

Providence Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

GOD CALLS US

Prelude *With Heart and Soul and Voice, Rejoice!* L. Scholes
 Sing We Now of Christmas L. Scholes
 The First Noel arr. K. Roth
 Joy to the World arr. R. Mallory
 Handbell Choir

Prayer of Preparation (silent)

Majestic and powerful God, in Whom we rest all our hope, awaken our senses to the meaning of Christ's coming. Immerse us in Your Holy Spirit that we may be alert to peacemaking in honor of the Prince of Peace. Equip us to be Your servants as we worship You this day. Amen.

Striking of the Bell

† Welcome and Announcements Beadle: Nancy Ludtke
(Please pass the Friendship Pads at this time.)

Opening Prayer

Introit *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir

GOD KNOWS US

Call to Worship the Rev. Dr. John R. Wall

†* Carol 251 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* CAROL

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace Sheryl & Larry Holdren

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, Whom we have ignored amid the world's pretensions, we confess that we have been impressed by appearances and power. We have been divisive and self-seeking, wanting to honor our image over the substance of discipleship. How can we celebrate if there are issues and people needing our attention? Forgive us, heal us, restore us, and reorient us. Hear now our most private confessions...

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response 273 vs. 3 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*
Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

Offertory Music *O Night Divine* arr. S. Eithun
Handbell Choir

WELCOME TO PROVIDENCE

At Providence, our Mission is to cause God joy by attracting, strengthening, and empowering disciples to serve Jesus Christ.

Joining Our Providence Church Family

If you are interested in learning more about joining our Providence Family, please indicate on the Friendship Registers, speak with our pastor after this service or call the church office (843-842-5673).

Providence Presbyterian Church

We are a family of faith committed to Jesus Christ and His Good News of God's grace. Our guidance comes through a prayerful study of the Bible and its standards for faithful living. Our motto is *Cause God Joy!*

Worship Aids, Childcare and Children's Program

To enhance your worship participation, we provide large-print copies of today's bulletin and hymns. The Visitor Angels at the table in the Narthex have wireless receivers, if you have difficulty hearing, and may provide assistance with walkers, if needed. Nursery is offered for infants & toddlers, and discipleship in the Mills Building for children preschool age to 5K during the service. ****A Friendly Reminder****: If you bring your children to Sunday School in the Mills Building at 10 a.m. in room #3 please remember to pick your child up from Sunday School at 10:50 a.m. to sit with you during the traditional service at 11 a.m. until the Children's message at 11:15.

Volunteer to Help on Sundays

We need volunteers who are willing to assist us on Sunday mornings. Please sign up today at the Visitor Angel table in the Narthex, or call the church office if you can help. (843-842-5673)

Today's volunteers are:

Greeters Susan Patton, Fred Ludtke,
 George Blankenship, Dan Lawrence
Visitor Angels Patty Schroeder, Ruth Brown
Ushers Ruth Germany, Don Beebe,
 Barbara Blankenship, Sally Lawrence

Providence's Television Ministry: Saturday and Sunday broadcasts of a half-hour of highlights from the previous Sunday's worship service are on WHHI TV at 6:00 am and 10:30 am. You can view the same highlights on our website, www.CauseGodJoy.com after the Friday following the service, under the heading of WORSHIP and then selecting SERMONS.

FINANCE REPORT

Receipts Week ending November 30th : \$11,355
Receipts are short of operational expenses for 2017.
Please make a prayerful consideration for year-end giving as these gifts do make a difference for the year ahead.

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON REPORT

December 4, 2016: 8:30 – 38	December 3, 2017: 8:30 – 44
11:00 – 187	11:00 – 182

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Join us for dinner this Wednesday! We will have a delicious meal together at 6 pm in the fellowship hall!

An Advent class called *The Wonder of Christmas* runs through the 24th. *The Wonder of Christmas* is an exciting Advent experience that explores the true wonder of Christmas. The class will be offered SUNDAY mornings at 9:45am in the Chapel and will be led by Dr. Wall.

F3 (Friendship, Food, and Fun) Dining Groups are being formed for the 2018 calendar year. You may sign up after church today or next Sunday or by calling the church office. Be a part of a small dining group that meets 4 times a year to share a meal together and build new friendships with members of our church family. Please contact Cynda Schuttera if you have any questions.

Service of Comfort and Hope: Please join the Providence Presbyterian Stephen Ministry for a Community Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony to honor the memory of those whom we have loved and who have passed on. Our **Service of Comfort and Hope** will be TODAY at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome. May you draw **strength** from the holiday traditions of your past, **hope** from the changes you make for the present, and from them both, **faith** in your ability to handle the future.

MISSION of the WEEK: Chris and Elmira Knutzen, new Providence Global Missionaries, have been reaching students with the gospel in Russia with CRU since 1999. When the Lord laid on their hearts the plight of orphans, they adopted two Russian children with special needs. This has recently opened new and exciting doors of witness for them. Please join us to welcome them to our Providence Family when they are with us Sunday, December 17.

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE: December 10-16, 2017

Monday, December 11

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 a.m. Communications Committee (Library)
 1:30 p.m. Membership (Library)
 Providence Purls (Parlor)
 3:00 p.m. Traditional Worship & Music Committee (Library)

Wednesday, December 13

8:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Parlor)
 10:00 a.m. Mary Martha Circle (Home of Marilyn Rawlings)
 5:30 p.m. Children's Music with Friends (Parlor)
 6:00 p.m. PROVIDENCE FAMILY DINNER (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, December 14

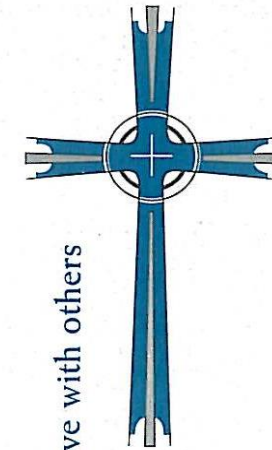
10:00 a.m. PELC Chapel Service
 2:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (Library)
 6:00 p.m. Session (Library)
 6:30 p.m. PELC CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (Chapel)

Friday, December 15

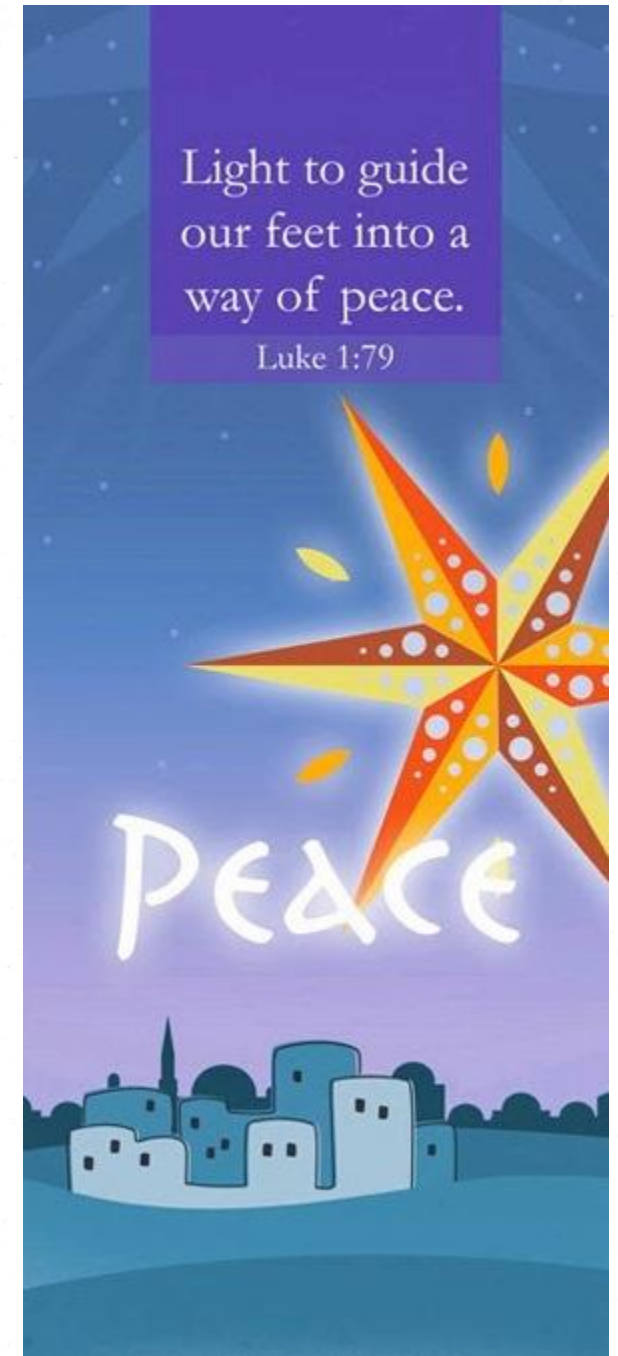
6:00 p.m. S.O.A.R. (Fellowship Hall) *NOTE NEW LOCATION

Saturday, December 16

8:00 a.m. PELC Breakfast with Santa (Fellowship Hall)
CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY!



Inviting and leading people to believe in Jesus • Following His Word • Sharing His Love with others



A Word and a Prayer December 10-16, 2017

Peace may be translated "harmony." Harmony with one's self is integrity.; Harmony with life itself is gratitude; Harmony with people is brotherhood; harmony with God is faith. All this adds up to the meaning of peace. It is the gift of Christ. Oscar Blackwelder

Dear Lord, fill me with peace in all its dimensions.

A great many people are trying to make peace, but that has already been done. God has not left it for us to do; all we have to do is to enter into it. Dwight L. Moody

Dear Lord, thank You for Your peace. Hold me in Your life and peace.

The basis of peace is God, the secret of peace is trust. George Herbert

Dear Lord, remind me that my anxiety points to my lack of trust in You.

We may enjoy abundance of peace if we refrain from busying ourselves with the sayings and doings of others, and the things which concern not ourselves. How can anyone abide long time peace who is occupied with other people's matters and pays little attention to the self within? Thomas a Kempis

Dear Lord, help me to find the deepest peace within.

If we will have peace without a worm in it, lay we the foundations of justice and good will. Oliver Cromwell

Dear Lord, may my life be found in Your everlasting good hope.

Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful. Johann von Schiller

Dear Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

When Christ came into the world, peace was sung; and when He went out of the world, peace was bequeathed. Francis Bacon

Dear Lord, may I find the peace completely fulfilled in You.

Please include Providence Legacy Fund in your will & estate plans.

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Rev. Dr. John R. Wall, *Interim Pastor*
Dr. JooSoo Son, *Traditional Worship Music Director & Organist*
Cecile Bibaud, *Director of Providence Early Learning Center*
Michael Foy, *Sexton*
Jenny Douglas, *Office Manager*
Shirley Lucas, *Part-time Office Assistant*
Hannah Horne, *Director of Outreach and Communications*
Cynda Schuttera, *Interim Director of Children's Ministry*
Don Carlson, *Clerk of Session*
Rev. Dr. Gerald Mills, *Pastor Emeritus*

Cause God Joy

* Hymn 815 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

GOD INSPIRES US

Psalter Psalm 34:11-14 (page 586)

Chrismon Presentation Families of Providence
(The children may go to Children's Worship in the Mills Building.)

Congregational Response 250 vs. 3 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
How silently, how silently the wondrous Gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Gospel Luke 2:10-14 (page 1071)

Morning Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer* (Hymn 631)

Old Testament Isaiah 26:2-4 (page 738)

Anthem *Come, All Ye Faithful* M. McDonald
Chancel Choir, Timpani: Micah Caldwell

Sermon *I Can't Wait*
the Rev. Dr. John R. Wall

* Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles' Creed

* Carol 245 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

GOD SENDS US

* Invitation to Christian Commitment

* Congregational Response 290 vs. 4 *As with Gladness Men of Old*
Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

* Benediction (Congregation holds hands)

* Postlude *Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices* arr. D. Cherwien
Organ: Dr. JooSoo Son

* Those who are able, please stand *After the service, Ruth Brown,*
† Latecomer seating *a Stephen Minister, is in the*
~ Those with appointments may leave *Church Parlor for prayer.*

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Susan Wilson
in loving memory of her husband, Jimmy.*

Christmas Eve Worship:

*One morning service at 11:00 in the Sanctuary,
Christmas Communion Service*

*One evening service at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary,
Candlelight Nativity Service*

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