

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CHURCH, PLEASE SPEAK TO A PASTOR OR ONE OF THE OFFICERS.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

Prelude *(We quiet our hearts and voices)* Mrs. Janet Taylor

Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" No. 203

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem "Celtic Advent Carol" Angerman/Barrett

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 218

Children (ages 4 & 5) leave for Children's Church

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Sermon "What Christ's Gift Cost" Pastor Reeves

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

Prelude *(We quiet our hearts and voices)* Mrs. Emily Reeves

\*Call to Worship

\*Invocation

Hymn "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" No. 224

Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs *(Eph. 5:19)*

Congregational Prayer and Praise

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
*~ Special Music ~*

*Congregational Greetings (no children's video tonight)*

Scripture *Micah 5:1-5* Page 778

Sermon "Small Town, Big Promise" Rev. Al Ward

\*Benediction

\*Congregation Standing  
*Reverend John K. Reeves, Sr. Pastor*

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK  
Robert and Linda Rahaim – Scotland

PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK  
Dr. and Mrs. Paul Long, Jr. (Mary Jo) & family

Nursery Today Morning: J. Pierce, C. Byrd, B. Gault, D. Salvant, T. Pitts, E. Yu, D/N Waibel  
 Evening: A/E Peacock, T. Bennet  
 Dec. 14 Morning: K. Baxter, C. West, J/L Harrison, O. Hall, S. Inman, L/T Bennet  
 Dec. 14 Evening: paid workers  
 Children's Church Leader: N/S Inman  
 Children's Video Today: none Dec. 14: A. Ward  
 TLC: I. Burris Greeters: Pleasant/Berry  
 December Deacon/Elder Duty: D. Thornton, J. Carter, B. Pleasant

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

TODAY

9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service  
 5:00 P.M. Girls/Guys Sr. High Bible Studies  
 5:00 P.M. Preschool Committee  
 5:00 P.M. Outreach Committee  
 5:00 P.M. Japan Prayer Group I  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service  
 7:05 P.M. Philippines Prayer Group  
 7:15 P.M. Christmas/Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY

7:00 P.M. Christmas Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY

6:45 A.M. Men's Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY

10:30 A.M. Circle 1 Luncheon  
 6:30 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups

THURSDAY

8:15 A.M. Ladies Prayer in the Parlor

FRIDAY

7:00 P.M. Christmas Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

Please sign the register pad in the pew this morning so we can have a record of your attendance. You might also notice names of folks you don't know so you can greet them by name.

### POINSETTIAS

The cost for memorial poinsettias are \$15.00 each. If you ordered one, you may place your check in the offering and mark it accordingly.

### CAKES FOR PRISONERS

For years Providence has participated in local prison Christmas parties by donating cakes. This year, our cakes will be picked up at Providence **this Friday, Dec. 12, after noon**. Please sign up in the narthex if you can bring a cake – homemade or store bought is fine!

### CANDLELIGHT CHOIR PROGRAM

The Providence Christmas Choir program will be next Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m., with a reception following. Please sign up to bring sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies, etc.

### CHRISTMAS SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Sunday, December 21, we will have our special Christmas Sunday School program at which we have a time of music, stories, poems, and testimonies from children, youth and adults. We need your participation to make this program as enjoyable as it has been in the past. If you are interested, call Pastor Reeves.

### TLC FOR PPC

The TLC Committee coordinates meals for those Providence members who have had surgery, a baby, a death in the family, or other special needs. It is a ministry of the Women in the Church (WIC). We need more ladies to volunteer to help with a meal once or twice during the year (the needs vary from month to month). If you are willing, please contact Elisabeth Peacock (601-966-2312) or Ann Kelly (601-981-8304).

### PASTORS GIFTS

As is our usual custom, we will give a love gift from the congregation to our pastors at Christmas. You may give your donation to Rilla Pride, Bess Malin, Harold Miller or Chris Govero by next Sunday, Dec. 14.

### PCA CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Enclosed are envelopes for the PCA Christmas offering. Funds collected assist PCA retired and disabled pastors, their widows and dependent children, missionaries, church lay workers, and pastors without call who may have financial need. Brochures are in the narthex if you would like more information.

### ITEMS FOR FOA

Circle 1 will be collecting blankets and hygiene items for Friends of Alcoholics at our meeting this Wednesday, December 10. If you have any questions, call Amy Carter at 925-4821.

### CDs ALMOST GONE!

The CDs by Kenneth Benson provided by Providence WIC are almost gone. **We have 48 left**. Once they are gone, we will have no more available. See Betty Robinson if you would like one or more of them.

### FAITH PROMISE YEAR-TO-DATE

Giving: \$35,788.72 (Mar–Nov)

Expenses: \$43,671.30 (Mar–Nov)

**Y-T-D Short:** \$ 7,882.58

Thank you for the increase in giving in November! Please continue to give, so that we can honor the pledges to our missionaries we've made this year.

### SERMON OUTLINES

*II Corinthians 8:9*

“What Christ’s Gift Cost”

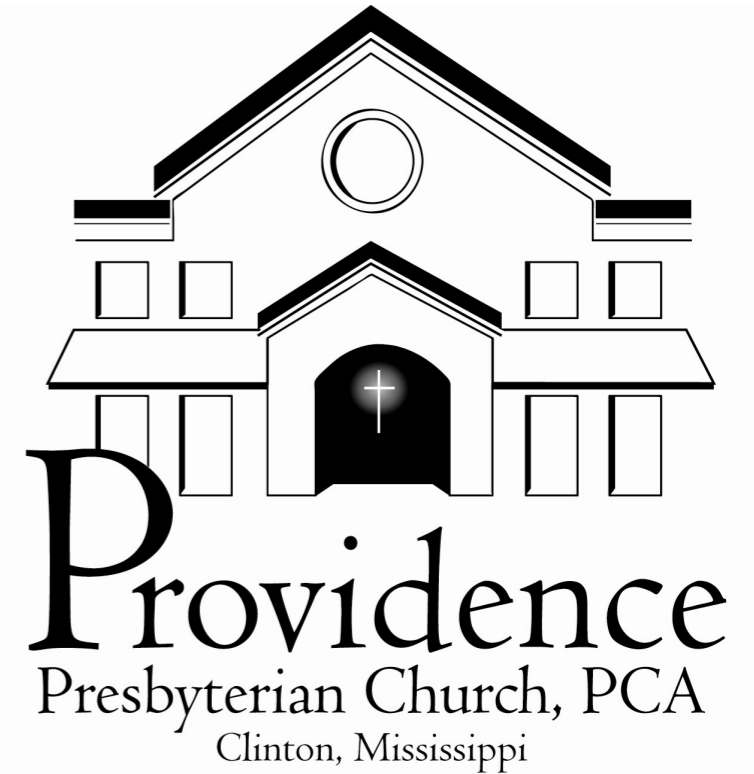
- I. Christ’s Riches
- II. Christ’s Poverty
- III. Christ’s Goal

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*Micah 5:1–5*

“Small Town, Big Promise”

- I. Predicament
- II. Prophecy
- III. Parallel



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*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.”*

~ II Corinthians 8:9 ~

**December 7, 2008**