

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
November 30, 2008

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Jon, Chris, Tim and Robert Nooney*

Call to Worship Psalm 28

Leader: *To you, O LORD, I call; my rock,*

People: *be our shepherd, and carry us forever.*

Leader: *The LORD is our strength and our shield*

People: *Hear our supplication, as we cry to You for help,*

Leader: *in You, O LORD, our hearts trust*

People: *and with our song we give thanks.*

Leader: *The LORD is the strength of his people;*

People: *he is the saving refuge of his anointed.*

Leader: *O save Your people, and bless Your heritage;*

People: *be our shepherd, and carry us forever.*

All: *Let us worship our Lord God, Amen.*

Opening Hymn “O Come, All Ye Faithful” #182

Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O LORD, You shepherd Your flock, gathering us from our wanderings, assembling us in Christ’s name to learn of Your will. Your covenant names us, Your law guides us. The prophets attest to Your promise that we shall not be forsaken. We fail to call Your name in times of joy and in times of pain, forgive our sins and restore us to a right relationship to You. With great expectation we watch for Your unfolding plan of salvation. Be present with us and guide us toward the truth in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *We celebrate Your grace made flesh this Advent season.*

People: *all are redeemed in Your gift to the world, Christ our Savior.*

*Responsive Hymn “Sing We Now of Christmas” #193

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children’s Message Rev. Davis

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology *Hymn # 34*

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 64:1-9

Anthem “Come, Child of Peace” Adult Choir

Musical Interlude

(Children exit with Christy Cross and Elaine Wood to Children’s Church)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Lesson Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon “Green, A Color of Hope” Rev. Jim Davis

*Dedication Hymn “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” #189

* Acolyte and Benediction

* Postlude

* Signifies Congregation to Stand

November Scripture Passage

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” *Matthew 5:13-16*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM. The Children and Youth will have their Annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. All children and youth who would like to participate, should be at the next rehearsal today at 5:00 p.m. and December 6 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Kristy Stephenson.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Sandy Kopanski and Lisa Weatherly **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Joseph Phillips
Nursery Workers: Linda Roberts, Darren and Joan Stuart

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 7:

Ushers: Kay Dry and Christy Cross **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Daniel Stephenson
Children's Sermon: Nancy Nelms **Children's Church:** Mary and Emily Langdon
Nursery Workers: Melinda Kendall, Mark, Pam and Kendall Nelms

Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults
10:25 a.m.: Fellowship Time for everyone in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m.: Worship
5:00 p.m.: Children/Youth Christmas Program Rehearsal

Events for this week:

Tuesday, Dec 2: Senior Citizens Brunch at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, Dec 3: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Thursday, Dec 4: *Back to Basics* Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 6: Choir Christmas Cantata Rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.; Children/Youth Christmas Program rehearsal at 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec 7: The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship at 11:00 a.m.; Children/Youth Christmas Program at 6:00 p.m., followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events:

December 9. Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
December 13. Presbyterian Women Christmas Brunch and Thank Offering program at 10:30 a.m. in the Manse
December 13. High School & Middle School Youth Groups Rake & Run from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m.
December 14. Youth Sunday during Worship
December 14. Middle School Youth Group Mall Trip from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m.
December 21. Christmas Cantata during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service and the Collection of the Christmas Joy Gift Offering
December 21. Middle and High School Youth Group lunch, Secret Santa and Caroling from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

The Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

We give thanks to God for all those who give of their time, talents, passion, and love to Providence. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

CONCERNS:

The family of Terry Stephenson
Sherry Baker, *friend of Mary Langdon, cancer*
Annie Ruth Barbour, *friend of Kathy Ryals, cancer*
Kathy Barbour, *member of community, cancer*
Tony Barnes, *friend of Randy Benson, recovering from severe head injury*
Douglas Benson, *Randy Benson's brother, cancer*
Edward Bernier, *Pam Collier's father, cancer*
Eddie Blanks, *Randy Benson's friend, tumor*
Jeannie Byers, *John Pickens' sister, degenerative spine*
Austin Byrd, *teenage member of community, recovering from 4-wheeler accident*
Stacy Byrd, *member of community, cancer*
Sarah Clayton, *friend of Chellie Poston, recovering from car accident*
William Collier, *David Collier's brother, health concerns*
Eve Cowherd, *friend of Joan Stuart, health concerns*
Christina Davison, *friend of Heath and Heather White, deployed to Iraq*
Mike Ertis, *friend of Randy Benson, shoulder surgery*
Bruce Faircloth, *member of community, cancer*
Ashley Green, *friend of Beth Pickens, lymphoma*
Rebecca Green, *friend of Beth Pickens, staph infection*
Barry Howard, *friend of Sandy Kopanski, cancer*
Brack Johnson, *member of church family, health concerns*
Lacy & Marilyn Johnson, *members of church family, health concerns*
David Kopanski, *John Kopanski's brother, cancer*
Annie Lewis, *member of church family, recovering from surgery*
Carol Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, cancer*
Julia Nales, *member of our community, cancer*
Brenda Pacheco, *friend of Ken and Sandra Lordi, cancer*
Philip Pleasant, *member of community, recovering from aneurism*
Alice Stephenson, *member of church family, health concerns*
Jimmy Stephenson, *member of community, cancer*
Pete Stephenson, *member of community, cancer*
David Stewart, *Kathy Wood's uncle, health concerns*
Pete Thompson, *friend of Worth Bowman, cancer*
Chris Wade, *relative of Bob & Nadine Reed, medical concerns*

If you have changes/additions to the prayer list, please contact DeEtta Wood at jdwood72@gmail.com or 919.331.9046

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
Rev. Jim Davis

Beck McLamb <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	<u><i>Class of 2008</i></u> Nadine Reed <i>Congregational Care</i>	Elaine Wood <i>Christian Education</i>
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John Kopanski <i>Personnel & Clerk of Session</i>	<u><i>Class of 2009</i></u> Steve Nordan <i>Long-Range Planning</i>	Kent Walton <i>Fellowship</i>
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Sandra Lordi <i>Finance</i>	<u><i>Class of 2010</i></u> Mark Nelms <i>Worship</i>	Atlee Roberts <i>Property & Facilities</i>
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Staff

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Ann Stephenson

Pianist
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Webmaster
David Nelms

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*