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Come Worship With Us

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Pastor's Letter

"For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old." – Isaiah 63:8-9

Dear Friends,

By now, you've probably thrown the Christmas tree out the back door, stripped the decorations from the hearth, and vacuumed up more fir needles than you thought it possible for one tree to shed. It seems that all we have to look forward to are the long, cold nights of winter. What will bring us cheer in these dreary days?

The prophet Isaiah reminded the children of Israel that in the midst of their distress – during their darkest, bleakest days – it was God who became their savior. God entered in like a mother and scooped them up, loved them, and saved them. God has done the same for us – in the person of a tiny baby.

The decorations may be gone for another year, but the Christ who greeted us on Christmas morning still lives. Through his life, he offers us, even in the dark times, grace and peace that we cannot imagine. When the light grows dim and the midwinter blues set in, remember that child, that star in the eastern sky, those angels who sang alleluias. Lift up your hearts and rejoice in the one who came to make all things new – even us.

Blessings,
Terri





Building & Ground

We hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year that is coming. We are looking forward to a great year at Providence.

Blessings, Randy Parker

Evangelism/Nurture

I would like to thank the Nurture Team for the many ways you have ministered to our congregation. Through meals, visits, crosses, cards, phone calls and most of all prayers. We are hoping for great things this year.

Please remember our Café Justo bar we will be serving coffee in the kitchen in the church **every third Sunday of each month.** Stop by for a cup of coffee, fellowship and make certain you order some of this delicious coffee.

Grace and Peace, Peggy Ragsdale

Making a Difference in Missions

Missions has been very successful in 2016 in all of our endeavors. This has only happened because of you, the people of Providence. To this, we are grateful as well as those who are on the receiving end. Providence has made a name for itself as a caring and giving church, as well as a church that can be counted on when there is a time of need. Let's make an all-out effort to go above and beyond what we have done in the past. Let 2017 surpass all we've done. Yes, we are small, but we are mighty!

Once again, as noted in last month's newsletter, Clemson has come out on top to win our challenge so PERC has benefited with all of the peanut butter and jelly.

The Santa Shoppe was in awe of all the toys and other miscellaneous items that were turned in our "our" behalf. So much so that between three of us unloading my car we could not get an actual count of toys, etc. that was collected. They reassured us that they will start with their notices as early as September this year, so we will collect two car loads!

The Christmas Joy offering totaled \$125.03.

The Missions Team will be meeting shortly to go over the agenda for 2017 and will fill you in. In the meantime, please bring in canned meat products for the month of January and February for the Food Panty.

If there is anyone with a desire to help in the Missions effort, please contact Sherrie Tootill, Jennifer McCalla or me.

Blessings, Linda Threatt

Presbyterian Women

The Morning Circle meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Join us January 3rd at 11:00 at Foothills. The Sunday Circle meets the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 am in Ellenburg Hall. Join us as we study, fellowship and serve.

Presbyterian Men

The men of the church meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Fatz Café in Easley at 6:30 pm. All men are invited. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so that we can make the appropriate reservations. This month it will be Tuesday, January 17th. Join us as we fellowship and plan how to minister in our community.

Dave Merry

Providence Preschool

It was such a busy and merry time in December at the preschool! We couldn't have ended the calendar year off better than with our Happy Birthday Jesus parties! There is a lot to look forward to in 2017. We'll begin registration soon for the new school year. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool, be sure to send them our way this month to take a tour!

Look for pictures of all the activities that happened in December on the website.

Blessings on a New Year!

Sheree Beal, Director



Young at Heart will go to Capri's in Easley on January 24th at 5:00 pm. Join us for a fun and delicious Italian night. Join us for a delightful evening during a bleak month and enjoy the fellowship!

We want to thank you for the many acts of kindness and gifts you gave us during Christmas. Gratitude is a more appropriate word when we talk about our gifts from our family of faith that we share.

More importantly, you are our family of faith and we cherish all that you do and give us throughout the year.

Thank you is an inadequate word, but it is heartfelt. We are grateful for each one of you and the many acts of kindness you have shown us through these special days. Truthfully, we are thankful for all you do every day!

Blessings to you in this New Year!
Grace & Peace, Becky,
Donna & Sherrie



A New Beginning!

We must learn to live each day, each hour, yes, each minute as a new beginning, as a unique opportunity to make everything new. Imagine that we could live each moment as a moment pregnant with new life. Imagine that we could live each day as a day full of promises.

Imagine that we could walk through the new year always listening to a voice saying to us: "I have a gift for you and can't wait for you to see it! **Imagine!**

~ Henri Nouwen



The Kids and Youth Group will meet on the following Sunday afternoons....please mark your calendars:

Sunday, January 15th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Sunday, January 29th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

See you there for starting a New Year off right!

Serving the Church in January

Liturgists

January 01	Jill Campion
January 08	Jessica Traynham
January 15	Dennis Olewine
January 22	Jennifer McCalla
January 29	Lewis Clapp

Acolytes

January 01	Mary Lorraine Metcalf
January 08	Communion Sunday
January 15	Erika Clark
January 22	Sara Everette
January 29	Lillie Goodman

Flowers

January 01	
January 08	
January 15	
January 22	Becky Kay
January 29	

Greeters

January 01	Paul Gillespie & Peggy Ragsdale
January 08	Paul Gillespie & Cyndi Everette
January 15	Joey & Vicki Ford
January 22	Peggy Ragsdale & Jan Tanner
January 29	Jane Broderick & Peggy Ragsdale

Ushers

Terry Clark, Brad Rochester.
Sherrie Tootill & Wylie Shugart

Nursery

January 01	Wanda Witmer
January 08	Vicki Ford & Hanna Clark
January 15	Angie Rochester
January 22	Amy Metcalf
January 29	Vicki Ford

Children's Church

January 01	Melissa Clark
January 08	Brad Rochester
January 15	Alora Holloway
January 22	Shane Metcalf
January 29	Melissa Clark

Time with Children

January 01	Becky Kay
January 08	Jennifer McCalla
January 15	Pastor Terri
January 22	Jennifer McCalla
January 29	Becky Kay



Dylan Campbell – January 11th
Linleigh Marshall – January 22nd
Hanna Clark – January 27th

Happy Birthday to each of you from your church family!



We **URGENTLY** need volunteers for Children's Church and Nursery help. We are talking about the future of our church....our children, so please prayerfully consider helping once a month to be with them in Children's Church and hold babies.

Also, Adult I Sunday School Class is rotating its teaching positions, but would probably love to have a permanent person to lead them. There are many gifted teachers and leaders in our church who could help with this.

Where is God calling you to serve?



Our Flower Calendar is up for 2017. Take a moment and think of a loved one, friend or someone you admire to honor or remember. Fresh flowers enhance our Worship and give Glory to a Risen Christ.



Session News – from the December 13, 2016 Stated Meeting

Examination of Elder Candidates

The candidates for the Class of 2019 (Jane Broderick, Jennifer McCalla, Shane Metcalf and Lowry Wilson) were examined by the session and approved for ordination and installation on January 8, 2017.

Building & Grounds

The committee presented a final draft of the updated rental policy for Ellenburg Hall, which was approved contingent on a few minor changes.

Other Recent Events/Actions

Communion was served on Sunday, December 4, 2016, with Rev. Terri Price officiating.

Christmas Eve candlelight service was held on December 24th, at 11 pm, with communion by intinction.

Christmas Day - Service at 10 am on Sunday December 25, 2016.

Jennifer McCalla, Clerk



Serving You at Providence

Presbyterian Church

Stated Supply Pastor, Rev. Terri Price
Jane Broderick, Clerk of Session
Director of Music, Tim Gossett
Church Secretary, Becky Kay, Notary
Financial Secretary, Donna Robertson
Sexton, Sherrie Tootill
Treasurer, Lewis Clapp
Preschool Director, Sheree Beal

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Session Members:

Class of 2017 – Jill Campion, Brad Rochester, Erick Nicholson, Randy Parker

Class of 2018 – Larry Brock, Cyndi Everette, Peggy Ragsdale, Linda Threatt


Class of 2019 – Jane Broderick, Shane Metcalf, Jennifer McCalla, Lowry Wilson

*“Never stop believing in hope because we see
God's miracles every day – Blessings on this New Year!”*

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