

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
YOUTH SUNDAY
December 14, 2008

Welcome

Prelude Jarrett Cross, Samuel, Hannah, and Daniel Stephenson

Acolyte Abigail Wood

Announcements Lauren Collier

Lighting of the Advent Candle
Austin Benson, Emily Langdon, Will Langdon, and Kendall Nelms

Call to Worship (from Psalm 122) Lauren Collier

Leader: *Let us go to the house of the LORD!*

People: *give thanks to the name of the LORD.*

Leader: *For there the thrones for judgment were set up,*

People: *the thrones of the house of David.*

Leader: *Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*

People: *“May they prosper who love you.*

Leader: *Peace be within your walls,*

People: *and security within your towers.”*

Leader: *“Peace be within you.”*

People: *we will seek the LORD our God,*

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

Opening Hymn “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” #185

Confession of Sin (In Unison) Justin Clay
O LORD, our God, You sent Your Son in the form of a baby to teach us of Your love and truth. We confess our unworthiness of Your steadfast love. We take refuge in the things of this world; we seek approval from those who would enable our sinfulness; we do that which pleases us, while turning away from You. Forgive us, O LORD, for our sinful and selfish ways, help us to know You more and draw us nearer to Your light so that we may discern Your way in our lives.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Justin Clay

Leader: *We celebrate Your joyous gift to us this Advent season.*

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

***Responsive Hymn** “The First Noel” #229

***Greeting and Rites of Friendship** Jane Pickens

Children’s Message Jane Pickens

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings Emily Langdon

Offertory Lauren Collier and Lauren Langdon

***Doxology** Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 42:1-11 Emily Langdon

Anthem “Prince of Peace” Youth Choir

Musical Interlude
(Children exit with Austin Benson and Jane Pickens to Children’s Church)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer Haley Jones, Kendall Nelms

New Testament Lesson Matthew 7:1-12 Lauren Collier

Sermon Lauren Langdon

***Dedication Hymn** “We Three Kings of Orient Are” #233

*** Acolyte** Abigail Wood

*** Benediction** Justin Clay

*** Postlude** Jarrett Cross, Samuel, Hannah, and Daniel Stephenson

** 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, 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

NEWSLETTER. The church is looking for someone to take over the responsibilities of publishing the monthly newsletter. This person will be supplied the information, articles, etc. by the church secretary. If you have experience in desktop publishing and are interested in finding out more, please contact DeEtta Wood at 331.9046.

MALL TRIP. The Middle School Youth Group will meet today in the parking lot of the church at 2:45 p.m. We will be leaving at 3:00 p.m. for Triangle Towne Center in Raleigh for a bit of Christmas shopping and returning at 7:00 p.m. Please bring enough money for gift shopping and dinner in the food court.

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

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Greeters: Daniel Stephenson and Jarrett Cross
Ushers: Joshua Collier and Joseph Phillips **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Abigail Wood
Nursery Workers: Carlos and Stephanie Bagley, and Kathy Wood

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, December 21:

Ushers: Christina Nelms and Lisa Nelms **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Jarrett Cross
Children's Sermon: Wendy Stephenson
Children's Church: Kay Dry and Carolyn Stevenson
Nursery Workers: Darren and Joan Stuart, Haley Jones and Emily Langdon

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.: Youth Sunday Worship Service
3:00 p.m.: Middle School Youth Group Mall Trip until 7:00 p.m. Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m.

Events for this week:

Wednesday, Dec 17: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday, Dec 21: Christmas Cantata and collection of the Christmas Joy Gift offering during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, Dec 21: Middle and High School Youth Group lunch, Secret Santa and Caroling from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

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.
January 4. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group meetings at 5:00 p.m.
January 18. Men's Fellowship meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom
January 20. Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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*
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*
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*
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

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Rev. Jim Davis

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Congregational Care

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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 worshipping Him through Jesus Christ
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*