

# Opportunities

*To our wonderful pastors who willingly filled the pulpit during the last few months, we say, "Thank you!" We appreciate your faithfulness to Providence Presbyterian when we needed your leadership. Your sermons, prayers, and guidance came at a crucial time in our church's new season. We will forever be grateful to the following ministers: Rev. Liza Hendricks, Rev. Thomas Chadwick, Rev. Ted Hanawalt, Rev. Robin Wooddell, Rev. Martha Mitchell, and Pastor Marvin Brangan!*

*Sincerely,*

*The Worship Team and Members of the Congregation*

**New Interim Pastor** – Today we welcome Rev. Libby Rollins as our interim pastor for Providence. Libby was ordained in 1998 and has spent roughly 23 of her 24 years as an interim. For 12 of those 23 years, she has been an interim in the Tidewater area, and we are so grateful that she is now here with us! Please introduce yourself and give her a warm "welcome aboard."

**PPC Youth Group - Today at 5pm.** All youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend PPC youth group in the fellowship hall. Special guest Kevin Daley will join us (and will be bringing pizza!!) at the beginning of the evening to discuss work camp. Please be there on time if you are going to work camp or have questions about it, and parents are highly encouraged to attend for that first section as we will be discussing fundraising. After the work camp discussion parents should plan to leave and we will do devotion and fellowship. If you don't eat pizza, please bring something else for dinner and leave cell phones at home! Call **Ashley Schroeder 757-270-4476** if you have questions.

**Work Camp 2023** - There will be a meeting today at 5:00 pm just prior to Youth Group for all those already attending, or anyone interested in attending work camp next year. Dates for work camp are June 25 - July 1 in Wrightsville, PA. Parents are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing fund raising and the trip. Any questions please contact **Kevin Daley kdaley7203@cox.net**.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets** - Providence will provide turkey dinners to ten families and five senior citizens at Thanksgiving. Slips of paper listing the food items needed are in baskets in the narthex and fellowship hall. Draw as many slips as you can and bring the food to church weekdays between 9am-2pm or to worship and place in boxes in the foyer. **All food needs to be brought by Sunday, November 13.** For more information call **Karen at 757-893-7150**

**Preschool Book Fair** - You can support Providence Preschool by reading! Our preschool will be holding a book fair **November 2-15! Swing by the foyer 9 am - 4Pm Monday – Friday.** Preschool aged books will be set up to browse and buy. When you purchase a book from Scholastic, you help us reach our goal of free or discounted books and educational supplies for the preschool. This is also a great opportunity to pick up a gift for yourself or anyone on your Christmas list! For more information, please contact **Brooke Gwynn at preschool@provpres.org**.

**PPW Pancake Breakfast for Dinner and Cake Walk Fundraiser - Saturday, November 19 at 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.** PPW Pancake Breakfast for dinner fundraiser - Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast for Dinner 4:30pm-6:30pm. The menu will be pancakes, bacon, sausage, and fresh fruit. The cost is \$10 adults, \$5 children 10 and under per ticket. We will also have some fun with a good old-fashioned cake walk. Come take some chances at winning one of many delicious cakes donated by our wonderful bakers. \$1.00 per chance per person. Funds raised will support our missions such as migrant workers, foster children and the elderly in group homes. Tickets will be available for purchase on Sunday, October 30. For more information, email **ppw@provpres.org**.

**Cake Walk Fundraiser** - If you can bake a cake, or buy one, we could use your help! We will be having a cake walk during our Pancake Breakfast for Dinner fundraiser. It will be a whole lot of fun for the kids, so please bring them for a chance to win a cake! Adults are encouraged to join in the fun for a chance to win as well. If you would like to donate a homemade or store-bought cake, please leave your name and phone number on the signup sheet on the bulletin board. You can also call **Elizabeth Carter at 757-470-8371** for questions or to commit to donating a cake.

**PPW Thank Offering** - It's that time of year. The PW collects to support the PW Thank Offering. This offering is one of Presbyterian Women's two offerings. Received in the fall each year, it gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. The Creative Ministries Offering Committee of Presbyterian Women reviewed 24 Thank Offering applications and selected 10 projects for funding this year. Eight of the projects serve people in the United States and two are international. In keeping with the Thank Offering bylaws, more than 40 percent of the selected projects are related to health ministries. We will be collecting your contributions in the circles/bible studies **through November 15** or you can mail a check to church. **Please make checks out to: Providence Presbyterian Church, mark "PW Thank Offering".** For more info and recipients: [https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what\\_we\\_do/support-mission/thank-offering/](https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/what_we_do/support-mission/thank-offering/)

**JCOC-** On **Friday, December 2**, Providence will provide meals and serve the homeless. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals for the shelter, donate food, or donate financially. If donating food or volunteering, please sign up at church or online. For more information, contact Nick Bolton at [nick@cardinalmessenger.com](mailto:nick@cardinalmessenger.com). Dinner items will be collected Tuesday, November 30 – Thursday, December 1. Desserts will be collected on Friday, December 2, 10 am - 2 pm. Volunteers will meet at the church on Friday, December 2 at 4:30 pm to drive to the shelter. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

**PPC Youth Group - Botanical Gardens Christmas Lights Walking Tour on Sunday, December 18.** All youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend. We will meet at the church at 4:30 pm to carpool to our destination. **You must RSVP** to Ashley Schroeder at [ashdogger@me.com](mailto:ashdogger@me.com) or 757-270-4476, no **later than November 16** so we can purchase tickets.

**The Meals-on-Wheels** is looking for people to build delivery teams. A team consists of two people who pick up meals and follow the directions to about ten drop-off spots near our church. A team is assigned a day of the week, and it takes less than three hours to complete the deliveries. Our MOW team delivers only 4-5 times a YEAR. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Petey Reynolds at 757-499-2211 or 757-288-1958.**

**Food Pantry** - We are collecting items to be delivered to the **St. Marks Food Pantry**. There is a list of items on the collection box. This is merely a suggested list. They will accept all unexpired food items. Place items in the labeled bin in the narthex and foyer of the church. You may also donate via check in lieu of items. If you choose to do so, please write "Food Pantry" in the memo of the check and send it to the church or leave it in the collection plate at Sunday service. For further information, please contact **Laureen Simmons at 757-479-2400. *Just as the cost of food has increased, so has the cost of the brown paper bags used to deliver the food to recipients. Gather up your brown paper grocery bags and donate them in the same bin as the groceries. Please, remember to bring food on Communion Sunday for our partnership with St. Mark's Food Pantry.***

**God has answered our prayers** for an assistant to lovingly care for our youngest on Sunday mornings during the 11:00 am worship service. **Cassandra Stephenson**, daughter of Bill and granddaughter of Marty Stephenson, has grown up amongst us and is currently a student at TCC while also working as a home care provider. She began her training with Barbara Bishop, Little Lambs Supervisor, on Sunday, October 30. We plan to re-open the Nursery in Room 110 for the 11:00 Worship Service on **November 13**. This will be a service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for God's many blessings to Providence **over 45 years** – an Interim Pastor, a new library and now a re-opened Nursery for our youngest children!

**\*\* The following Sundays there will be 11:00 am worship only. No Early Worship \*\***

**TODAY** (Celebration Luncheon after worship)

**December 11** (Advent Workshop, Luncheon, and Music Concert after church)

**December 25** (Christmas Day)

**January 1, 2023** (New Year's Day)

**\*\*\* Please disregard the offertory envelope marked "Transportation Fund." The church is no longer collecting for that. \*\*\***

# Today

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## **Sunday, November 13**

9:30am - Discipleship Class  
10:30am - Choir warmup  
11:00am - Worship / Zoom worship  
11:15am - Enrichment  
12:00pm - Celebration & Thanksgiving Luncheon  
5:00pm - Youth Group

# This Week

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## **Monday, November 14**

7:00pm - Session meeting

## **Tuesday, November 15**

7:00pm - Bells of Providence

## **Wednesday, November 16**

7:00pm - Chancel Choir

## **Thursday, November 17**

7:00pm - Care Team meeting

## **Saturday, November 19**

4:30pm - Pancake for Breakfast Dinner & Cake Walk

## **Sunday, November 20**

8:30am - Early Worship  
9:30am - Discipleship Class  
10:30am - Choir warmup  
11:00am - Worship / Zoom worship  
11:15am - Enrichment  
12:00pm - Hanging of the Greens  
12:00pm - PW Council meeting  
5:00pm - Youth Group

# Sermon Notes

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Isaiah 65:17-25  
A Vision of What Could Be



*The flowers that grace our sanctuary  
today are given to the glory of God by  
our church to  
welcome Rev. Libby Rollins  
to the Providence family!*

