

2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS
January 4, 2009

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Providence Session, by Beck McLamb, Nadine Reed, and Elaine Wood

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 31

Leader: *In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;*

People: *in your righteousness deliver me.*

Leader: *You are indeed my rock and my fortress;*

People: *for your name's sake lead me and guide me,*

Leader: *Into your hand I commit my spirit;*

People: *you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

Leader: *I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love*

People: *O how abundant is your goodness for those who fear you,*

Leader: *The LORD preserves the faithful,*

People: *Let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.*

All: *Let us worship the Lord our God.*

Opening Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O LORD our God, You have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have fallen short of our calling. We have been timid and frightened, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Holy Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Renew us through Your Holy Spirit that we may be given all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our calling as Your disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Those who belong to Christ Jesus are born anew,*

People: *and through our baptism we are washed clean with the blood of our Lord and Savior. Amen!*

*Responsive Hymn

“Give Thanks”

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* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children’s Message

David Collier

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:1-7

Anthem

“By One Spirit “

Adult Choir

Musical Interlude

(Children exit with Sue Bryant and Carolyn Stuart to Children’s Church)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

“Who Is At Our Gate?”

Rev. Jim Davis

Ordination and Installation of Elders *(See insert)*

*Dedication Hymn

“Just As I Am”

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* Acolyte and Benediction

* Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to Stand*

January Scripture Passage

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN: This Friday, January 9th from 7:00 pm to Sat. 7:00 a.m. please bring your sleeping bag, pillow, favorite DVD, and favorite snack of choice to the Manse!

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Atlee Roberts and Darren Stuart **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Tim Nooney
Nursery Workers: Mary and Emily Langdon and Amanda McLamb

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 11:

Ushers: Carlos Bagley and Nathan Dry **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Joseph Phillips
Children's Sermon: Ann Benson
Children's Church: Nancy and Kendall Nelms
Nursery Workers: Pam & Lauren Collier, Lauren Langdon & Carolyn Stuart

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.: Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group meetings

Events for this week:

Wednesday, Jan 7: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Thursday, Jan 8: *Back to Basics* Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan 9: High School Youth Group Lock-In at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Jan 11: High School and Middle School Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

January 18. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group at 5:00 p.m.; Men's Fellowship 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.
January 30. Middle School Youth Group Lock-in: Friday 7:00 pm - Sat. 7:00 a.m.

The Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

We gratefully offer a word of thanks to Elaine Wood, Beck McLamb, and Nadine Reed for their service on session and welcome Gary Phillips, Carolyn Stevenson, and Russell Wood to the stewardship and service the session provides for Providence. We give thanks to God for all those who give of their time, talents, passion, and love to the mission and ministry of 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 ATV 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

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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Gary Phillips	<u><i>Class of 2011</i></u> Carolyn Stevenson	Russell Wood
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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 worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.



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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRESENTATION

Pastor: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good, and

ALL: together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to different areas of service in a particular church. In baptism, *Carolyn Stevenson, Gary Phillips, Russell Wood* were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of grace and service as elders, announcing in word and deed the love of Jesus Christ.

CLERK: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Providence Presbyterian Church now ordains *Carolyn Stevenson* to the office of elder and installs *Carolyn Stevenson, Gary Phillips, Russell Wood* them to active service.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline?

Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

CLERK: Do we, the members of the church, accept *Carolyn Stevenson, Gary Phillips, Russell Wood* as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

CLERK: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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