

Providence United Methodist Church

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Palm Sunday **CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.**

Greeting and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Singing: Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Making Connections

A Time with the Children

Scripture: Luke 19:28-40

Singing: Hosanna

Message: What side of the palm are you on?
Derrick Parson

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: What Wondrous Love Is This

Benediction

Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

First Reading*

Luke 19:28-40

Thanks be to God.

The People's Response

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

People: Hosanna to the highest!

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

+ Processional Hymn UMH 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

Call to Worship

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, over the broken glass of our world, the rumors meant to hurt, the prejudice meant to wound, the weapons meant to kill, ride on ... trampling our attempts at disaster into dust, ride on,

ALL: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

Leader: ... over the distance which separates us from you, and it is such a distance, measurable in half truths, in unkempt promises, in second-best obedience, ride on ... until you touch and heal us, who feel for no one but ourselves, ride on,

ALL: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

Leader: ... through the back streets and the sin bins and the sniggered-at corners of the city, where human life festers and love runs cold, ride on ... bringing hope and dignity where most send scorn and silence, ride on,

ALL: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

Leader: For you, O Christ, do care and must show us how. On our own, our ambitions rival your summons and thus threaten good faith and neglect God's people. In your community and at your side, we might yet help to bandage and heal the wounds of the world, ride on,

ALL: RIDE ON IN MAJESTY AND TAKE US WITH YOU. AMEN.

Special Music

Ride On, King Jesus!

Arr. Hall Johnson

Margaret Taylor, Solo

Prayer

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. **Amen.**

A Time with the Children

Susan Clark

+ Hymn UMH 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ST. THEODULPH

TO HEAR THE WORD

Second Reading* Luke 22:14—23:56

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What side of the palm are you on?

Derrick Parson

Special Music

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
Chancel Choir

arr. Dan Forrest

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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.

Offertory

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Organ and Piano Duet

arr. Mary McDonald

+ Response*

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
1st verse

UMH 286

+ Hymn FWS 2113

Lamb of God

SWEET LAMB OF GOD

+ Benediction

+ 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).

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Leigh & Anne Middleton to **Welcome Spring!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Palm Sunday**. We will gather (as you are able) as a body of Christ outside of the sanctuary and process together with palms.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MARCH

- 24 Holy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Spring Festival, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 27 Easter Sunday Services, 6:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

APRIL

- 3 Pancake Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Followed by a combined service at 10:00 a.m.

Invite a friend and join us at our Spring Festival! We will have an Easter egg hunt, live petting zoo, hay rides, crafts, face painting, plastic duck races, spoon races, flower planting and free popcorn! The festival is Saturday, March 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Volunteers and donations of plastic eggs, candy and stickers, are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex and drop off donations in the purple tub outside of the office.

On Easter Sunday, please **bring fresh flowers** to place on Christ's cross before either the 9:00 or the 11:00 a.m. worship services. Helpers will be there to assist you. Please join us in making our "**living cross**" beautiful!

Join the UMW for a "trip" to **Shalom Farms** on April 2. They will leave from Ramsey Memorial at 8:15 a.m. and work at the farm from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You are invited to bring a friend, especially a friend who has never been before! Drinks will be provided but bring a snack if you like. The cost is \$4.00 per person. Please sign up today if you plan to go.

The United Methodist Urban Ministries of Richmond Auxiliary is taking orders for **Geraniums**. The geraniums are available in red, salmon, coral, hot pink and white. Specific colors can be requested, but cannot be guaranteed. The cost is \$4.50 per 4-1/2" pot. The deadline to place your order is April 11, with delivery on April 15. There is an envelope in the office where you can place your order. Contact Shirley Collins (745-3024 or scol23235@gmail.com) if you have questions.

If you are one of the people who provides the office with the "**Those Serving Today**" names, please send your 2nd quarter list to Linda Collins (Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net) before March 30. This information is needed for the bulletins and the newsletters.

The church office will close at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24 and will also be closed on Monday, March 28.

There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway for the **PUMC Softball Team**. Please sign up today or contact Steve Reese (804-914-2987) if you are interested. Leave a message if there is no answer and Steve will call you back.

The United Methodist Women are selling **Tote Bags**. The bags are \$5 and are 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!

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: Jessica Ammon, Hunter Blankenship, Jennifer Collins, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Ruby Agee, the family of Carolyn Bilski (on the death of her son, Brian on 2/15), Lee Bradshaw, the family of Mary Brown (who died 2/24), **Frances Byrd**, Jim & Laura DeLap, Linda Downey (Health South, Room 103), Dan Gentili (friend of Judy Gindhart), Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, Charles and Diane King (home), Buddy Lindsey (son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), **Jean Mannering** (Bill Mannering's mother), **Bill Newman** (cousin of Bill Parsons), Charlene Reardon (sister of Linwood Hudson), Lois Reil (hip replacement on 3/8), Allen Rennie (cancer, cousin of Nan Blackwell), the family of Iris Ryder who died on 3/7 (sister of Mae Clark & Uldine Curtis), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Wayne Smith (home), Barbara Sutton (Brookdale), Gary & Dorothy Taylor, Stuart Watkins, James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for March 20, 2016:

We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: for a spirit of justice, righteousness, equality, and mutual benefit.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, March 20—PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 5:30 Youth & Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

Monday, March 21

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:00 Worship Committee (L)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

- 6:30 Chancel Choir
- 6:30 Providence Green Assn. (309)

Thursday, March 24—HOLY THURSDAY

- Church Office Closes at 1:00 p.m.
- 9:30 Prayer Team (P)
- 11:00 Knitters & Crocheters (205)
- 5:45 Ministry in Motion
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 6:30 Providence Green Assn. (309)
- 7:00 Holy Thursday Service (Sanc)
- 8:00 Chancel Choir

Friday, March 25—GOOD FRIDAY

- 7:00 Good Friday Service (Sanc)
- 8:00 MIM Rehearsal for Sunrise Service (Sanc)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, March 26

- 2-4 Spring Festival (SH & grounds)

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 Anna Knight (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Boyd Gurney (Library)
Marlene Gurney (Narthex)

Nursery:

9:00 Terra Taylor
SS Wendy Collins
11:00 Mike & Wendy Collins

Counters:

Ron Wootten (captain)
Janice Bergeron, Gracie Martin

Ushers:

9:00 Bill Blankenship
Chris Healy, Carolyn Bilski
11:00 George Winstead
Linwood Hudson, Jack Waters
T L Jenkins, Stuart Watkins
Pam Asbury, Melvin Watkins

Reader: 11:00 Jennifer Ostrum

Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (MS)
11:00 Tyler Griggs (A)
Nikki Earley (MS)

Sanctuary Organizers:

Peggy Gillette
Eula Phillips

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