



Providence Prophet December 2017

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Message from our Pastor

"Come O Long Expected Jesus..., from our fears and sins release us."

Advent is here. It is a time of planning and preparation for various Christmas events and gatherings. It is a joyful and happy time when we find ourselves humming to the Christmas songs playing in stores and in awe of the beauty of the decorations and lights.

And it is, at the same time, a very difficult time of the year when our problems seem multiplied. The short days and the absence of the sunshine compounds the darkness we may carry inside. Our financial struggles are particularly felt in December. The mourning of our loved ones lost and the struggles we have in our relationships are magnified during the Advent season. It is the best of times and it is the worst of times. For our own sanity, we must name the suffering and pain as well as the joy and happiness.

So let's take care of ourselves and each other. Go for a walk or to our wonderful exercise class at Providence. Eat healthy foods (not just sugar). Get good sleep but don't overdo it. Meet a friend, go to a park, visit with a young child or have some time with a dog. Commit to reading Scripture and a devotion each day. Steep yourself in prayer. And know that your elder shepherd and your pastor are just a text or phone call away.

Our faith does not grow or deepen when we are comfortable and at ease. It takes darkness and suffering to move us ever closer to God. We must be forced out of our complacency and self-reliance before we can truly trust God and surrender to Christ.

So as we prepare for Christmas, let us also prepare for Christ to come. Let us not rush too quickly out of the darkness, literal and spiritual, so that we might most fully invite the light of Christ into the center of our hearts in a new and powerful way. *"Come O Long Expected Jesus."*

Carol

Welcome New Members!

Keith and Arline Wilson joined Providence on November 19, 2017



Annual Congregational Meeting

This Sunday, December 3rd immediately following worship we will hold our annual congregational meeting. Whether you are a visitor or long-time member, please plan to attend.

Providence Christian Church is not run by the Pastor or the Board, but by you and everyone invested in this congregation. We are all members of the Body of Christ by our baptisms and profession of faith. It takes all of us to do the work of Christ in this time and place.

The meeting will include the following:

- A Year End Ministries Report - learn all the wonderful things that are accomplished in the name of Jesus
- 2018 Budget - learn where our money goes
- Slate of Deacons and Board Members for 2018

Please give Providence just 30-45 minutes of your time on Sunday after worship.



Christmas Cards for Shut-Ins

When doing your Christmas cards this year, remember to send greetings to our Providence "shut-ins" listed below:

Barbara Flynn
Diversicare
100 Sparks Ave., #205B
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Veda Hodges
44 O'Hara Lane
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Seth Draper
Patricia's Place DBA
2042 Main St.
Williamsburg, KY 40078

Norman Flynn
Thompson Hood Veterans Ctr.
Room 119A, Washington Unit
100 Veterans Drive
Wilmore, KY 40390

Jayne Mattingly
309 Elkchester Circle
Nicholasville, KY 40356

Paisli Neal
Center for Eating Disorders
5465 Main St.
Sylvania OH 43560

Happening at Providence in December

- December 3 12:00 PM – Annual Congregational Meeting
- December 6 9:30 AM – Providence Women's Service Group
- December 10 12:00 PM – Youth Group Christmas Party and Angel Tree gift wrapping
- December 10 12:00 PM – All-Church Potluck
- December 10 12:45 PM – Providence Board Meeting
- December 10 2:00 PM – Worship Service at Bridgepointe
- December 17 6:00 PM – Youth Group Angel Tree Party (*see also below*)
- December 17 1:00 PM – Boy Scout Pack 221 set up for Gingerbread House production
- December 20 5:30 PM – *Longest Night Service at Central Christian Church*
205 E. Short Street, Lexington 40507
- December 25 8:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service

Each Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School (All Ages)
10:45 AM Worship Service
1:30 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
12:00 – 2:00 PM Youth Group and Christian Children's Fellowship

Each Monday, Tuesday and Friday

7:00 PM Slavic Church of Evangelical Faith
Each Monday, Wednesday
10:00 AM "Bodies in Motion" Exercise Class
Each Wednesday
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Sandy Veltkamp | 4 |
| Tammy Conn | 8 |
| Jordan Anderson | 9 |
| Makenzie Morton | 11 |
| David Hibbard | 12 |
| Angie Hibbard | 13 |
| Chris Jones | 17 |
| Jerry Ward | 18 |
| Cynthia Sheldon | 23 |
| Kennan Coy | 25 |
| Alia Woodward | 25 |
| Lena Rae Fern | 28 |
| Tina Sidebotham | 29 |



Youth News

Our Youth worked hard at the Holiday Marketplace selling "cookies in a jar" and Advent calendars. We sold Christmas poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during Advent. Thank you to all who support our Youth in fundraising for our 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala.

On December 17th the Youth and their families will host an Angel Tree party for children of parents who are incarcerated.

The Angel Tree ministry is a way of sharing the love of Jesus and assures a child that he or she has not been forgotten while mom or dad is in prison.

Parents participate by recommending gifts for their children and providing a message on the card attached to the gifts.



A Program of Prison Fellowship



When doing your online Christmas shopping this year, remember that Providence is now a registered charity with AmazonSmile! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to Providence.

Use Providence's unique link to sign up and donate to Providence each time you place any eligible order:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-1034769>

Support us when you shop this holiday season

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com.
You shop. Amazon donates.



Adult Sunday School – Mark Your Calendar!

During Lent, the Adult Sunday School class will study *The Shack*. Each week we will delve into a theological idea addressed in *The Shack*. Everyone is invited to read the book or see the movie by February 18, 2018 and join us for this study.

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: Jacob Durbin, Ricky Highnote, Jason Rutherford, Randy Coy, Trip Browning, Bobby McNeil, Ken Harney, Steven Russell, Bradley Clark, Stephen Rawlings and First Responders.

MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Don Thornton, Joyce Handshoe (Coots), Garnetta Wylie (Anderson), Becky Wilson (Anderson), Sandra and David Cowan, Patti McCord (Hermanson), Richard Lansaw (Lynch), Linda Johnson (Bellman), Darlene Shelton (Thornton and Brown), Johnny Cannon (Cox), Justin Stewart, Janice Glenn (Wilson), Gay Herrin (Lanser), Lena Carter (Fern), Kevin Boschert (McDonald), Harold Conn, Lucy Carpenter, Anna Lear (Conn), Linda Fauz, Judy Pierce, Norman and Barbara Flynn, Joyce Hack, Roberta DeHaven (Heathman), Ivan Doane, Ellen Wilson, Megan Chlopek and family (Jones), Doris Stanley (Sumeracki), Janie Feaster, Alinda Penix, Elena Arcila (Woodward), Rhonda Payne, Elizabeth Miller (Downs and Paynes), Elizabeth Hurst, Gene Shanks, Fran Charles (Hazelwood), Jennifer Miller, Cashman Hawkins, Mattie Justice (Whitt), Barbara Bobblitt (Martha Morrow).

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