

Opportunities

Youth Weekly Bible Study - All youth grades 6-12, are invited to a weekly Bible study each Sunday, led by Pastor Joel. This weekly Bible study will be held in the Media Room from **9:30 am - 10:30 am**. Please bring your Bible each week. If you do not have a Bible at home, the church will provide one for you.

Elementary Students Weekly Bible Study - All students in grades K-5, also are invited to a weekly Bible study each Sunday, led by Jennifer Parker. This weekly Bible study will be held in the Grade K-2 Enrichment Room from **9:30 am-10:30 am**. These lessons will be different from the lessons taught during Enrichment Time. **Please know that our weekly Enrichment classes will still meet as usual during the worship service.** We are excited to offer these opportunities for spiritual growth to our children and youth! Please contact **Sue Crosland, 757-646-4735** for questions.

Preschool Book Fair - you can support Providence Preschool by reading! The preschool will be holding a book fair **November 18 - December 6!** 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 Vellines at preschool@provpres.org**.

Bells of Providence at the Chrysler Museum - You are invited to a Bells of Providence performance in Huber Court of the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk on **Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 pm**. This event has become a beloved tradition of several years, and an added bonus this year will be our Youth Bells playing a processional through Huber Court to start off the program of Christmas music. This event is open to the public, and admission to the museum is free. Contact **Valetta at music@provpres.org** with any question.

Gifts of Joy – Please join the Mission, Outreach, and Evangelism committee in a short-fused project as we provide “Gifts of Joy” for homeless men at Union Mission this Christmas! Please consider donating a men’s manicure set, a wallet, or men’s underwear sizes M to 3XL to the boxes in the narthex or back foyer. We will pack them with a Christmas card, a bus pass, and a fast-food gift card and deliver to the Union Mission Overton Center to support their ministry. **Deadline for donations is December 8** as will decorate the bags during the advent workshop. Thank you for supporting this new opportunity!

Joy-Filled Sunday – Sunday, December 8 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 enrichment) 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. We will end the event with a music program featuring our handbell choirs, 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 food for everyone. For further information, please contact **Sue Crosland at 757-646-4735 or Connie Salter at 757-288-2072**

PPC Youth Group - PPC Youth invite the congregation to enjoy the December bulletin board we created for the preschool. We will not meet for youth group today. Enjoy Thanksgiving celebrations with your family! We will resume **December 8**, when we will go to the **Botanical Gardens lights**. Deadline for RSVP was November 24. If you missed the deadline but would still like to attend please contact Ashley Schroeder **ashdogger@me.com** to see if any tickets are still available.

Heifer International - The Heifer animals are coming! Chickens, beehives, and goats, Oh my! Plus, this year, there are biogas stoves and water pumps. Of course, you may purchase shares of any item in the catalog. Our annual Heifer sale starts after worship service on **Sunday, December 8**. For more information, please contact **Sandra VanDercook at vandercooks@gmail.com**

Providence Men’s Dinner – Please join us on **Thursday, December 12** for our Men’s Dinner at Providence. We will meet at **6:00 pm** in fellowship hall. Bring a friend and sign up on the bulletin board at church. For more information, please contact **Aaron at agilbert95@ymail.com**.

Giving Tree - Providence is providing gifts for needy children. To participate, look for the “Giving Tree” in the narthex and take a tag with instructions on how to donate a personalized gift. Wrapped gifts with the tag attached need to be placed under the tree by **December 15**.

Today

Sunday, December 1

1st Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday
9:30 am - Discipleship class
9:30 am - Youth / Elementary Bible Study
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up
11:00 am - Worship
11:15 am - Enrichment
12:00 pm - Fellowship

This Week

Monday, December 2

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

Tuesday, December 3

7:00 pm - Bells of Providence

Wednesday, December 4

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent
Joy-Filled Sunday
9:30 am - Discipleship class
9:30 am - Youth / Elementary Bible Study
10:30 am - Choir Warm Up
11:00 am - Worship with Special Music
11:15 am - Enrichment
12:00 pm - Advent Workshop
5:00 pm - Youth Group

Today's Baptism

*Dereck Jadon Naas
and
Amanda Gale Rapone
are presenting their daughter:
Emilia Jade Naas
for baptism today.*

PW Mission Project Day – Women are invited to our Mission Project Day scheduled for **Saturday, January 25, 9 am – 2 pm**. Lunch will be provided. We will make items to be used in missions throughout the year like baby hats, blankets, prayer shawls and many other items. There are activities for every skill! Our focus this project day will be on making toiletry bags for nursing home residents. The following items are needed for the bags: combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, bath sized bars of soap, hand sanitizer, skin moisturizer, Efferdent or Polident tablets, Poligrip, Band-Aids, men's and women's socks, small bottles of mouthwash. We are currently collecting items for the nursing home bags. Please see items needed list on the collection box in the narthex. Register yourself and a friend online or at the church by **January 23**. For more information, please contact **PPW@provpres.org**.

Fellowship Admiral's night – The Fellowship committee invites everyone to join in the fun at an Admirals hockey game. We are planning on attending the game on **February 1 at 6:05 pm**. If you would like to attend, sign up below or on the bulletin board. Tickets will be between \$15 and \$25 depending on how many people sign up. By signing up, you are committing to purchasing a ticket. **Deadline to sign up is January 12**. For more information email **Jane at gloriajpritchett@yahoo.com**.

Gotsneakers - The PPC youth invite the congregation to place any used sneakers in the bins in the narthex and back foyer for recycling . We will package and send them to "**gotsneakers.com**" who pays us for them and re-sells or recycles them to reduce landfill waste. Proceeds go to the **Work Camp fund**. We already have **107** pairs this year! **PLEASE SNEAKERS ONLY!** We cannot send other types of shoes. Thank you!

Weekly joys and concerns

We lift up in prayer this week

Within our church family

Our Preschool Director, Brooke Vellines
Our homebound and elderly members

We celebrate

The first Sunday of Advent

Our community and our world

For peace and resolution in the Middle East
International Missionaries
Nations at war
Our servicemen and women, at home and abroad

To add a prayer concern, please email the church office at office@provpres.org or the Pastor at pastor@provpres.org. Submissions must be received by Tuesday noon to be included for Sunday. In order to respect confidentiality, all requests should be self-made.

To send a private message to our current pastor you may use the following addresses.

Pastor@provpres.org