



Worship & Fellowship with Providence!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 16th:
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

This will be the **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT!**
Worship with us for **INSPIRING WORD**, beautiful music and joyous fellowship!

To prepare for Sunday's message, read **Philippians 4:4-9** and **Luke 1:39-45**

Don't miss **Dr. Ward's** message,

Joy Revealed

Join us **8:30** in the Chapel or **11:00** in the Sanctuary.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes:

Children's Classes in the Mills Building

Adults: Kate Keep leads a class in room 6 on the study of Matthew. Join them as they dive deep into the Bible.

Adults: Join Rachel Ward in the LIBRARY for The Wired Word, a drop-in adult Sunday morning class that considers current events from a biblical perspective.

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Providence Family? New Member Classes will be held on Sunday, January 13 and Sunday, January 20, at 9:45 AM in the Parlor in the Mills building.

Providence Reads: Pastor's Book Club and Wednesday class on *The Story*, led by Dr. Ward, will be on break until January 15th and 16th. Join us then – and prepare by reading Chapters 12 & 13 in *The Story*.

F3 (friendship, food and fun) Dinner Groups are being formed for 2019 calendar year. Each dinner group consists of 7-10 members who meet once a quarter (4 times a year) to share a meal together and get to know one another better. Individuals and couples of all ages are welcomed! Be sure to sign up after the service or by calling the church office; you don't want to miss out on this great opportunity for friendship, food, and fun! Questions? Contact Cynda Schuttera at [843-683-9807](tel:843-683-9807) or cjhurley@yahoo.com.

MISSIONS: LOCAL AND AROUND THE WORLD

In 2008 Ministry of Hope (MoH) began to serve as Malawi's facilitator for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child program. All shoeboxes for distribution in Malawi are sent to MoH, where Daniel Moyo, MoH Director of Education and Spiritual Development, coordinates and verifies shoebox distribution through churches, schools and other Christian organizations. All children in Malawi who receive a shoebox go through the 12 lesson discipleship series, *The Greatest Journey*, and receive their own Bible upon completion.



During the month of December, Providence members can give a gift in honor of a friend or loved one that will assist Malawi's Ministry of Hope orphans with medical care, food and education. Informational brochures regarding this are available outside each worship area and in the church office. Honorees will receive a card notifying them of your gift. Learn more at <http://www.ministryofhope.org/>

YEAR-END GIVING UPDATE

December Goal to Balance 2018 Budget is \$150,000.00

Collected toward goal as of 12/9/18 is \$42,915

Remaining is \$107,085

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Want to support Providence while also saving on taxes? Now that the end of the year is here, you may want to consider the following:

Gifts of Stock: Donating investments—especially highly appreciated securities held for at least a year—instead of cash can be a very effective and tax-efficient way to support Providence. Generally, if your assets have appreciated in value, it's best not to sell securities to generate the cash you need for a donation. Contributing the securities directly to Providence increases the amount of your gift as well as your deduction while avoiding capital gains tax on the appreciated value.

Transferring from your IRA: If you are 70 ½ years or older, you can take advantage of a simple way to benefit Providence and receive tax benefits in return. By transferring up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA account to a qualified institution such as Providence, you will not have to pay income taxes on the money. (Since funds given directly from an IRA are not generally considered income, they are also not typically tax deductible as a contribution.) The law no longer has an expiration date so you are free to make annual gifts to Providence this year and well into the future.

If you have not yet taken your required minimum distribution for the year, your IRA charitable rollover gift can satisfy all or part of that requirement. It is wise to consult with your tax professionals if you are contemplating a charitable gift under the extended law.

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE: December 16-22, 2018

Monday, December 17

2:00 p.m. POW Committee Meeting (Library)

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)

1:00 p.m. Meeting with contractors (Library)

1:30 p.m. Providence Purls (Parlor)

4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Library)

Wednesday, December 19

8:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Parlor)

10:00 a.m. Decorating Committee (Library)

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

Thursday, December 20

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Fellowship (Mills Building)
PELC Chapel Service (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Session (Library)

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

4:00 – Family Nativity Service

6:00 – Candlelight Communion Service

Prayer Requests

Friends and Family of Members:

Bart Hazelton (Sara Beebe's brother)
Grif & Cameron Cotter (Jay's nephews)
Ashley Gossett
Ellen Hamilton (the Meseke's daughter)
Beth Peterson (Ray & Sandy's daughter)
Sandy Newell (Pat Shelburne's son-in-law)
Terrie Ream (Pat Shelburne's in-law)
Heather Moore (daughter of Charlotte & Rich Willis)
Joan Parkhurst (Gerry Pinkerton's sister)
Tom Herb (Gerry Pinkerton's nephew)

Members:

Betty Jo Polk
George Rawlings
Bill & Jeanette Morris
Jack Weiner
Dottie Snell
Al Walbrecker
Anne Montgomery
Dick & Joanne Revie
Chuck Henry
Ken Weiner
Helen Soutter
Dick Mason
Tom Ford
George Blankenship
Ellis Cotter
Diane Parker

We have recently learned of the September 4th passing of Providence Charter Member, Suzanne Plowden. Her husband, Ted, passed away many years ago. She was a resident of Seabrook. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Providence Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. William J. Ward, *Senior 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*

Dr. Rachel Ward, *Interim Director of Discipleship*

Dr. Cibele Santos, *Ministry Intern*

Jan Crudden, *Clerk of Session*

Rev. Dr. Gerald Mills, *Pastor Emeritus*

