

Providence United Methodist Church

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Sing Gloria

4th Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Gloria Hodie
Bells of Providence

Julia Turner & Kevin McChesney

+ Opening Prayer

O God our Father, you have brought us again to the glad season when we celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that his Spirit may be born anew in our hearts this day and that we may joyfully welcome him to reign over us. Open our ears that we may hear again the angelic chorus of old. Open our lips that we, too, may sing with uplifted hearts. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ Hymn UMH 234

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Love

Brenda Woodward & Doug Sheek, 9AM
Billiedale and Ralph Vernon, 11AM

Prayer

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

Jazz Gloria
Youth Choir

Natalie Sleeth

+ Response*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:13-20

Thanks be to God.

Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

- I. Gloria in excelsis *Glory be to God on high.*
- II. Et in terra pax *And on earth peace to men of good will.*
- III. *Laudamus te We praise Thee. We bless Thee. We adore Thee. We glorify Thee.*
Erika Straus and Vivian Raimundo, Soloists
- IV. Gratias agimus tibi
- V. Propter magnam gloriam *We give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.*
- VI. Domine Deus *O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*
Erika Straus, Soloist.
- VII. Domine Fili Unigenite *O Lord, the Only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.*
Erika Straus, Madison Karten, Aaron Jones, Forrest Glass, Quartet
- VIII. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei *O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us*
Ellen Fleenor, Soloist.
- IX. Qui tollis *Who takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer*
- X. Qui sedes ad dexteram *Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us*
Madison Karten, Soloist
- XI. Quoniam tu solus sanctus *For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only art most high, O Jesus Christ.*
- XII. Cum Sancto Spiritu *With the Holy Ghost in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

+ Benediction

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into One things earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
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).

The waiting is almost over! Christmas is nearly here! In a few days, we will gather here again for Christmas Eve. We will light the Christ candle, and sing hymns of joy to celebrate the birth of our Savior. I challenge you, between now and Christmas Eve, to reflect on the time, love and care that has gone into gifts that you will exchange over the coming days. How great a love is that? Remember that our love for one another is only a dim reflection of God's abundant love for us! This week, put a coin in your coin box for Society of St. Andrew for every hug you give or receive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vivaldi's *Gloria* presented by:
Margaret Taylor, Director of Music Ministries
Providence United Methodist Chancel Choir

Musical Guests:

Violin: Treesa Gold and Lani Wisner
Viola: Heather Fairbanks
Cello: Jack Flores
Sopranos: Erika Straus, Vivian Raimundo
Alto: Madison Karten
Tenor: Aaron Jones, Jacob Cann
Bass: Forrest Glass

Christmas Caroling Today!

If you want your heart to grow two sizes and spread Christmas cheer to all, then join us today at 3:15 sharp in the social hall. You will one of our three groups and go caroling to three houses. The GPS routes are printed and song books are ready. If you don't want to drive then you can carpool with others. We have wonderful families that are lined up and ready for our visit! Don't be surprised if they sing too. Optional attire: Christmas hats, sweaters, PJs, socks and neckties!

If you would like to donate cookies (homemade or store made) for our carolers to deliver, please put 6 cookies in Ziploc bags and we will deliver them today. Leave them in the social hall or kitchen before 3:15.

The **Youth Christmas party** is tonight from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a \$5 wrapped gift to

exchange. The **Youth lock-in** begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends on Monday at 8:00 a.m. Bring \$10 for a to-be-determined outing (ice skating downtown or movie). For more information about this our the youth ministry, email Susan Clark at providencyouth@yahoo.com.

Today, between the worship services, there will be a **Birthday Party for Jesus** in the Social Hall. No birthday party would be complete without a cake, so there will be a birthday cake for Jesus. Children will have time to do crafts and learn about Jesus, the Greatest Gift!

If you plan to join us on Wednesday, December 23, for the **Miracle of Christmas** at the Metro Zoo. Please [sign up on the sign-in sheet today](#). Bring a can of food to donate and the event is free. Be sure to dress warmly for the nativity because it is all outside. We will meet at the Zoo (8300 Beaver Bridge Road, Moseley, VA 23120) at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. (Overflow parking is available at Grange Hall School with free shuttle service to the zoo.)

The **Christmas Card mail box** is on the table near the chapel. Cards may be “sent” to church folks. Direct the money you would have spent on postage to the Advent offering or another mission. Be sure and check the mailbox each week for your own mail.

It might be too late to order your Christmas gifts from **UMCMarket**, but the next time you shop online go to umcmarket.org. You can shop online and donate to Providence at the same time. Since July, over 5,500 people

have established UMCmarket accounts and more than \$330,000 has been purchased generating donations to ministries and churches, all within just a few months.

“**Alice in Wonderland**” is coming to the stage at Providence in January. 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 roped the curtain pulleys on our stage. We are grateful for their presence at Providence and their gift of the repairs! Be sure to watch for more information about their performance of “Alice in Wonderland” which will be in January 2016.

Upcoming Services and Events

December 23	Miracle of Christmas at the Metro Zoo
December 24	Christmas Eve Services:
5:00 p.m.	Family Service and Children’s Musical
7:30 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion Service
11:00 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion Service
December 27	One Service at 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School

It’s time for us to be thinking about **snow removal** here at church. If you are able and willing to assist, please [sign up on the sign-in sheet today](#) or contact Billy Walton (334-6777). He can answer any questions and let you know what is involved. As a general guideline, if Chesterfield County schools are closed, then

the church office is closed and all planned activities are cancelled.

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.

Your **Financial Commitment Cards for 2016** are still being received. You may place yours in the offering plate or mail to/drop by the church office. Extra cards are available in the foyer.

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

Our gathered prayer concerns:

Brian Bilski, Ed Blackwell (knee surgery on 12/4), Nan Blackwell, Shirley Collins (knee surgery 11/19), **Thomas Donne**, **Bill Estes**, **family of John Ezell** (died on 12/14), **Emma Fleenor** (death of her sister on 12/15), **Sharon Harris**, Lori Hudson, Mildred Isbell, Ronnie Justice, Tristen Kellam, the family of Norma Kidd (who died on 11/15), Diane King, Brian Krane (nephew of Amy & Ethan Palmer, has cancer), Buddy Lindsey (surgery on 12/1, son of Hilda Lindsey), Patricia Logan-Reilly (needs a new heart, friend of Linda Collins), Cindy Lowe (battling cancer, niece of Eula Phillips), Sarah Morris, Nancy Segal (friend of the Collins family), Mary & Bill Steele, **Jim Teeter** (surgery for broken hip on 12/15), Sharon & **Bob VanWhy**, Stuart Watkins, Rita & Leroy Williams (friends of Nickie Price), James Yeatts.

Metro Richmond at Prayer for December 20, 2015: We pray for the families in Metropolitan Richmond: for the care and protection of infants, children, and youth; and for the intimate knowledge that each one is a beloved child of God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 20

- 9:00 Connections
- 9:45 Birthday Party for Jesus (SH)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship
- 1:00 Elmcroft Worship Service
- 2:00 Disciple 3 (205)
- 3:15 Caroling (SH)
- 3:30 Girl Scouts (SH)
- 5:00 Youth Choir (Sanc)
- 5:30 Youth Christmas Party (YH)
- 7:30 Youth Lock-In

Monday, December 21

- 10:00 Line Dancers (309)
- 10:00 Youth Choir (Sanc)
- 7:00 Chancel Choir

Tuesday, December 22

- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (205)

Wednesday, December 23

Church Office Closed at 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24

Church Office Closed

- 5:00 Family Worship
- 7:30 Candlelight & Communion Worship
- 11:00 Candlelight & Communion Worship
- 6:30 AA Group (205)

Friday, December 25

Church Office Closed

- 8:00 AA Group (309)

Saturday, December 26

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 Cole Holland

Greeters:

9:00 Diane King (Library)
Mike Patterson (Narthex)
11:00 Nickie Price (Library)
Tracey Kellam (Narthex)

Nursery:

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

Counters:

Klaus Worrell (captain)
Steve Oliver, Stuart Watkins

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

Audio/Media Shout Team:

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

Sanctuary Organizers:

Flora Scott, Jean Winfree

Advent Readers & Candle Lighters:

9:00 Brenda Woodward &
Doug Sheek
11:00 Billiedale & Ralph Vernon

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