



Worship & Fellowship with Providence!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
DECEMBER 30th:
JOIN US FOR WORSHIP
AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Worship with us for inspired Word, beautiful music and joyous fellowship!

To prepare for Sunday's message, read Philippians 4:4-9 & Luke 2:8-20
Don't miss Dr. Ward's message,
Christmas 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*.

THE LEGACY FUND at Providence Church is a Fund where the principle is held in perpetuity with annual distributions for specific Church projects. This year, the Fund has given funds to support the repair of the organ in the Chapel and also contributed to upgrading the sound system in the sanctuary.

The Legacy Fund Committee has created The Birthday Fund as a way to celebrate yourself and help others. During your birthday month you will receive a letter from the Legacy Fund to encourage you to contribute a gift to the Fund that amounts to the age you are turning. Anyone can participate. Your birthday is a special day that deserves a special celebration!

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

Each year \$10,000 of Providence's Mission Budget is sent directly to Charleston Atlantic Presbytery approved ministries, not to the Presbytery. In 2018 \$2,500 was sent to both Thornwell Home for Children and the Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina. \$1,125 was sent to a Presbyterian church in Puerto Rico to help them re-establish their ministry after Hurricane Irma. \$3,875 was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for relief efforts after US Hurricanes Florence and Michael. 100% of these funds go to disaster relief. For more information go to www.thornwell.org and/or www.prescommunities.org

YEAR-END GIVING UPDATE

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

Collected toward goal as of 12/23/18 is \$92,884

Remaining is \$57,116

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING END-OF-YEAR-GIVING:

The church office will close at NOON on Monday, December 31, 2018, and reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2019. In order to receive credit in 2018 for your end of year contributions, please follow this procedure:

If you plan to personally deliver a check, we must have it in our hands by NOON on December 31st. Otherwise, all other end-of-year donations MUST BE POSTMARKED by December 31, 2018. This applies to ALL gifts (cash, checks, stocks, etc.) PLEASE do not attempt to slide checks under the office door or hand deliver them to the mailbox outside the church office when the office is closed. Thank you!

NEXT WEEK AT PROVIDENCE
December 30, 2018 – January 5, 2019

Monday, December 31

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON

Tuesday, January 1, 2019- HAPPY NEW YEAR!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2

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

4:30 p.m. PUPS (Small Conference Room)

Thursday, January 3

4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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)

Ben Reece's mother passed away in Kentucky

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

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*

