Carol Nauquin, Jim Parrish, Jenny Parsons, Victor Phillips, Jonathan Pourron, Peyton Rodgers, Larry Ross, Alan Sanders, Alice Stephenson, Jimmy Stephenson, Paul Stephenson, Wayne Stephenson, Carolyn Stevenson, David Stewart, David Stowe, Chris Wade, Christine Wallace, Victoria Whitman, Robbie Wood, and Rosemond and Ann Woodall.

Providence Presbyterian Church



Jesus Christ touching lives through us
and growing His church

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.