

**Loving God,  
who has created us to be your children:  
you have blessed us with Henry.  
We praise you for the gift of his life. Amen.**

#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

*Please write your name in the Friendship Pad on the center aisle and pass it to your neighbor.  
First-time guests are encouraged to list your address and telephone number or e-mail address so  
that we may share additional information about our church.*

### PRAYERS

#### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Lord, Regard Our Prayers”

K. Lee Scott

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us now confess our sin before God and one another.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God,  
to repent is to turn away from everything  
that separates us from you.  
We are imperfect people,  
and yet you love us.  
We are distracted people,  
and yet you come near to us.  
We are lost,  
and yet you find us.  
Draw near to us,  
in your saving presence and power,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord**

#### SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### THE WORD

#### ANTHEM

“He Comes To Us”

Jane Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside. He

came to those men who knew Him not. He speaks to us, He speaks the same word: “Follow! Follow thou me!” and sets us to the tasks which He has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to who obey Him, whether they be wise or simple, reveals Himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in His fellowship, and as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who He is. O Morning Star, how fair and bright, Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly, Thou Root of Jesse, David’s Son, My Lord and Master, Thou hast won my heart to serve Thee solely! Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o’er all possessing.

#### MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

#### † HYMN NO. 375

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

BALM IN GILEAD

#### † OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 6. 10-16

Old Testament Page 61

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### SERMON

“A Moment of Clarity”

*“Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads, and look,  
and ask for the ancient paths,  
where the good way lies; and walk in it,  
and find rest for your souls.”*

*Jeremiah 6. 16*

### RESPONSE

#### † AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881

Apostles’ Creed

#### † GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71

“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

#### COMMISSIONING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Congregational Response

**We give thanks for a church  
that seeks to be “a growing body of Christ,  
glorifying God and serving others.”**

**We urge you, leaders of our church,  
to keep this vision before us.**

**We will pray for you, trusting in God’s faithfulness  
and rejoicing in God’s grace.**

#### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Thou Wilt Keep Him”

Samuel S. Wesley

*The text of the anthem is taken from Isaiah 26. 3.*

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the darkness and the light to Thee, to Thee both are alike. God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forevermore.

#### † DOXOLOGY, NO. 94

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### SENDING FORTH

#### † HYMN NO. 103

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

#### † BENEDICTION

#### † CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Peace of God”

K. Lee Scott

#### † SILENT PRAYER

#### † CHIMING THE TRINITY

#### † VOLUNTARY

“Praise God the Lord”

Healey Willan

#### † SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**Our service of worship has ended.  
Our worship through service now begins.**

As we leave this Sanctuary, let us greet one another in Christ’s name.

† Congregation may stand

### SERVING THIS MORNING

#### Crucifers

Trent Patterson, Olivia Tobin

#### Acolytes

Nicole Brann, Rachel Logan,  
Kimberly Duncan, Kyle Fitzgerald

#### Preacher

Ken Carter

#### Liturgists

Bill Jeffries

#### Moments with Children

Cindy Smith

#### Visitation

Cindy Duncan, Laura Flowe,  
Linda & Dennis Hammack

#### Sound System

Mike Smith, John Hunter

#### Sanctuary Stewards

Sue & Jim Spears

#### Ushers

8:30 Group Chairmen: Paul Bumgarner, Terry Wallace;  
Terry Britt, Emma Cleek, John Cleek,

Vernon Patterson, Al Rose, Glenn Shepherd

11:00 Group Chairmen: Bob Lindsley,

Maurice Waddell; Tim Berkey, Richard Boner,

Len Bullock, Win Coffield, Brian Crutchfield,

Bob Flowe, William Gean, Ed Gilliam, Matt Ingham,

Bob James, Diana Maa, Keith Richard,

Lloyd Von Cannon

## PARISH NOTES

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Frank and Genevieve Straw by Andrew Straw and Anita Doran.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** was administered at the 8:30 am worship service to John Christopher Bauer, Jr., son of Catherine and Chris Bauer, born July 3, 2010.

The candle on the re-table celebrates the birth of Henry Hamilton Riggins on January 12, 2011. Henry is the son of Ashley and David Riggins.

We commission the members of the Providence United Methodist **Church Council** this morning. The Church Council is the governing board of our congregation. Tom Foster will serve as chair in 2011 and 2012, and Meredith Ritchie is chair-elect. Members of the Church Council were listed in the January 5th edition of the Voice. Members of Providence UMC are invited and encouraged to attend all meetings of the Church Council.

**Providence on Wednesdays** is an informal, inclusive mid-week place for our church and the community to gather for food, faith and fun. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm, programs begin at 6:30 pm and end at 7:30 pm. Childcare is available for infants through kindergarten-age children. If you plan to attend dinner, please make your reservation by calling 704-714-9380 by noon on the Monday preceding the dinner. Standing reservations carry over from the Fall. A new brochure with POW program information is available at the Welcome Center.

**'Toy Box Leadership'** is our POW program for Wednesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. Cindy Smith, Children & Family Ministry, and Anna Smith, PUMC Weekday School, will present highlights from this new book by pastor and CEO, Ron Hunter of Randall House Publications. 'Toy Box Leadership' offers leadership lessons from the toys you loved as a child from LEGOs to Slinky Dogs to Play-Doh.

**Our Change The World adult series** continues next Sunday morning. The topic for January 30 is human trafficking. Jamie and Holle Wollin will speak.

**Divorce Care** is a weekly support group for those who are separated or divorced. A new 14 week session will begin on January 27 at 7:00 pm here at Providence. Sign up by going to our church website or by contacting Randy Cline at rgc1235@yahoo.com.

Based on I Timothy 1:17, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever", our hymn, **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"** reminds us of the awe and reverence that we need to have as we worship our God. Even as we cannot see the sun, we see merely the light reflected by the hot gases surrounding the sun, so God's glory is hid from our eyes. Even the angels cover their faces in God's presence (Isaiah 6:2) because they cannot look on God's full glory. First published in *Hymns of Christ and Christian Life*, (1876), the text was altered by the author and published in W. Garrett Horder's *Congregational Hymns*. (1884)

**Want to learn more about Providence?** Join others like yourself who want to know more about our community of faith. Simply indicate your interest on the Ritual of Friendship pad or contact Suzi Stephens, 704.714.9365 or sstephens@providenceumc.org.



Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system. Switch hearing aid to T-coil to receive sound through your hearing aid. Personal receivers are also available for others desiring enhanced listening. Please ask an usher.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

For a more comprehensive calendar, go to [www.providenceumc.org](http://www.providenceumc.org).

### Sunday, January 23, 2011

8:00 am Methodist Men's Fellowship  
8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Change the World Session  
11:00 am Worship  
4:30 pm Youth Choir  
5:30 pm UMYF

### Monday, January 24, 2011

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
11:00 am Career Transitions

### Tuesday, January 25, 2011

5:00 pm Room in the Inn

### Wednesday, January 26, 2011

5:00 pm Room in the Inn  
5:30 pm Cherub A  
6:00 pm Cherub B, Wesley, Carol & Junior Choirs

### Thursday, January 27, 2011

7:00 pm Divorce Care begins  
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

### Sunday, January 30, 2011

8:30 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Change the World Session  
11:00 am Worship  
4:30 pm Youth Choir  
5:30 pm UMYF  
6:20 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting



# PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY  
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 23, 2011

Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

### OUR VISION

*A Growing Body of Christ Glorifying God and Serving Others*

### OUR MINISTERS

*All of the People of Providence United Methodist Church*

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### GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

**Almighty God,  
To you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
And from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
And worthily magnify your holy name,  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

"As with Gladness Men of Old"

Robert A. Hobby

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Light Dawns for the Righteous"

Hal Hopson

† HYMN NO. 132

"All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"

MICHAEL

† AT THE BIRTH OF A CHILD

Hail the day on which this child, Henry Riggins was born.  
Rejoice! Let us all sing and praise God  
for blessing us with his birth.  
Greet this day with joy as we pray together.