



Providence Prophet December 2018

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Message from our Pastor **Encounters with Angels**

I would like to have an encounter with an angel. I don't require the whole heavenly host, just one angel would suit me. We are about to begin the season of Advent when angels are all around. They are on the tops of our Christmas trees and in our Nativities, they are in the carols and children's books. And angels, including a heavenly host, are throughout our Advent and Christmas Scriptures. An angel comes to Zechariah, to Joseph and Mary and to the Shepherds. I would really like to have an encounter with an angel, too.

Through the years various people have shared with me their stories of encounters with angels. Some of the angels look like a regular person. One was described as a beautiful man dressed all in white riding a bicycle. Many are a force that is felt but not seen. Some angels are a glowing light, and one friend encountered more than 12 angels with brown hair of varying lengths dressed in plain robes. The one thing these encounters have in common is the positive feeling the people are left with. They all express feeling peaceful or full of love.

Perhaps instead of waiting to encounter an angel, I need to focus on being like one. Instead of imagining what it would be like to meet an angel in my dreams or prayers I should practice leaving the people I meet with peace and love. It is not within my control to meet an angel this Advent season, but it is within my control to be kind, to be thoughtful and to be a vessel for God's peace and love. As we go about our lives this Advent season, let us try to be the angels that we seek.

Honored and Blessed to be your Pastor!

Carol

Advent and Christmas Services

- Dec. 2 – Advent I, Luke 1:5-25 – Zechariah's Encounter with an Angel
- Dec. 9 – Advent II, Luke 1:26-38 – Mary's Encounter with an Angel
- Dec. 16 – Advent III, Matthew 1:18-25 – Joseph's Encounter with an Angel
- Dec. 23 – Advent IV, CWW Story, Encounters with Angels
- Dec. 24 – 7:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Yearend Reminder

Thanks to everyone who supported Providence in 2018 with your time, talents, service and finances. Providence Christian Church is not a building, but a group of people called to love and serve Christ in this place at this time.

As the year draws to an end, we encourage you to complete your pledge for this year if you are able. The last day to make a financial offering to the church and get credit for you 2018 taxes is December 30, 2018. Due to the holiday season, our books will be closed for the year at that point.

Happening at Providence in December

- December 2 First Sunday of Advent (*see also Page 1*)
- December 2 Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship. Plan to attend this important meeting as we vote on the revised Constitution and Bylaws, 2019 Budget and church leaders.
- December 9 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- December 9 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- December 9 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- December 17 5:30 PM – Providence Book Club meets at Bronte Bistro at Joseph-Beth Booksellers. We will select reading selections for our January - May meetings.
- December 24 7:30 PM – Christmas Candlelight Service at Providence
- December 30 Financial offerings made today will be included in the 2018 tax year.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Veltkamp	4
Jordan Anderson	9
Makenzie Morton	11
David Hibbard	12
Angie Hibbard	13
Chris Jones	17
Caroline Hulsing	22
Kennan Coy	25
Alia Woodward	25
Lena Rae Fern	28
Tina Sidebotham	29

Regular Schedule Changes for the Holidays

- “Bodies in Motion” Exercise – the last class of 2018 will be December 19th. Class will resume on January 2, 2019.
- Choir Rehearsal – We will not meet on December 26th. Rehearsal will resume on January 2, 2019.
- Church Office Hours – The church office will be minimally staffed from December 26th until December 30th.

Sundays

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
 10:45 AM Worship Service
 12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group (*as announced*)
 1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith

Each Monday, Wednesday

10:00 AM “Bodies in Motion” Exercise

Each Wednesday

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Creating Vital Congregations

Practical Help for Laity and Clergy

Webinar Series 2019

January 26, 2019

“Storytelling as Preaching

Rev. Cynthia Maybeck



Participants in this webinar will hear biblical and personal stories and learn how to collect stories to use in the pulpit. When we connect our personal faith story with the biblical story, our preaching improves in its authenticity and integrity.

Register at www.lextheo.edu/webinar-series/

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As you do your Christmas shopping this year, remember that Providence is a registered charity with AmazonSmile! Use the unique Providence link to sign up and donate to Providence. Be sure to click the Smile button each time you place any eligible order:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1034769>



The Jessamine County Homeless Coalition located at 218 E. Maple St., Nicholasville (859-813-0233) is seeking volunteers to help with meal preparation and supporting clients as they transition and become self-sufficient in the community.

Providence Legacy Fund

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our church legacy this year by designating Providence in your Will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy and adding your name to our Legacy Book. You can designate a specific amount or a percentage of your estate to go to the church upon your death. Everyone can participate and there is no minimum participation level.

Prayer Concerns

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR NATION:

Let us pray for peace, guidance for our country's leaders, our military and all who serve our nation: Shawn Davenport, Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jackie Bellman, Jayne Mattingly, Dakota Walker, Mary Marshall (McCord), Barbara Borchardt (Tandy), Rhonda Mann (Hack), Beverly McNeal (Roberts), Jill Showalter (Anderson), J. T. Browning (Kinnard), Barry Newcombe (Mattingly), Missy Cook (Cox), Tracee Lyon (McCarter), Karen Durbin (Fielder), Jean Christian (Hufford), John Chamberlain (Tolman), Jamie Coomer (Drapper), Billy Jack Raybun (Waits), Kim McNeal (Bellman), Peggy Van Hook, Lyngge Moesgaard (Downs), Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Susie Branham (Whitt).

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