


# *Providence United Methodist Church*

*Belong. Be Transformed.  Make a Difference.*

25th Sunday after Pentecost  
**CONNECTIONS—9:00 a.m.**

**Greeting and Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

**Singing:** From the Inside Out

**Making Connections**

**A Time with the Children:** Joy Wagner

**Scripture:** Malachi 3:6-12

**Singing:** Faithfulness

**Message:** Living God's Plan  
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:** Awakening

**Benediction**

25th Sunday after Pentecost  
**Stewardship Sunday**  
11:00 a.m.

**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

Prelude  
Give Thanks  
Organ and Piano Duet  
Mary McDonald  
& Larry Shackley

+ Call to Worship\*

Leader: Let us serve the Lord with gladness,  
**People: let us come before his presence with a song.**  
Leader: Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord,  
**ALL: let us exalt his name together.**

Written by David Beswick

+ Hymn UMH 139  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
LOBE DEN HERREN

**TO HEAR THE WORD**

Making Connections

A Time with the Children  
Joy Wagner

Prayer of Illumination\*

Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art: give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee, a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.

Special Music  
We Are Blessed  
SonRise Sisters  
by Andrea Ramsey

First Reading\*  
Psalm 145  
UMH 857

+ Hymn (see insert)  
Take My Life  
HENDON

Second Reading\*  
Malachi 3:6-12  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Making Your Commitment

**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

+ Response\*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

+ Hymn FWS 2036

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

+ Benediction

+ Postlude

**Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.**

**UMH** = United Methodist Hymnal (Red)

\* = Words Projected

**FWS** = The Faith We Sing (Black)

+ = 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 and in loving memory of Rhoda Havekost, Claudia Havekost's mother.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is Stewardship Sunday.** If you do not have your pledge card with you today, there are extras in the narthex. Lunch in the Social Hall is immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The menu includes beef brisket, rosemary buttered potatoes, steamed vegetables, yeast rolls, chocolate cake and beverages. Everyone is invited.

This week's **Wednesday Night Dinner** (November 18) is being prepared by Job's Daughters International. Dinner will feature baked ham, homemade potato salad, green beans, roll, dessert and beverage. Please sign up on the sign-in sheet today for reservations.

**Get your Thanksgiving desserts here.** The United Methodist Women are having a **Bake Sale** next Sunday, November 22, in the Social Hall, between the worship services and after the traditional service. (Note: If you are providing baked items for the sale, please bring them to the Social Hall already priced.)

The **church office will close** at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25 (the day before Thanksgiving). The office will also be closed on November 26 & 27, Thanksgiving Day and the day after.

There will be no music rehearsals on Wednesday, November 25, Thanksgiving Eve.

Please, please, please submit articles for the **December Newsletter**. The deadline for the December newsletter is today, November 15. Please leave your article in the staff box in the hallway, or email them to Linda ([Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net](mailto:Linda.Collins@providenceumc.net)) this afternoon.

Sunday, November 29 will be **Communion Sunday** and our first Sunday in Advent. December 6, at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., will be the **Hanging of the Greens** with a luncheon after the 11:00 a.m. traditional service. Please note that Communion Sunday will be November 29 and **not** December 6. Please call Pastor Derrick with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in worship!

Sunday, November 29, is **United Methodist Student Day**. Your gift will help support United Methodist Student Day scholarships and the United Methodist Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Your decision to give will empower

passionate students to have a future of world-changing service and faithful service for Christ.

### **How did the Pumpkin Patch do?**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work in the pumpkin patch! I want to express a special thanks to Gracie Martin for being the Patch Master! She donated many hours of her time, expended back-breaking energy rolling pumpkins, and sold candy for a little extra profit. I could not have done it without you, Gracie!



In total we sold \$5,142 in pumpkins. We keep 25% of that money. We put nothing down for the pumpkins so we earned \$1,285.50 for the ministries of the church. We also collected \$272.50 in miscellaneous donations and we keep 100% of that. Best of all, we met a lot of people who live and work around our church and were able to extend a personal invitation to join our church family. That was priceless!

Susan Clark

Karrie Ostrum and Lauren Richards (Providence Youth) will be performing with a mass choir at River Road Baptist Church on Saturday, November 21. The concert is at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and is free of charge. The choir will be directed by renowned conductor and composer, Dr. Rosephanye Powell.

### **Christmas Eve Services:**

5:00 p.m. Family Service and Children's Musical

7:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Service

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Matt Latimer, Wayne Lee, Bob Muchow, Megan Thomas.

**Our gathered prayer concerns:**

Judy (heart surgery on 11/6, sister of Jane Elbert), Katie (surgery on 10/28 for broken hip, mom of Cathy Patterson), **Linwood**, (had stroke on 11/11, brother of Flora Scott) **family of Clare Bevins** (died 11/6, sister of Billy & Dee Marshall), Brian Bilski, Mary Carolyn Gwinn (battling cancer, friend of Judy Miles), Lori Hudson, Mildred Isbell, Tristen Kellam, Norma Kidd (Morningside at Belgrade, room 141), Diane King, **Noah Lamb** (an Upward player, recently diagnosed with cancer), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart, friend of Linda Collins), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Anthony Maffea (surgery 10/26, friend of Michael Mercatante), Eva Raymond (JW Rehab), Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

**Metro Richmond at Prayer for November 15, 2015:** We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: for healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sunday, November 15

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 12:00 Luncheon (SH)
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 4:00 Girl Scouts (309)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells
- 4:45 Youth Choir
- 5:30 Youth or Inukshuks
- 5:30 Bells of Providence

### Monday, November 16

- Homeless Connect Prep (PUMC)
- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 3:00 Alpha Theatre (SH)
- 7:00 Church Council (309)
- 7:00 Ruritan Dinner (SH)

### Tuesday, November 17

- Homeless Connect (Richmond Convention Ctr)
- 11:00 Bible Study
- 2:00 Women's Study (205)
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)
- 6:30 Cub/Boy Scouts (SH/309)

### Wednesday, November 18

- 7:00 Men's Breakfast (Shoney's)
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner
- 6:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, November 19

- 5:30 Ministry in Motion Rehearsal
- 6:15 Men's Bible Study (L)
- 6:30 AA Group (205)
- 7:00 Providence Green Assn. (Chapel)

### Friday, November 20

- 9:15 Cooks for Christ
- Movie Night (Cub Scouts) (SH)
- 8:00 AA Group (309)

### Saturday, November 21

- Youth Choir Jam (River Road Baptist)

## Prayer Requests

Pray for:

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Place in Bulletin: Yes / No

Specific Request:

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Meal Needs: Yes / No

Transportation Needs: Yes / No

Desire Card: Yes / No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

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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 Pam Groome (Library)  
Jean Riekers (Narthex)

### Nursery:

9:00 Terra Taylor  
SS Wendy Collins  
11:00 Mike & Wendy 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  
Ed Harper, Ralph Vernon  
Lori Justice

**Reader:** 11:00 Pam Jones

### Audio/Media Shout Team:

9:00 Gary Wright (A)  
Tyler Griggs (MS)  
11:00 Gary Wright (A)  
Tyler Griggs (MS)

### Sanctuary Organizer:

Flora Scott & Jean Winfree

CCLI License #1495687  
CCVLI License #502817990

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### Office Hours:

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

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