

1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 28, 2008

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 148

Leader: *Praise the Lord! all His angels; praise Him, all His host!*

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

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

People: *Praise Him, you highest heavens, and waters above the heavens!*

Leader: *Praise the Lord from the earth*

People: *Mountains and the hills, Kings of the earth and all the peoples*

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

People: *for His name alone is exalted;*

All: *His glory is above earth and heaven. Let us worship the LORD!*

Opening Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” #59

Confession of Sin *(In Unison)*

O Lord God our redeemer, hear our prayer of confession. Have mercy upon us, and through Your Son Jesus Christ You have called the church to be the light of Your love in the world. You have revealed Your love through the Christ child, our Savior and Messiah. Forgive our hard hearts and selfish ways, let Your mercy and grace illuminate our souls so that we might seek Your truth and follow Your will in our lives. Forgive us, O God, and restore us into a right relationship with You.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Our hope and joy is God's unending love for all humanity.*

People: *We are forgiven through Jesus Christ the Messiah.*

*Responsive Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” #198

*Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children's Message

Wendy Stephenson

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Anthem

“Sweet Little Jesus Boy”

DeEtta Wood

Musical Interlude

(Children exit with Gary and Georgeanna Phillips to Children's Church)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Lesson

Luke 2:22-32

Sermon

“God's Revealing Light”

Rev. Jim Davis

*Dedication Hymn “Go Tell It On the Mountain” #218

* Acolyte and Benediction

* 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, 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: Pat Davis and Elaine Wood **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Hannah Stephenson
Nursery Workers: Linda Roberts, Courtney Walton and Johnathan and Amy Reed

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 4:

Ushers: Atlee Roberts and Darren Stuart **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Tim Nooney
Children's Sermon: David Collier
Children's Church: Sue Bryant and Carolyn Stuart
Nursery Workers: Mary and Emily Langdon, Amanda McLamb and Jane Pickens

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

Events for this week:

Saturday, Jan 3: Presbyterian Women to take down Advent decorations at 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

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*
Grant Joyner, *Robert Joyner's son, health concerns*
David Kopanski, *John Kopanski's brother, cancer*
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

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

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Ann Stephenson

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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.