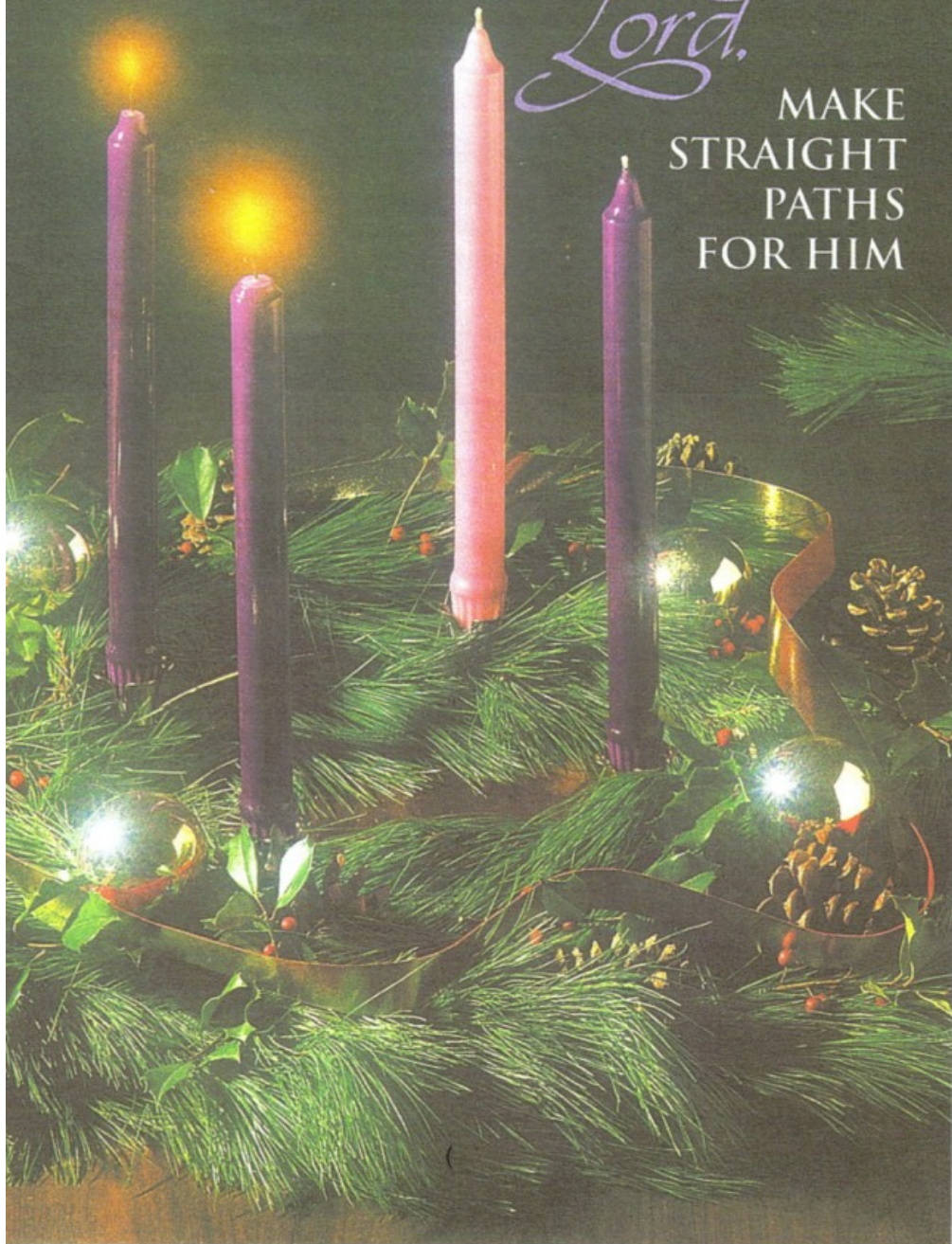


*Prepare the way
for the
Lord.*

MAKE
STRAIGHT
PATHS
FOR HIM



The Morning Celebration!

8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Staffed Nursery available in C.E. Bldg., lower level.

**Please stand if you are able.*

Sunday, December 9, 2018 2nd Sunday of Advent

Lo, how a rose e're blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

- German carol, 15th century

Assisting in Worship

8:30 Roland Newell 11:00 Jen Caron

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST
PRELUDE "Now to Us Descending" - Scott

Lighting of the Advent Candles

LEADER: Last week we lit the candle of Hope, remembering the hope that comes in Christ. This morning we light the candle of **PEACE**

PRAYER

RESPONSE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." On this day we bear witness to the light of Christ as we seek to live as people of peace, working toward a world free of violence and injustice that threatens our well-being and separates one from another.

PEOPLE: **Come, Prince of Peace!**

*HYMN: #38 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Lord, have mercy on us. We say we want to sow peace, yet we often bring discord to our relationships. We say we want to make a difference in our world, yet we put our own priorities first. We recognize that we fall short of your expectations time and again. Forgive us, Lord and remind us that the peace that lives within us is meant to be shared. In the name of our Savior, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us back to him. Grateful for his promise of joy and peace, let us embrace the love and mercy so freely offered by the Lord.

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

PEOPLE: **In Jesus Christ we are – I am – forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

CHORUS

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON: Luke 1:5-20 (NT P 56)

SPECIAL MUSIC: 8:30 #37 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
CHOIR: 11:00 People Look East

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 (NT P 56)

Prayer Concerns

Hospitalized, Nursing Home Care, Hospice, Senior Living, and Rehabilitation:

Edith Csik, Betty Jenkins, Charles Hudak, Nancy Hartman, Mary Gilmore, Harry Hill, Randy Hunt, and Barbara York's sister Kathy, Christa, Doris Krieger, Maryann Hopkins, Marjorie, and Jack Harkins.

Healing:

Scott Freck, Carol Hess, Eleanor Hathaway, Ray Stavish, Jennifer Cox, Ken Hunt, Wendy Kasper, Anna Freck, Madeline Lafery, Cindi Walker, Ava (Polly's daughter), Hannah Dixon, Claudia Havens, Don Rothschild, Dean Kasper, Marie Johnson, Fred (Polly's brother), Ken Ashman, Jeanette and Gary, Jan, Craig, Bob (Dorothy Ruck's friend), Ellie, Dianna, Mary Jane, Mr & Mrs John Schultz, Wendy Kasper's Aunt Carol Cameron, Jonathan Clark, Carmel Roberti, Ginny's brother-in-law Andy Myers, Rick Hicks, Fran Davis, Laura Wilt, Lee Bunting, Polly Grobelny, Pat, Jane Nugent, Ann Lamberto, Steven, Barney Barnes, Joann (Judy Casey's daughter), Warren, Annette Slaney's mom, Edison (infant), Louisa, May, Denise Donlan, and Kevin Mattis' sister Mary.

God's Presence: The family of president George Bush.

Joy and Thankfulness: Charles Hudak IS doing well.

Because we love you our prayers are with you this week:

Lisa and Tom Huber, Marge Hull, and Darla and Randy Hunt

Flowers today are given by John and Claudia Fratinardo in loving memory of her parents, Harold (Jim) and Marge Blackwell.

Interested in becoming a member of the Providence Presbyterian Church? Contact Pastor Diane either by e-mail or by phone at the church office 609-499-2753.

**** Please contact Pastor Diane with pastoral care needs at 908-803-6395 (cell) or the office at 609-499-2753 ****

Welcome to worship this morning. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Lord today through song, prayer, God's Word, and fellowship.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS & BIBLES are located in the back of the church. Please return after the worship service.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Session of Providence Presbyterian Church has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation for Sunday, December 23rd immediately following the 11 am worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee. No other business may be transacted.

Presbyterian Women will have their ***Christmas luncheon at Charlie Brown's at 12:30 (noon)*** on December 18th. Call Jerrie Glass if you are going 609-733-3052. **All women are WELCOME! We would love to have you come.** Also, please bring in **YOUR DELICIOUS HOMEMADE COOKIES** for the shut-ins between December 16 – 18th at the CE building. PW will pack the cookies up on the 18th. **We appreciate your help in making this happen!**

Mission Committee is still Looking for volunteers for our GIFT WRAPPING for this Christmas Season. We have several volunteers now but if you can give us an hour or two of your time, it would be appreciated. Contact Phil at 609-499-5651 or e-mail at philipat2087@comcast.net. Dates for wrapping your presents are:

Friday, Dec. 21 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Saturday, Dec 22 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

All proceeds will go to missions. Starting gathering your unwrapped gifts, pile them up and bring them in for us to wrap for you.

December 12th at 7:00 PM, Monthly Session Meeting. Session meetings are now open for observers to listen in but not speak.

The **Christmas gifts for the Azalea House** need to be at our church **next Sunday, December 16th**. Please make sure you bring in your gift or gifts.



Poinsettia sale. We have red 8" poinsettias. Cost this year \$15.50. Last day for orders is December 16th. Order forms are in the back of the church or call Ginny at 609-369-0975. Place orders with payment in basket in back of church. Thank you

Ordination and installation of New Session Members will be on Sunday, January 6th, 2019.

If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday services, please contact Jerrie Glass at 609-733-3052 or email her at jerriedick410@verizon.net

Sunday School is held during both the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. After the Children's Message, children 5th grade and under will be excused for their class in the CE Building (downstairs in the Youth Room). Join the fun! Students 6th grade and up may serve as a youth assistant.

2018 PPC Financial Report

Giving Last Week	Weekly Giving Goal	Giving Last Week Total Difference
\$2,403	\$3,004	(\$601)
Giving Last Month	Monthly Giving Goal	Giving Last Month Total Difference
\$11,685	\$13,015	(\$1,331)
Year to Date	2018 Budget Total	2018 Total Budget Shortfall
\$140,002	\$156,185	(\$16,183)

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 10 – December 16

- Tuesday, December 12th** – 7:00 Monthly Session Meeting (open to all)
Sunday, December 16th – 9:40 AM The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem
- First day of drop off christmas cookies for shut-ins (CE)
 - Last day for Poinsettia orders



Providence Presbyterian Church Advent and Christmas Season 2018

The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Advent Sunday School Class
Sundays December 16th, 23rd
9:340 in the Fellowship Room
For Youth and adults

Worship Services

Through scripture, music, and prayer, worship invites us to thoughtfully and joyfully travel again the road to Bethlehem.

December 16 Advent III

8:30 and 11 a.m. *The Shepherds' Joy* Luke 1:26-38
9:40 a.m. The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

December 23 Advent IV

8:30 and 11 a.m. *The Child Is Born* Luke 2:1-7
9:40 a.m. The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

6:30 and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols

December 30

8:30 and 11 a.m. Christmas is Just the Beginning

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bordentown City Holiday Train Event – Old City Hall on 13 Crosswicks Street. (Free Admission)
You must stop by and see these working train displays!
 Open from 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 Dec. 14, 15, 16, 28, 29, 30 & Jan. 4,5,6

GLORIA PATRI (unison)

*Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.*

SERMON: The Angels' Voices

- Rev. Diane Curtis

HYMN: #22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

When the fullness of time came God sent his Son, his eternal wisdom, the substance of his own glory, into this world, who took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by means of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the "Angel of the great counsel of God," the very Messiah promised, whom we confess and acknowledge to be Emmanuel, true God and true man, two perfect natures united and joined in one person.

-The Scots Confession, 3.06

OPEN TIME OF SHARING/TESTIMONY/PRAYER CONCERNS

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "A Shepherd's Song" - *Calkins*

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication

HYMN: #31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #586 Threefold Amen DANISH

POSTLUDE "Postlude" - *Haydn*