

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
COMMUNION SUNDAY
December 7, 2008

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle *Heath and Heather White*

Call to Worship *From Psalm 34*

Leader: *I will bless the LORD at all times;*

People: *O magnify the LORD and let us exalt His name together.*

Leader: *The LORD saves the crushed in spirit.*

People: *The angel of the LORD and delivers them.*

Leader: *The LORD redeems the life of his servants;*

People: *none who take refuge in the LORD will be condemned.*

Leader: *The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,*

People: *Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.*

Leader: *When the righteous cry for help*

People: *the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.*

Leader: *The LORD is near and redeems the life of his servants*

People: *Let us seek peace, and pursue it*

All: *Let us praise and worship our LORD God forever*

Opening Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" #188

Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O LORD hear our confession this day. You call us to spread the Gospel to all the nations, yet we hide amongst the trappings of the world. In Jesus Christ You serve us freely, but we refuse Your love and withhold ourselves from others. In Your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to Your table and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *We celebrate Your awesome love for humanity this Advent season.*

People: *and all are redeemed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.*

*Responsive Hymn "It came Upon the Midnight Clear" #191

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children's Message Nancy Nelms

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology *Hymn # 34*

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem "Silent Night" Adult Choir

Musical Interlude

(Children exit with Mary and Emily Langdon to Children's Church)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Lesson Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon "The Color of True Peace" Rev. Jim Davis

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn: "Let us Break Bread Together" #699

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

(Please hold the cup so all may partake together)

*Dedication Hymn "O Come Let Us Adore Him" #114

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

* Signifies Congregation to Stand

December Scripture Passage

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see -- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,¹ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,¹ praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" **Luke 2:10-14**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from December 29 through January 2.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Kay Dry and Christy Cross **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Daniel Stephenson
Nursery Workers: Melinda Kendall, Mark, Pam and Kendall Nelms

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 14:

Ushers: Sandra Lordi & Carolyn Stevenson **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Abigail Wood
Children's Sermon: Kay Dry **Children's Church:** Mark and Pam Nelms
Nursery Workers: Carlos and Stephanie Bagley, and Kathy Wood

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.: The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship
6:00 p.m.: Children/Youth Christmas Program, followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

Events for this week:

Tuesday, Dec 9: Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec 10: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Thursday, Dec 11: *Back to Basics* Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec 13: High School and Middle School Youth Group Rake & Run from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. The High School Youth Group will leave from the church for Mike's Farmhouse at 2:00 p.m. where they will enjoy a Christmas hayride and dinner. The youth will be responsible for their dinner and the church will cover the cost of the hayride.
Saturday, Dec 13: Presbyterian Women Christmas Brunch and Thank Offering program at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Events:

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.
January 4. Ordination and Installation Service during Worship for the Elders of the Class of 2011.

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:

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*
Ronnie Creech, *member of church family, back problems*
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*
Barry Howard, *friend of Sandy Kopanski, cancer*
Joe Ingram, *Jim Ingram's brother, health problems*
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

Session

Class of 2008

Beck McLamb
Mission & Outreach

Nadine Reed
Congregational Care

Elaine Wood
Christian Education

Class of 2009

John Kopanski
Personnel & Clerk of Session

Steve Nordan
Long-Range Planning

Kent Walton
Fellowship

Class of 2010

Sandra Lordi
Finance

Mark Nelms
Worship

Atlee Roberts
Property & Facilities

Staff

Secretary
DeEtta Wood

Music Director
Brittany Kefauver

Treasurer - Accounting
Joan Littleton

Treasurer - Collections
Ann Benson

Organist
Ann Stephenson

Pianist
DeEtta Wood

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.*