



The Providence Press

*'Come Worship With Us
as We Grow in Wisdom and
Grace'*

Volume 24: Issue 1 ~ Powdersville, South Carolina 29611

January, 2018

"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." – Julian of Norwich

As we move into the post-Christmas season, that time of short days and cold, dark nights, it is easy to slip into a place of sadness and despair. How did the world get into such a mess? How did my life get into such a mess? What is going to happen with North Korea, the Middle East, our own country – our own neighborhood?

It is easy to fall into a place of hopelessness, a place in which we see nothing bright or promising but only that which is dull and lifeless.

But then we hear again the words of Julian of Norwich. Not much is known about her life in England in the late 1300s, except that at the age of 30 she suffered from a serious illness. Thought to be near death, her priest came to administer the [last rites](#) of the Catholic Church. As part of the ritual, he held a crucifix in the air above the foot of her bed. Although Julian was losing her sight and felt physically numb, she saw on the crucifix the figure of Jesus begin to bleed. By the time of her recovery, she had experienced sixteen visions all together.¹

It would have been easy for Julian to sink into despair, to assume her life was over and to turn her back on God. But God had other plans for her. After her recovery, she became an important Christian mystic and theologian. Among her writings, the words above: "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

A wonderful prayer for all of us.

In Christ,
Terri

In Christ,
Terri



¹ information from Wikipedia entry, "Julian of Norwich"



Building & Grounds

I would like to thank everyone for their help during my time on session. I look forward to working with Richard and Larry more in the coming years to get more done that needs upgrading. Praying 2018 brings joy and happiness to our church and families!!

God bless, Randy Parker

Christian Education

See you **Sunday mornings at 9:45!**

Blessings, Cyndi Everette

Evangelism/Nurture

We mourn over the recent losses of two dear church members. Martha Newton died December 4, 2017. Jill Campion died December 10, 2017. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their loved ones. Please pray for our sick and those having surgery.

With God's grace and peace we care, *Lowry Wilson*

Making a Difference in Missions

Happy New Year!

Blessings, The Mission Team (Sherrie, Stefanie, Shaun, Peggy, and Linda)

Parish Nurse – Strengthen Your Family in God

Have you made the decision for your family to serve the LORD? God wants strong families that are committed to Him. His Word shows us how we are to live. Joshua 24:15 says: "BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD." Here are some practical tips to help your family grow in Christ:

- Build your home on God's Word (Luke 6:47-49, Joshua 1:8)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Attend church together (Hebrews 10:25)

- Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Worship God in your home (Colossians 3:16)
- Remove ungodly influences from your home (Acts 19:19)
- Maintain a Christian environment, with Christian attitudes, programs, music, and activities. (Colossians 3:16)
- Show piety at home and repay your parents and grandparents by helping them when they are older (1 Timothy 5:4)
- Do things together to build your family: play games, go places as a family...(Proverbs 14.1, Ephesians 5:31, Luke 2:40-42)

How will you strengthen your family in God this New Year 2018? A famous saying is "the family that prays together stays together." God Care's for every family. He helps, reconciles, and strengths us. In John 13:34, Jesus gives His command that we love one another, which includes our family. Jesus says, "A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER: AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER."

Wives, submit to your husbands, as to the Lord...Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved his church...Ephesians 5:22, 25.

Don't forget to pick up your Wellness Word Bulletin.

Stay well, Julia Palmer

Presbyterian Women

The Sunday Circle will meet the second Sunday, **on January 14th** at 9:30 am.

If you have questions about this group please call Julia Palmer at (864) 630-5030.

Providence Preschool

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

~ Sheree Beal, Director

Serving the Church in January

Liturgists

Jan. 07 Robin Bell
Jan. 14 Jennifer McCalla
Jan. 21 Brad Rochester
Jan. 28 Jessica Traynham

Acolytes

Jan. 07 Communion
Jan. 14 Erik Hogan
Jan. 21 Erika Clark
Jan. 28 Braden Rochester

Flowers

Jan. 07
Jan. 14
Jan. 21 Becky Kay
Jan. 28

Greeters

Jan. 07 Sherrie Tootill & Suzette Garland
Jan. 14 Becky Kay & Jan Tanner
Jan. 21 Jessica Traynham & Jan Tanner
Jan. 28 Becky Kay & Jan Tanner

Ushers

January Terry Clark, Joey Ford, Sam Ricker,
Donnie Robertson

Nursery

Jan. 07 Wanda Witmer
Jan. 14 Jennifer McCalla
Jan. 21 Angie Rochester & Sara Everette
Jan. 28 Cyndi Everette

Children's Church

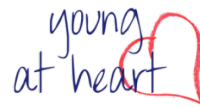
Jan. 07 Shane Metcalf
Jan. 14 Hogan Family
Jan. 21 Brad Rochester
Jan. 28 Alora Holloway

Time with Children

Jan. 07 Jennifer McCalla
Jan. 14 Jennifer McCalla
Jan. 21 Jennifer McCalla
Jan. 28 Becky Kay



Christina Mixon	Linleigh Marshall
Debbie Gillespie	Marian Graham
Donnie Robertson	Mary Jane Kelly
Greg Marshall	Peggy Ragsdale
Hanna Clark	Sawyer Traynham
Kathy Dyches	Shane Metcalf



The Young at Heart will gather on January 23, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Blockhouse Restaurant & Oyster Bar located at 1619 Augusta St., Greenville, SC 29605. Everyone mark your calendar and come out for good fellowship time and laughter. Contact Julia Palmer (864) 630-5030 if you plan to attend so a seating number can be given to the restaurant. All ages are welcome.



On **Saturday, January 13, 2018**, Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Providence Presbyterian Church. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441) or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979**

Serving You at Providence

Presbyterian Church

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

Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Telephone Number: 864.605.1011
Terri's E-mail: minister@providence-church.com
Terri's Cell Number is 864-616-9992
Mary's E-Mail: office@providence-church.com
Donna's E-Mail: donna@providence-church.com
Sheree's E-Mail: preschool@providence-church.com
Website: www.providence-church.com

Session Members:

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

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

Class of 2020 – Robin Bell, Julia Palmer, Richard Witmer

*"Our hope is not in the new year... but in The One who makes all things new."
~Anonymous~*



The Providence Press

Providence Presbyterian Church
4000 Highway 153
Greenville, South Carolina 29611-7404

Address Correction Requested