

# Opportunities

**PPC Youth Group - Today from 5 pm - 7pm**, all youth grade 6 -12 are invited to join us in the fellowship hall. Please bring your dinner and leave phones at home. Call **Ashley Schroeder 757-270-4476** for more information. We invite the congregation to enjoy the December Bulletin Board we prepared for the preschool!

**Joy Filled Sunday – TODAY!** 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 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.

**2023 Offering Envelopes** - are now available in the narthex. Please pick your's up following worship.

**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**.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry - will not be meeting in December.** We will meet next on **Tuesday, January 17, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** in the Parlor. Contact **Deanne Shuman** if you are interested or have questions (757) 373-0927.

**The Christmas Offering** received on **Christmas Eve** funds the Food Pantry Fund of Providence. This fund helps members of our church and the local community through St. Mark's food pantry in times of need. Make checks payable to Providence Presbyterian Church with an indication for "Food Pantry."

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

**Kirk Night & Kirkmusik Returns! - On Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm**, we will begin our 2023 spring edition of Kirk Night. You and your family are invited to share a meal and discuss the message of Eugene H. Peterson's book, *PSALMS, Prayers of the Heart*. At Kirk Night, we prepare and share a home cooked meal (\$5/adult, \$3/child). After dinner, adults and youth remain in the fellowship hall and children move to the choir room for Kirkmusik, for an interactive half-hour session of singing, playing instruments and learning the language of music. Register online or on the sign-up sheet at church. Hope to see you there! For more information, please contact Connie Salter at seasaltcpa@cox.net.

**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

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## **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

# This Week

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## **Monday, December 12**

- 7:00 pm - Session meeting

## **Tuesday, December 13**

- 9:00 am - Preschool Bake sale
- 10:00 pm - Dorcas Circle
- 7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

## **Wednesday, December 14**

- 9:00 am - Preschool Bake sale
- 10:00 pm - Mary & Martha Circle
- 7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

## **Sunday, December 18**

*4th Sunday of Advent*

- 8:30 am - Early Worship
- 9:30 am - Discipleship Class
- 10:30 am - Choir warmup
- 11:00 am - Worship / Zoom worship
- 11:15 am - Enrichment
- 12:00 pm - PW Council meeting
- 4:30 pm - Youth Group - Botanical  
Gardens



*The flowers that grace our sanctuary  
today are given to the glory of God by  
Virginia Arcipowski*

*In honor of her loving parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Wessler*



# Sermon Notes

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