

# 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.

**2025 Offering Envelopes** - are now available in the narthex. Please pick yours up following worship.

**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 **today**.

**PPC Youth Group** - from 5 pm - 7pm in room 202 to share some fun and fellowship. Feel free to bring dinner if you like and leave cell phones at home (or at least off). **We will NOT meet December 22 or December 29.** Have a joy filled Christmas with your families! For More information, please contact Ashley Schroeder **ashdogger@me.com**.

**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. For more information, please contact **Sandra VanDercook** at **vandercooks@gmail.com**

**Christmas Food Baskets** - Food items for the Christmas Baskets were due today. If you forgot to bring your items today, you must bring them to the church by 10:00am on Monday. Thank you to all who participated.

**Joy Offering - The denominational Joy Offering will be received December 22.** 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." Mail your donation to Providence Presbyterian Church, 5497 Providence Road, VB 23464 or send using your bank's bill pay feature, marking check for Joy Offering.

**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

**Immediate Position Open** – There is an immediate need for a volunteer to audit Providence Presbyterian Church's financial records. This position would be perfect for someone who enjoys organization and working with numbers. The hours involved are minimal, around 25-30 hours total to conduct the yearly audit. The previous auditor and current Treasurer can be available if protocol questions arise. If you are interested, please reach out to **Elizabeth Carter at 757-470-8371** or **ecwatchdog@gmail.com** to see the full job description.

## Today

### Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent  
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  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

## This Week

### Wednesday, December 18

7:00 pm - Chancel Choir

### Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent  
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  
5:00 pm - Youth Group

*PPC Youth would like to thank the congregation for sending them to enjoy the Botanical Gardens Christmas lights. We had a lovely evening getting into the spirit to celebrate Jesus' birth!*

*The Mission Outreach and Evangelism committee thanks the congregation for helping supply 14 Gifts of Joy bags for the Union Mission. We know the individuals who received the bags are very grateful and pray they feel God's love through your generosity.*

### 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 Third 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](mailto:office@provpres.org) or the Pastor at [pastor@provpres.org](mailto: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](mailto:Pastor@provpres.org)**