


Providence United Methodist Church

Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

CONNECTIONS 9:00 a.m.

Singing: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

Making Connections

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)

Sermon: Mountaintop or Valley

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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: Let It Rise

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. Open your hands to receive the bread and dip it in the cup of juice. You are invited to put your offerings in the basket as you come forward for communion. The altar rail is always available as a place of prayer. Special offerings left on the altar rail will go toward families with emergency needs. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available.

Children's Time

Singing and Offering: Shine Jesus, Shine

Benediction

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
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11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Pastorale on "Forest Green" arr. Purvis

+ Call to Worship* (led by Youth Choir)
The Lord reigns — let the people tremble!
The Lord reigns — let the earth shake!
Let us praise the name of the Lord,
for the Lord our God is holy.
Let us go up to the mountain of God,
for the Lord our God is holy.
Let us bow down to worship the Lord,
For the Lord our God is holy.

Prayer

+ Hymn UMH 185 When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

TO HEAR THE WORD

Making Connections

A Time With the Children Joy Wagner

First Reading* UMH 819 Psalm 99 **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading* Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a) **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Mountaintop or Valley Derrick Parson

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

Invitation
Prayer of Confession UMH 12
Sharing the Peace of Christ

Holy Communion
Prayer of Thanksgiving* UMH 17
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Everyone who is present today is welcome at the Lord's Table. The ushers will invite you to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the bread and juice, kneeling or standing as you are able. Gluten-free wafers and juice are available. Monetary gifts left at the rail go to emergency needs in our church and community.

Prayer after Communion

Offertory	Amazing Grace	arr. Hustad
+ Response*	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
+ Hymn UMH 384	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	BEECHER
+ Benediction		
+ Postlude	God of Grace	arr. Manz

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!

- Please 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).

The **flowers on the altar** today are given to the glory of God in memory of Althea Armstrong's parents, Frank and Valenteah Wilderson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The second **Planning Meeting** is today at 12:15 in the Social Hall. 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?



This Wednesday, February 10, is **Ash Wednesday**. There will be a **Lenten meal** in the social hall (5:30-6:15 p.m.) followed by our **Ash Wednesday service** at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Children's Ministries is planning a **Parent's Night Out** on Saturday, February 13, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Social Hall. The cost is \$5 per child and includes pizza, crafts and a movie. The children are welcome to wear their PJs. Please sign up today if you would like to have a night out on the town. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Joy Wagner (245-7087) if you are able to help.

Providence's Got Talent! On February 28, there will be a talent show and potluck dinner in the social hall. If you are interested in performing, please sign up on the clipboard today. You may also sign up on the bulletin board in the main hallway leading to the sanctuary. For additional information, contact Margaret Taylor at: M.E.Taylor003@gmail.com.

The second Sunday of each month used to be known as “**Food Sunday**” at Providence. Members were asked to bring a non-perishable food item to church with them that day and put it in the allocated bin the hallway near the elevator. Sometime afterwards, the food was picked up and taken to CCHASM. Next Sunday is “**Food Sunday**” at PUMC. If you are able, please bring an item or two for CCHASM.

The Faith Sharers Adult Sunday School Class is beginning a new study today. The book they will be studying is “Crossing Cultures with Jesus: Sharing Good News with Sensitivity and Grace”. We now have unprecedented opportunities to meet people from every culture and nation. This study will help us learn how to witness the way Jesus did, entering into people’s worlds and drawing them into God-centered community. If you think you are interested in joining them, drop by their class today (room 307) and check it out.

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.

Giving Statements for 2015 were mailed on Monday, February 1. If you have any questions or discrepancies, please call the church office (276-4289) or email Linda Collins at (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net).

“**Alice in Wonderland**” is still coming to the stage at Providence. The performances that were scheduled in January have been **rescheduled to Friday, February 18, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, February 20, at 2:00**. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door. There is a \$25 family cap for tickets.

Methodist University’s premier touring choral ensemble, the **Methodist University Chorale**, will present a concert at Providence UMC on March 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Chorale will present works from different musical epochs with special performances by soloists from the group, MU Chamber Singers, and John Drymon, their accompanist. The ensemble consists of 37 vocalists and performs traditional/advanced choral literature. Methodist University is a private college located in Fayetteville, NC, and is one of the fastest growing institutions in the southeast, having doubled enrollment since 1990.

The United Methodist Women are selling **Tote Bags**. The bags are \$5 and will be available today, in the church office, between the worship services and after the 11:00 service. They are nice bags and can be used for gifts, groceries, crafts or as a carry-on for your next airplane trip! The bags will also be available in the church office during the week. Get yours today while supplies last!

Be sure and pick an age appropriate (3-6 or 7-12) **Children’s Worship Activity Bulletin** full of activities that follow the theme of our worship service. They are in the foyer along with children’s bags and boxes. Occasionally there is a **secret code** on the bottom of the children’s bulletin that will **unlock fun learning activities**. The code is unique to Providence and allows

safe and secure access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. Several games are rotated (Memory Match, Word Search, Gems of the Bible and Coloring Book) and are geared toward all age levels.

- **Step 1:** Go to:
www.games.childrensbulletins.com and enter the secret code on the bottom right of the bulletin and changes each week.
- **Step 2:** Play!

Adults may find the activities and games fun too!

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 tlcnic@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, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Ruby Agee, **Curtis Bailey** (broken ankle, surgery on 1/20), Brian Bilski, Jim DeLap (began chemotherapy), Julie Fleshman (fell on 1/10), Mother of Tony Fleshman (mild stroke on 1/7), Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Jack Keery (fractured his hand), Tristen Kellam, Kathy Kincaid (surgery on 1/18), Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), the family of Ellie Rennie (who died on January 20, Nan Blackwell's mother), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (JW rehab, room 519), Mary Steele (home) & Bill Steele, the family of Linwood Waltrip (died on 1/14, brother of Flora Scott), Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for February 7, 2016:

We pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of unity and cooperation among all people in all jurisdictions. We pray that all would earnestly seek the common welfare of this metropolitan city.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 7

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:15 Planning Meeting (SH)
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth and Inukshuks

NO Bells of Providence or SonRise Sisters

Monday, February 8

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:30 Providence Retired Club (SH)
- 3-6 Alpha Rehearsal (SH)
- 7:00 Finance (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Board Mtg. (309)

Tuesday, February 9

- 11:00 Bible Study
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)
- 7:00 Young Adults (L)
- 7:30 Bells of Providence Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 10

- 5:30 Lenten Dinner (SH)
- 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service (S)
- 7:30 Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 11

- 10:00 Prayer Team (L)
- 5:45 Ministry in Motion
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 6:30 Providence Green Assn. (309)

Friday, February 12

- 7:30 Chappell (205)
- 3-9 Cline Set-Up (SH)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, February 13

- 7:30 Chappell (205)
- 10-4 Cline (SH)
- 6-8 Parents Night Out (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 Emily Kyser

Greeters:

9:00 Linda Keery (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Allen Branson (Library)
Mary Lou Branson (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Jennifer Clemmons
SS Lindsay Garrison
11:00 Sean & Lindsey Collins

Counters:

Jimmy Sculthorpe (captain)
Paul Martin, Hugh Miles

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Neal Fleenor, Ron White
11:00 Bobby Burton, Meredith Kyser
Tom Koertge, Bobby Wood
Ed Harper, Ralph Vernon
Lori Justice

Reader: 11:00 Beverly Evans

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Ron Wootten (A)
Tyler Griggs (MS)
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Tyler Griggs (MS)

Communion Preparers:

9:00 Linda Keery
11:00 Laurie Breedon

Sanctuary Organizers:

Judy Gindhart

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Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Friday Office Closed

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