

Opportunities

PPC Youth Group - Today from 5 pm - 7pm, all youth grade 6 -12 are invited to join us in the fellowship hall. We will prepare the December bulletin board for the preschool and enjoy some fun and fellowship. Please bring your dinner and leave phones at home. Call **Ashley Schroeder 757-270-4476** for more information.

Providence Men's Fellowship Dinner Out - Join us on **Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 pm** at **Brickhouse Diner located at 941 Providence Square Shopping Center, Virginia Beach, VA**. Please sign up on the bulletin board and bring a friend! For more information, please contact **Aaron Gilbert at agilbert95@ymail.com or 757-763-9802**

Bells of Providence at Chrysler - December 10, at 1:00 pm. Join us at the Chrysler Museum, as the Bells of Providence fill Huber Court with festive music! This event is free. Invite your friends and neighbors! For more information, you may go to the website: <https://chrysler.org/event/holiday-handbells-concert/>

Joy Filled Sunday – Sunday, December 11 starting at 11:00 am. Providence Presbyterian presents a day to celebrate Advent, a time of welcoming the Christ Child into our hearts and homes! We will have a Service of Lessons and Carols at 11:00 am (no early worship) with special music performed by our Chancel Choir and Providence Kids. Following worship, we will have an Advent Workshop and Luncheon in the fellowship hall from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm with crafts and activities for children and adults, strolling carolers, and yummy lunch treats. We will end the event with a music program featuring Bells of Providence, Providence Kids, and a Christmas Carol Sing-along. Please sign up for the workshop and luncheon via the link provided online or sign-up sheet at the church located outside the fellowship hall, so we can ensure enough goodies for everyone. For further information, please contact **Connie Salter at 757-288-2072 or Sue Crosland at 757-646-4735**

Giving Tree - Providence is providing gifts for needy children. Wrapped gifts with the tag attached need to be placed under the tree by **December 18**.

The denominational Christmas Joy Offering will be received through December 18. By giving to the Joy Offering, you provide assistance to current and retired PCUSA church workers in their time of need and our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Make checks payable to Providence with an indication for "Joy Offering." Bring to worship, mail to church, or use your bank's bill pay feature.

Christmas Food Baskets - Providence will provide turkey dinners to 10 families and 5 senior citizens at Christmas. 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 9 am-2 pm or to worship and place in boxes in the foyer. **All food needs to be brought by Sunday, December, 18. Here's how you can help if you are not able to pick up slips:** Make a donation of \$15, \$20 and we will purchase needed items. Make checks payable to Providence with a notation for "Baskets." Bring to worship; mail to church, or send using your bank's bill pay feature, marking the check for "Baskets." For more information call **Karen, 757-803-7150**.

Christmas Eve Service - On December 24 at 5:00 pm Providence will host a family service with children's pageant, communion, and candle lighting, with carols and special music by the chancel choir and Bell of Providence.

Christmas Morning Worship - On December 25 at 11:00 am Providence will have a worship service. Comfortable, casual dress (Christmas sweaters, Christmas Pjs, fuzzy slippers...) is encouraged. Hear the Christmas story in a new way. Sing your favorite carols and enjoy some hot chocolate and fellowship after worship.

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.***

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

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

December 25 (Christmas Day)

January 1, 2023 (New Year's Day)

Today

Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent
8:30 am - Early Worship
9:15 am - Merry Bells
9:30 am - Discipleship Class
10:30 am - Choir warmup
11:00 am - Worship / Zoom worship
11:15 am - Enrichment

This Week

Monday, December 5

7:00 pm - Committee Chairs meeting
7:30 pm - Committee meeting

Tuesday, December 6

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

Wednesday, December 7

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, December 8

6:00 pm - Men's Dinner Out
6:00 pm - PW Bible Study

Saturday, December 10

1:00 pm - Bells of Providence at Chrysler
Museum

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent
9:30 am - Discipleship Class
10:30 am - Choir warmup
11:00 am - Worship / Zoom worship,
Service of Lessons and Carols
12:00 pm - Joy - Filled Sunday Advent
Workshop
1:30 pm - Music Program
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Sermon Notes

James 5:7-10
All This Waiting



*The flowers that grace our sanctuary
today are given to the glory of God by
Joanne and Lee Anderson
in memory of their wonderful
Aunt Lila Jordan*

