

**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013**

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.**

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

Announcements

Call to Worship Mr. Nick Bullock

\*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (vv. 1,3,4) No. 308

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

\*Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 214

Prayer of Confession Back of Bulletin

Anthem "A Messiah Suite" arr. Fettke

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

\*Hymn "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" No. 223

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

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Sermon "Christmas Greetings" Pastor Reeves

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

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Please sign an attendance pad at the morning worship service. This helps us if you sign in. You might also notice names of folks you don't know so you can greet them by name.

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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.

**EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.**

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

Call to Worship

\*Hymn "Away in the Manger" No. 204  
~ Led by Youth Praise Team ~

\*Invocation

\*Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" No. 216

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

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Sermon "The Greatest Gift" Pastor Giesman

\*Benediction

\*Congregation Standing

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MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Josh and Emily Kines – MTW Colombia

PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brock and family

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Regan Bryan – Sophomore @ Holmes CC (2<sup>nd</sup> week)

Nursery Today Morning: K. Foster, <b>volunteer needed</b> , J/C Carter, C/SR Govero
Evening: L/C Cullnane
Dec. 29 Morning: C. Byrd, J. Chapman, J/B Foster, J. Walters, C. Mizelle
Dec. 29 Evening: <b>Volunteers Needed (2)</b>
Children's Church Leader: ML Govero
Greeters: Martin/Reed
TLC: Inez Burris
December Deacons/Elder: <b>volunteers needed</b>

**CALENDAR OF THE WEEK**

TODAY

9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service  
 4:45 P.M. Missions Committee Meeting  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY

6:45 A.M. Men's Prayer Group  
 5:05 P.M. Christmas Eve Service

WEDNESDAY

***Merry Christmas!***

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NOTE: There will be NO Pros Meeting in January.

MEMORIES

Meredith, Melanie and David are putting together a scrapbook to honor their dad and our pastor for his retirement at the end of December. If you would like to include a note, memory, or card in the scrapbook, you can give it to Melanie, email Meredith at [meredith.nunnari@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.nunnari@gmail.com), or mail it to Meredith (Nunnari) at 2811 Park Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205, by December 23.

#### RETIREMENT DINNER

Pastor Reeves' retirement "dinner on the grounds" will be next Sunday, December 29, after the morning worship service. Please sign up in the narthex to bring your fair share of food. Remember, we have invited visitors, so we need everyone to bring a good portion of food! We hope to see everyone there!

#### COOKBOOKS

The Ladies Ministry Team still has cookbooks available for sale. There is a cookbook on display in the narthex. They are \$15 each and make great Christmas gifts. Please see Betty Robinson if you are interested in purchasing one.

#### BABY SHOWER

Saturday, January 4, at 10:00 a.m., friends of Brittany Long will have a baby shower for her at the church. Come join us as we celebrate the coming of a new baby to our church family. Brittany is registered at Target and Babies R Us.

#### LADIES RETREAT

Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18, we will be having a Ladies Retreat at Providence Presbyterian Church. Megan Hill will be speaking to us about "God's Grace During Change." The retreat will take place from 6:15 – 9:00 p.m. Friday, and 9:00 a.m. – lunchtime Saturday. The retreat will cost \$25 if registered by January 12 (\$30 after January 12). Dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday will be served. You will also have the option of just attending one day of the retreat. Scholarships are available for Providence members – see Amanda Davis. Registration forms will be available soon.

#### BUDGET UPDATE

Year-to-date Receipts through 12-15-13	\$397,650.89
Year-to-date Disbursements through 12-15-13	<u>423,407.92</u>
Disbursements in Excess of Receipts	(25,407.92)

NOTE: If you wish you make a contribution for this year, it must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2013.

**SAVE THE DATE ~ March 28–30, 2014**

**\*\*Will Graham Celebration\*\***

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess our sins before you. Forgive us for our self righteousness and judgmental spirit. Forgive us for intruding where we have no business. Forgive us for words that have torn down instead of built up. Forgive us for so often criticizing our children without giving the balance of praise and encouragement. Forgive us for being so self satisfied with our own spiritual condition. Forgive us for all the excuses and blame shifting that keep us from dealing with our own sins. Forgive us for declaring salvation by grace and then trying to live by works righteousness. Thank you for the salvation and forgiveness and cleansing that is by grace, sheer grace, grace alone. Help us to earnestly, diligently, zealously embrace the grace that is in Christ Jesus so that we are transformed more and more into his likeness. We confess and ask for cleansing with confidence only because of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Mediator and King.

#### SERMON OUTLINES

*Luke 2:1–14*

“Christmas Greetings”

- I. The Reassuring Word
- II. The Reality of a Savior
- III. Rejoicing

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*Luke 2:21–37*

“The Greatest Gift”

- I. A Gift Fit For the Poor
- II. A Gift Worth Waiting For
- III. A Gift To Die For

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*A Messiah Suite*

Choir Anthem

And He shall reign for ever and ever!  
King of kings, forever and ever, and Lord of lords, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! And He shall reign for ever and ever.  
King of kings! And Lord of lords! King of kings! And Lord of lords!  
And He shall reign for ever and ever, for ever, and ever, and ever,  
Forever, and ever, hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



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*“Glory to God in the  
highest, and on earth  
peace among those with  
whom he is pleased!”*

*~ Luke 2:14 ~*

**December 22, 2013**