

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 13, 2009

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

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

Lighting of Hope, Peace & Love Candles and Call to Worship

From Isaiah 12:2-6 Brenda Byrd & Joseph Phillips

Leader: *Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

People: *In that day you will say: Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, make known among the nations what He has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted.*

Leader: *Sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.*

People: *Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel among you.*

Leader: *The time is coming when people will sing praise to the Lord.*

People: *God is our Savior, we will trust Him and not be afraid.*

Leader: *The Lord gives us power and strength; He is our Savior.*

All: *As fresh water brings joy to the thirsty, so we rejoice in the God of our salvation. Amen.*

Prayer (In Unison)

We praise you, O Lord, for Your patience with us. We are prone to forget that You sent Your Son into the world that we might have the abundant life that comes when we put our whole trust in You. May this time of worship be a time of renewal, an awakening of our faith, and a deepening of our commitment to live lives worthy of disciples of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen..

*Responsive Hymn **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel “** **# 154**

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Presentation of Confirmand for Profession of Faith

Recognition of Confirmand

* Apostle's Creed

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 9:6

Anthem “Angels, We Have Heard on High”

Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Church

(Children ages 4-7 exit with Phil and Christy Cross)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 13:12-13

Sermon

“God's Gift of Love”

Rev. Jim Davis

*** Communion Hymn**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

(Please hold the cup so all may partake together)

***Dedication Hymn “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” # 198**

*** 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, 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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FUNDRAISER. The Presbyterian Women will host a Chicken Pastry Supper and Silent Auction on Friday, January 22 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$7 per plate, eat-in or take-out. Those attending will have an opportunity to bid silently on handmade items, gift cards, home-baked goods, etc. during the Silent Auction. All monies raised from this event will go towards the purchase of new pew cushions for the sanctuary. If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, or help in anyway, please contact DeEtta Wood.

DVD IS READY! The “2009 DVD – Year In Review” is now ready for delivery! Please find the order form in today’s bulletin or on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Be sure to check the delivery by December 20 box is you want to give this DVD for a Christmas present.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Pat Davis and Lisa Weatherly
Nursery Workers:

Acolyte/Bell Ringer: Rob Nooney
Mary, Emily & Lauren Langdon

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, Dec 20:

Ushers: Kay Dry and Roxann Porter

Acolyte/Bell Ringer: Abigail Wood
Chris and Kristy Stephenson

Children’s Church:

Nursery:

Darren & Joan Stuart, Johnathan & Amy Reed

Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults; New Member’s Class

10:25 a.m.: Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper during Worship

12:30 p.m.: Youth Group lunch, gift exchange, and caroling until 3:30 p.m.

Weekly Events:

Monday, Dec 14: Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 15: Presbyterian Women Christmas Dinner and Program at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Dec 16: Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.; Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 17: Adult Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec 19: FINAL Christmas Cantata Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. Everyone participating in the Cantata should attend this practice.

Upcoming Events:

December 20. Christmas Cantata during Worship; Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group Christmas Caroling at 5:00 p.m.

December 24. Christmas Eve Communion Services at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

January 2. Clean-up the Church from Advent/Christmas at 9:00 a.m.

January 3. Pioneer Clubs and Youth Group resume their meetings at 5:00 p.m.

January 22. Presbyterian Women Chicken Pastry Supper and Silent Auction from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Praise the Lord for the Season of Advent and all the hope, peace and love it brings!

CONCERNS:

The family of Teresa Weintraub

Elaine Andrews, *Andrea Jones’ mother, health concerns*

Pam Aycok-Grimes, *Robin Grimes’ wife, breast cancer*

Sylvia Barbour, *member of community, recovering from a stroke*

Jerry Batchelor, *Linda Roberts’ nephew-in-law, cancer*

Edward Bernier, *Pam Collier’s father, cancer*

Billy Blackmon, *Randy Benson’s cousin, health problems*

Jean Blalock, *member of community, cancer*

Eddie Blanks, *Randy Benson’s friend, tumor*

Patsy Bowman, *member of church family, hip replacement*

Jeannie Byers, *John Pickens’ sister, degenerative spine*

Betty Carroll, *Linda Roberts’ sister, health concerns*

Shelby Clifton, *member of community, health concerns*

Justin Coats, *son of J.L. and Barbara Coats, deployed to Afghanistan*

Megan Collins, *Bob Zattiero’s niece, recovering from car accident*

Odell Council, *friend of Lisa Nelms, health concerns*

Brad Davis, *Rev. Davis’ dad, lung cancer*

Bill Duncan, *husband of Charlotte Johnson Duncan, heart surgery*

Larry Ezzelle, *Brandy Joyner’s uncle, cancer*

David Kopanski, *John Kopanski’s brother, cancer*

Norbert Kopanski, *John Kopanski’s dad, health concerns*

Carol Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski’s sister-in-law, cancer*

Wanza Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski’s mother, health concerns*

Jeremy Muncert, *friend of community, recovering from car accident*

Willie Naylor, *friend of Jeff Wood, cancer*

Stephen Nicholson, *friend of Melinda Kendall, deployed to Iraq*

Ray Nooney, *Jon Nooney’s father, health concerns*

Thomas Nooney, *Jon Nooney’s uncle, stroke*

Maxine O’Connell, *friend of Lisa Nelms, cancer*

Pat Penny, *member of community, breast cancer*

Carter Pepper, *2-year old awaiting bone marrow transplant*

Roxann Porter, *member of church family, reconstructive ear surgery*

Charles Powell, *Brandy Joyner’s uncle, cancer*

Ina Jean Powell, *Chris Roberts’ aunt, cancer*

Robert Powell, *Brandy Joyner’s dad, cancer*

Pete and Brenda Skinner, *friends of Sue Bryant, health concerns*

Michael Tillis, *Chris Nooney’s nephew, deployed to Iraq*

Skylar Wagner, *5-year old neighbor of the Bagleys, health concerns*

Angie Walton, *Barbara Walton’s daughter-in-law, pregnancy concerns*

Kathy Ward, *friend of Ann Stephenson, lung cancer*

Carmen Watson, *friend of Brandy Joyner, cancer*

Kay Williams, *friend of Sandy Kopanski, cancer*

Ann Woodall, *member of church family, health concerns*

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Alice Honeycutt at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Angier

Brack Johnson at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield

Lacy & Marilyn Johnson at Britthaven in Smithfield

Alice Stephenson at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Angier

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
 Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2009

John Kopanski <i>Personnel & Clerk of Session</i>	Steve Nordan <i>Long-Range Planning</i>	Kent Walton <i>Fellowship</i>
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Class of 2010

Sandra Lordi <i>Finance</i>	Mark Nelms <i>Worship</i>	Atlee Roberts <i>Property & Facilities</i>
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Class of 2011

Gary Phillips <i>Christian Education</i>	Carolyn Stevenson <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	Russell Wood <i>Congregational Care</i>
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Staff

<i>Secretary</i> DeEtta Wood	<i>Music Director</i> Brittany Kefauver
<i>Treasurer - Accounting</i> Joan Littleton	<i>Treasurer - Collections</i> Ann Benson
<i>Organist</i> Ann Stephenson	<i>Pianist</i> DeEtta Wood
<i>Webmaster</i> 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 worshipping Him through Jesus Christ
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*

Weekly Statistics

Designated Funds Receipts for 12/6.....	\$1,100.00
General Fund Receipts for 12/6.....	\$4,733.85
<i>Total Receipts for 12/6.....</i>	<i>\$5,833.85*</i>
Total Receipts for December	\$5,833.85*
Revitalization Project total received.....	\$44,989.31
Attendance for Sunday School December 6.....	58
Attendance for Worship December 6.....	120
<i>*Receipts include General Fund and Designated Funds</i>	