

Providence Presbyterian Church

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 a.m.

GOD CALLS US

Prelude *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach
Joy to the World Watts/Handel
Flute: Christina Morris

Prayer of Preparation (silent)

Direct our attention, O Lord, above the turmoil of our times, beyond the distress of chaotic terror and human cruelty. We look for signs that Your kingdom is near and that Your Word rules the world. Break through the darkness and give us the light of Your peace. Amen.

Striking of the Bell

† **Welcome and Announcements** Beadle: Rick Reichel
(Please pass the Friendship Pads at this time.)

Moment for Mission *Malawi* Rita Jones

Opening Prayer

Introit *Let's Worship and Adore Him* arr. T. Fettke
Chancel Choir

GOD KNOWS US

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

†* **Carol 244** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Lighting the Advent Wreath Cecile Bibaud & Cassidy Bibaud

Choral Response *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* arr. D. Forest
Chancel Choir, Oboe: Steven Cooler, Flute: Christina Morris,
Trumpet: Dylan Boyd, Timpani: Micah Caldwell

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, we try to put on a good face, yet You see our lines of stress and anxiety. You have witnessed our poor choices and the chaos we have caused. We are haunted by our sin and we do not know how to make peace. Preserve us and give us grace as we offer our most personal prayers...*(silent prayer)*...Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response 250 vs. 4 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Emmanuel.

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 Barbara & George Blankenship, Nancy & Fred Ludtke
Visitor Angels Barbara & Tom Arnold
Ushers Laura & Keith Walston, Nancy & Bob Bossart

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

Financial Report week of November 20th
Sunday Services Offerings: \$12,408.00
Office Receipts: \$9, 372.00
Total Receipts : \$21,780.00

ATTENDANCE COMPARISON REPORT

November 27, 2016: 8:30 – 28 November 26, 2017: 8:30 – 31
11:00 – 182 11:00 – 170

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* begins today and runs through the 24th. *The Wonder of Christmas* is an exciting Advent experience that explores the true wonder of Christmas through the lens of four elements of the Christmas story: a star, a name, a manger, and a promise. The class will be offered SUNDAY mornings at 9:45am in the Chapel. Call the Church office to sign up at 843-842-5673.

ADVENT WORKSHOP DECEMBER 6th at 5 p.m.! Christmas is coming so let's get together for some fun and fellowship and, of course, food! We will be decorating lanterns to hang on a Shepherd's Crook outside your door, reminding us of the light that the shepherds followed to the manger. Sign up in the office!

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 Sunday, December 10th, 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.

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE: December 2-9, 2017

Monday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle (Home of Jo Prange)
6:30 p.m. New Officer Training (Library)

Tuesday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
1:30 p.m. Providence Purls (Parlor)
4:00 p.m. Early Bird Anchor Group (Chapel)
4:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Library)

Wednesday, December 6

8:15 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Parlor)
4:30 p.m. PUPS (Small Conference Room)
5:00 p.m. ADVENT WORKSHOP! (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
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 7

10:00 a.m. PELC Chapel Service
12:00 noon Men's LOL Lunch Group (Fellowship Hall)
2:00 p.m. Pastor Search Committee (Library)
4:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Room 1)
5:30 p.m. Stewardship (Library)

Friday, December 8

6:00 p.m. S.O.A.R. (Youth Building)

GOD INSPIRES US

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to the Lord

Offertory Music *What Grace Is Mine* arr. T. Fettke
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

* Hymn 815 *Doxology* OLD HUNDREDTH

* Prayer of Dedication

Special Music for Advent Dr. Neel Liverett, Narrator

When Love Came Down arr. T. Fettke
Chancel Choir

Jesus, Joy of Highest Heaven K. & K. Getty
Soloists: Hailey Ford, Julie Kim

Rejoice with Joy to the World arr. P. Choplin
Chancel Choir

When He Comes Again R. J. Peck
Chancel Choir, Solos: Sonya Jacobs, Sangkyun Kim

(The children may go to Children's Worship in the Mills Building.)

New Testament 1 Peter 3:13-17 (page 1272)

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

Sermon *Getting Ready Already*
the Rev. Dr. John R. Wall

GOD SENDS US

* Carol 290 *As With Gladness Men of Old* DIX

* Invitation to Christian Commitment

* Benediction (Congregation holds hands)

* Postlude *Joy to the World* arr. D. Hustad
Organ: Dr. JooSoo Son

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

*Today's Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God
by Cynda & Don Schuttera
in celebration of the beginning of the Advent Season*

A Word and a Prayer December 3-9, 2017

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes.
Clement of Alexandria

Dear Jesus, it is You beneath and behind all my hopes.

Hope is the struggle of the soul, breaking loose from what is
perishable, and attesting her eternity. Herman Melville

**Dear Jesus, help me to move from what is seen as the source of
hope, into what cannot be seen but believed.**

Patient endurance is the perfection of love. St Ambrose

**Dear Jesus, if You are truly perfect in love, then I am able to
patiently trust You.**

Possess your soul with patience. John Dryden

**Dear Jesus, reveal to me all the flaws of my character as I wait for
Your will to be done.**

The virtue of patience is the one which most assures us of perfection.
St. Francis de Sales

**Dear Jesus, may Your work have its way within me, assuring me of
the hope for wholeness.**

*One moment of patience may ward off great disaster; one moment
of impatience may ruin a whole life.* Chinese Proverb

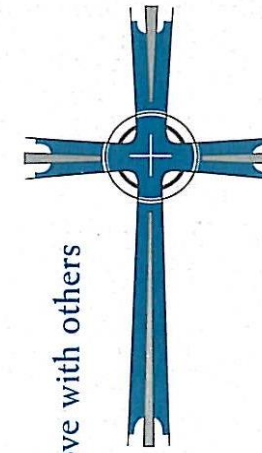
**Dear Jesus, through the economy of Your will may I learn the value
of hopeful patience.**

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet. Jean Jacques Rousseau

**Dear Jesus, I often struggle to wait for Your will to be done. May I
experience the depth of fulfilled hope because I have endured.**

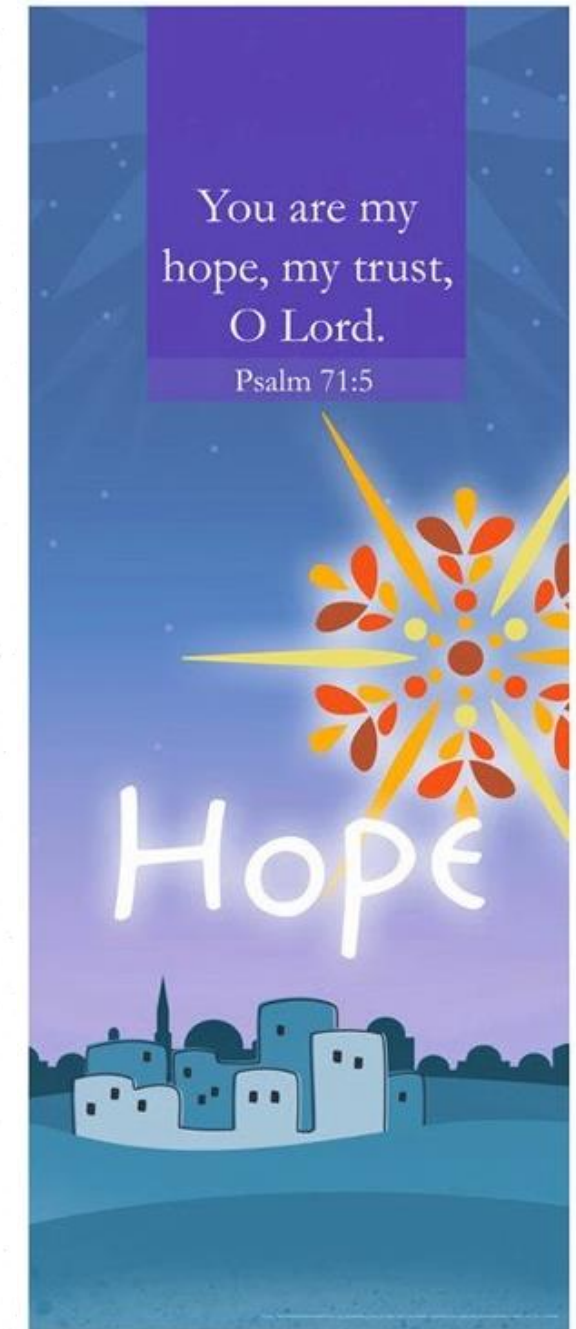
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Rev. Dr. John R. Wall, *Interim Pastor*
Dr. JooSoo Son, *Traditional Worship Music Director & Organist*
Cecile Bibaud, *Director of Providence Early Learning Center*
Michael Foy, *Sexton*
Jenny Douglas, *Office Manager*
Shirley Lucas, *Part-time Office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



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

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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