

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT PROVIDENCE

We welcome you to the worship of Almighty God. Providence is an evangelical, conservative Christian church. Our hallmarks are joy, friendliness, and Christian zeal. If you are a visitor, we hope that you will sense the joy and spiritual energy that our church family shares. Our hope is that you will experience the Living God in this place. We invite you to join with us in our mission to **CAUSE GOD JOY!**

We have **large-print copies of today's bulletin and hymns** and wireless receivers, if you have difficulty hearing. Please ask an usher or inquire at the table in the Narthex. **Childcare** is offered during worship for infants and children through the first grade in the Mills Building. If you prefer to worship as a family, the Narthex is equipped with speakers if your infant should grow restless. **Copies of Our Daily Bread** devotional book are available in the Narthex and the Church Office.

The Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for our many blessings by
Joby and Frank Meade

<u>Today in worship:</u>	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	Peggy & John Taylor	Gen & Glenn Wesselmann Ginny Masters
Visitor Angels	Jenny & Carroll Meseke	Ruth Brown
Head Usher	Ward Hinze	Warner Plahs
Ushers	Lynda Hinze Ron Sadler Jerry Vanderpool	Al Walbrecker Jay Watson Pat Plahs
Youth Ushers	Madison Etchells	Abby Rasch
Acolytes	Isabella Brockmann	Sarah Elgin
Children's Church	Jill Farrar	Jill Farrar
Beadle	Rich Prange	Paul Grier
Stephen Ministers	Shirley Kelly	Jill Schrott

Stephen Ministers assisting Dr. Lifer with notes following services today are Pat Dempsey and Ruth Germany.

We Invite You to Join Us. If you are interested in joining our faithful Providence Family, please speak with Dr. Lifer following worship, or call the church office (842-5673).

Providence Media Outreach: Today's sermon is available on CD immediately following the service, outside the Narthex on the CD cart. A donation of \$5 is requested. DVDs of today's entire service will be available in the church office Monday afternoon. Call Jenny Douglas in the church office, (842-5673), or order online at www.CauseGodJoy.com.

STEWARDSHIP

THIS IS A NEW YEAR: 2010. 2009 has come to a close. We give God the glory for His faithfulness in 2009 and we warmly thank you for yours. We are ready to move forward into the New Year and continue to reach a world in need with the life-changing Word of God. This is our chance to renew our efforts to share the grace bestowed upon us.

Offering Envelopes



You have received or will receive your **NEW** Giving Envelopes via mail. You will continue to receive your envelopes **QUARTERLY**. Please notify the church office of any change of address.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – 10:10 SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Nursery, 9 a.m. to noon: "Our Little Blessings" Nursery provides a Christian experience for ages 0-3 and is located in the Mills Building.

PARENTS! Please sign your children in outside the Mills Chapel.

3 year olds – 1st grade in the Alligator Room with Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Pruehs.

2nd-4th grades are in the Creation Room with Mrs. Farrar and Mrs. Perez.

5th – 6th grades are in the Movie Room with Mrs. Foster.

7th-12th grades are in the Mills Conference Room with Mrs. Lifer.

Adult Class in Fellowship Hall – Dr. Lifer will discuss a biblical outline of the trimester and key teachings about God's Word, as well as some updates on our church's ministry planning.

Suzanna Johnston's Parenting Class will join Dr. Lifer in the Fellowship Hall.

Robbie and Don Leech are starting a new study in the book of Nehemiah called, *The Courage to Lead*. Join them in Room 5.

DISCIPLESHIP & FELLOWSHIP

There is NO LOGOS or YOUTH ROC until January 13th. See you then!

LOGOS and YROC Volunteers: Please join us this Wednesday, January 6th, for an Appreciation Dinner and Planning Session at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Jill Farrar (842-5673) no later than tomorrow, January 4th. Hope to see you there!

Please consider joining our **NEW ANCHOR GROUP**. Our first meeting is Thursday, January 14th, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the home of Don and Robbie Leech. All are welcome! For more information, call the Leeches (363-6306) or the Pruehs' (363-2532.)

The 2010 Flower Calendar is in the Narthex. If you would like to give flowers next year, please sign up as soon as possible. For those of you who have a special date to give flowers every year, please call Gene Ann Ellison, 671-2748, as soon as possible.

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN begins Tuesday, January 19th! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays as we study Priscilla Shirer's, *He Speaks to Me*.

THIS WEEK AT PROVIDENCE

Monday, January 4, 2010

10:00 a.m. Ruth Circle at home of Norma Sadler
3:00 p.m. Granny's Laps (Room 5)
6:30 p.m. Men's Discipleship Classes (Mills Building)

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 a.m. ESL (Mills Building)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Library)
5:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry (Mills Building)
7:00 p.m. Early Bird Anchor Group (Library)

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Parlor)
10:30 a.m. Mary Martha Circle at home of Marilyn Rawlings
4:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship (Library)
5:30 p.m. LOGOS & YROC Volunteers Dinner & Meeting (Fell. Hall)

Thursday, January 7

9:30 a.m. Esther Circle at the home of Cecile Olivie
11:30 a.m. Providence Prays (Library)
3:00 p.m. Granny's Laps (Room 5)
3:30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group (Parlor)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir (Music Room)

Friday, January 8

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Mills Conference Room)

Saturday, January 9

8:00 a.m. College of Elders Meeting Campus Wide

PLANNING AHEAD – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 17 Denine LeBlanc concert in Sanctuary at 4 p.m.
January 19 Women's NEW Bible Study begins
February 1-11 Holy Land Trip with Dr. Lifer
March 13-14 Pepper Choplin Choral Music Workshop
March 14 Daylight Savings Time begins
April 4 Easter
May 15 Providence Presents! *The Ascensions*

BULLETIN DEADLINE: All announcements for the bulletin should be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday each week. Send to Jenny Douglas at the Church Office: shoegirljd@yahoo.com.

Providence Presbyterian Church

January 3, 2010 2nd Sunday after Christmas 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering Music *La Nativite* J. Langlais
Greg Hollinger, organist

Striking of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Surely the Presence* L. Wolfe

**Hymn #270 (verses 1 & 4) *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

* The Second Helvetic Confession, Chapter 1, Par. 1

We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men. For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.

** Praise

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Morning Prayer and *The Lord's Prayer* (Hymn 631) (9:00 am only)

Time for Young Disciples Dr. Mike Armistead
Children's Church available for ages 4-1st grade in the Chapel in the Mills Building
(Please pass the Friendship Pads at this time.)

* Hymn #184 (verse 2) *Thy Word* THY WORD

* Prayer of Dedication

Offering the Gifts of our Life and Labor to the Lord

Offertory Music *Rise Up Shepherds and Follow!* J. Rutter
Bill Thomas, solo; Chancel Choir

Scripture Genesis 2:16-17, 3:1-5; Deuteronomy 8:3; [2 Timothy 4:1-5]
(Pages 3, 192, and 1250 in the pew Bible)

Sermon *Faithful to the Word of Life* Dr. Martin Lifer

The Installation of The Reverend Christopher James Benek to the
Office of Associate Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church 11:00 a.m.

Statement of the Nature and Purpose of Installation Rev. Donnie Woods

Presentation of the Associate Pastor-elect Joby Meade

The Constitutional Questions to the Associate Pastor-elect

Rev. Donnie Woods

- Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do; and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

- Will you be a minister of the Word and Sacrament in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- Do you promise to further the peace, unity and purity of the church?
- Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love?
- Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

The Constitutional Questions of the Congregation David Grandt

- Do we, the members of Providence Presbyterian Church, accept the Reverend Christopher James Benek as our Associate Pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?
- Do we agree to encourage him, to respect his decisions, and to follow as he leads us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?
- Do we promise to pay him fairly and provide for his welfare as he works among us; to stand by him in trouble and share his joys? Will we listen to the word he preaches, welcome his pastoral care, and honor his authority as he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord?

Prayer of Installation and the Laying on of Hands Dr. Martin Lifer

Declaration of Installation & Welcome Rev. Donnie Woods

Charge to the Associate Pastor Carol Guilbert

Charge to the Congregation Tom Green

* Hymn #151(verses 1, 3 & 4) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN'FESTE BURG

* Invitation to Christian Commitment

* Closing Prayer and Blessing Rev. Chris Benek

* Choral Response *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* W. Tomer
God be with you till we meet again; By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet (Till we meet)
Till we meet, till we meet. God be with you till we meet again.

* Postlude *Born Today, This Christ Child* D. Wagner
Greg Hollinger, organist

* Those who are able, please stand.

** Latecomer seating.

You are invited to attend a Reception in the Fellowship Hall
immediately following our 11:00 a.m. worship service in celebration of
Rev. Benek's installation as our Associate Pastor.
Praise be to God for these indescribable gifts!

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January 3, 2010

Rev. Dr. Martin Lifer, Senior Pastor

Rev. Christopher Benek, Associate Pastor of Family Ministries

Rev. Dr. Mike Armistead, Temporary Parish Associate

Rev. Dr. Gerald Mills, Pastor Emeritus

Betty Shirley, Lay Pastor serving at TidePointe

Paul Elgin, Director of Music Ministries

Jill Farrar, Director of Children's Ministries and Education

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