


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

Baptism of the Lord

CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Making Connections

A Time with the Children: Joy Wagner

Scripture: Matthew 3:11-17

Singing: Down to the River to Pray

Message: The Baptism of the Lord
Reverend Derrick Parson

Making Your Commitment

Prayer Time

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Singing with Offering: Shout to the North

Benediction

Second Reading*	Matthew 3:11-17	Thanks be to God.
+ Hymn FWS 2248	Baptized in Water	BUNESSAN
Sermon	The Baptism of the Lord	Reverend Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

The Lord's Prayer

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Offertory	Down to the River to Pray Chancel Choir	arr. Jay Althouse
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+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
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+ Hymn FWS 2062	The Lily of the Valley	SALVATIONIST
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+ Benediction

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon the fields, and until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen

+ Postlude

Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)
FWS = The Faith We Sing (Black)

* = Words Projected
+ = Please stand as you are able

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here!

- Pick up a welcome gift in the foyer.
- **Children's age-appropriate activity bulletins, bags and boxes** are available in the foyer.
- **Restrooms** are located down the main hall turning to the left. A baby changing table is available in the handicap accessible restroom.
- **Assisted listening devices**, large-print hymnals and large-print bulletins are available. Ask an usher for assistance.
- A **nursery** with professional care is offered as an option for our children newborn through age four (located downstairs).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The procession of electric candles during the first hymn or song represents the coming of the Messiah through Jesus Christ, born on Christmas day. He is our light in the darkness. In this season of Epiphany, may the candles carried in by our children and youth remind us that the Lord is our light and salvation.

Today, the **Richmond District Conference and Leadership Training Event** is being held, 1:30-5:00 p.m., at Woodlake UMC (15640 Hampton Park Drive, Chesterfield, VA 23832). Providence has several people registered for this event. It will be a very informative afternoon.

Providence will host its second **Planning Meeting** on January 24, 2016. We will meet directly after the 11:00 service in the Social Hall. This meeting is for the entire council and all church committees are invited. Our goal is to coordinate the church calendar and to make clear our strategies for "Finding New Members."

Please ponder these questions before coming to the meeting:

- What would you like to see happen at Providence UMC in 2016?
- How would you like to "plug in" at Providence UMC in 2016?

If you are planning to attend the Planning Day meeting on 1/24, please sign up on the sign-in sheet today or contact the church office (276-4289) so we can get a headcount for lunch.

Mission Minute: On Thursday, January 28, Homeward will hold its Winter Point In Time Count for our homeless neighbors at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. If you received a new coat for Christmas; you might consider donating your old one. We will also be collecting individual snack

items and chewing gum to distribute. Thank you again for all you do to make life a little easier for those in need.

We are in need of volunteers to serve on a **worship elements committee** periodically to assist with elements of worship such as decorations, flowers, crosses and other various visuals presented in worship. We are particularly looking for able-bodied individuals that can climb ladders and carry heavy boxes. This committee would only meet seasonally or as needed. Please contact the church office at 276-4289 or [sign up on the clipboards](#) today if you are interested.

“**Alice in Wonderland**” is coming to the stage at Providence later this month. The Alpha Theatre and Arts Company (a Christian youth theater group) has been rehearsing here for many weeks to prepare for the performance. In appreciation for the use of our facilities, they repaired and re-rope the curtain pulleys on our stage. We are grateful for their presence at Providence and their gift of the repairs! Their performances will be on Friday, January 22, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, January 23, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$6 each with a family cap of \$25.

If you brought your **Society of St. Andrew Advent offering** (coin box) back today, please place it on the altar rail either before worship or during the offering. Your Advent gifts are greatly appreciated and will be used to provide healthy food for hungry people in this country. If you did not bring it today, please bring it soon.

The **Christmas Card mailbox** is now in the hallway, on the bench near the Library. Be sure to check the mailbox to see if you have mail.

The **2016 Flower Calendar** is in the hallway. If you would like to provide flower arrangements for the altar or narthex for a particular Sunday,

1. Reserve date on Flower Calendar
2. Complete Blue Flower Order Form
3. Submit form with payment to the office or put in offering plate.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Collins at 276-4289 or by email: Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net.

Lost & Found. Please take a minute to look at the items hanging in the hallway, outside the church office. Glasses, keys, and jewelry items are inside the office on the counter as you go inside. Items not claims by January 31 will be donated or discarded.

Do you know someone in our congregation who is unable to attend church, who might like to have a visit and receive communion? If so, please call Jane Elbert (675-0534) or email her at: janeelbertquilts@gmail.com.

Are you thinking about being baptized or becoming a member of Providence? Speak with Pastor Derrick who will guide you in the next steps, (804)-276-4289.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Hand-knitted **prayer squares are available** in the foyer to take or mail to someone for whom you are praying.

To connect with our email prayer ministry, you may send a prayer request to Tom and Nancy Coffman at tlcnlc@verizon.net. If you would like to be added to the list to receive prayer requests, contact the Coffmans.

Our service men and women, wherever they serve, and their families: Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins (deploying to Djibouti this week) , Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

The family of Shirley Bailey (who died on 1/2), Brian Bilski, Nan Blackwell, Thomas Donne, **Nikki Earley**, family of John Ezell (died on 12/14), Emma Fleenor (death of her sister on 12/15), Mary Harris (mother of Hugh Harris), Sharon Harris, Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, Kathy Kincaid, Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart, friend of Linda Collins), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Charlene Reardon (sister of Linwood Hudson), Iris Ryder (sister of Mae Clarke and Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Mary & Bill Steele, the family of Jim Teeter (who died on December 20), Sharon & Bob VanWhy, Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for January 10, 2016: We pray to overcome in Christ's name the heritage of racism: for the elimination of discrimination in living patterns, public education, employment, political jurisdiction, transportation, and church in Metropolitan Richmond.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 10

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:30 Gregory Circle (SH)
- 1:30 District Leadership Training
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, January 11

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retired Club (SH)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Finance (L)

Tuesday, January 12

- 10:30 Laughon Circle (SH)
- 11:00 Bible Study
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

Wednesday, January 13

- 6:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 14

- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:30 Ministry in Motion
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 Nominations (206)
- 6:30 Starlighters (SH)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Meeting (309)

Friday, January 15

- 9:15 Cooks for Chirst
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, January 16

- 9:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)

Prayer Requests

Pray for:

Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: _____

Your Contact Information:

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Drop this sheet in the offering plate or at the church office.

To direct an urgent concern for yourself or a family member to our email prayer group, please contact the church office by phone or email.

Those Serving Today

Acolyte:

11:00 Hailey Davis

Greeters:

9:00 Marisa Evanco (Library)

Mike Patterson (Narthex)

11:00 Evelyn Hastings (Library)

Carolyn Winstead (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Ostrum

SS Barbara Oliver

11:00 Lindsey & Sean Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)

Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship

Wayne Latimer, Doug Sheek

11:00 Klaus Worrell

Sean Collins, Tony Fleshman

Laurie Breeden, Brad Wootten

Rudy Petrick

Reader:

11:00 Karen King

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)

Nikki Earley (MS)

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Nikki Earley (MS)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart

CCLI License #1495687

CCVLI License #502817990

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