

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, by the leading of a star
your only Son was made known to us.
And yet we confess
that we have preferred darkness to light,
our own plans and purposes
to your guidance and direction,
our own pride and will to your power and glory.
Forgive us, Lord.
Grant us wisdom to behold the radiance
that shines upon us,
and grace to walk in the light of your love.**

SILENT PRAYER AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the light of the world.
Fill our minds with your peace
and our hearts with your love.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60. 1-6

Old Testament Page 651

† GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2. 1-12

New Testament Page 1

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Memory and Hope: Looking Back, Looking Ahead”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881

Apostles’ Creed

† GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71

“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“There Shall a Star from Jacob” (from *Christus*) Felix Mendelssohn

The text of the anthem is adapted from Numbers 24.17 and Psalm 2.9.

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up and dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams, so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams of light and consolation! Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

† 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!**

† HYMN NO. 254

“We Three Kings” KINGS OF ORIENT

Verse 1 All
Verse 2-4 Solo
Verse 5 All

† SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAGE 13

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 elements will be received by intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice). After receiving the sacrament, you may choose to kneel in prayer before returning to your pew or you may return immediately by the side aisle.

COMMUNION SOLO

“Let Us Break Bread Together” Arr. John Carter

The text of the solo may be found on Hymnal Page 618.

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN NO. 188

“Christ Is the World’s Light” ST. ELIZABETH

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Peace of God” K. Lee Scott

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

Postudio Festivo

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

† 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	Caroline James, Slice Penny
Acolytes	Julia Sutherland, Austin Tinker
Preacher	Ken Carter
Liturgist	Teresa Dunn
Celebrant	Bill Jeffries
Communion Servers	Peggy Adams, Phil Adams, Leslie House, Chris Lowe, Carol Lowe
Soloists	Charles Osborne, Brad Crossley, Dan Bishop, Charlotte Judge
Sound System	Russ Case
Sanctuary Stewards	Judy & Paul Williams
Ushers	Group Chairmen: Dennis Guthrie, Warren Leonard; Mike Arnold, Bob Branan, Andy Culler, Jack Featherston, John Fletcher, Bill Gower, Dennis Guthrie, Joe Jones, Danny Kirkland, Bill McCabe, David Parr, Fred Smith, Steve Wilhoit

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

For a more comprehensive calendar, go to www.providenceumc.org.

Sunday, January 2, 2011

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Change the World
11:00 am Worship

Monday, January 3, 2011

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

9:30 am UMW Board Meeting
10:30 am UMW General Meeting & Luncheon

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

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

Thursday, January 6, 2011

10:30 am Encore Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Saturday, January 8, 2011

6:00 pm Haiti Celebration Dinner

Sunday, January 9, 2011

8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Change the World
11:00 am Worship
4:30 pm Youth Choir
5:30 pm UMYF
7:00 pm Taizé Service

PARISH NOTES

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in appreciation for the pastors, choir and staff of Providence United Methodist Church; and by Karen and Bob Branan in honor of their children, Lauren Carrigan, Ellory Branan and Robert Branan.

Beginning today, we will offer a series of adult sessions that answers the question, “How can you Change the World?” The sessions will be held at 9:45 am in the Chapel, and will connect Jesus’ teaching in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) with a range of topics: our ongoing mission in Haiti, homelessness in Charlotte, the need for reconciliation, child trafficking, and hunger. All are invited.

The church office will be closed Monday, January 3.

January 8 Haiti Celebration Dinner Join us for our annual dinner and awards at 6:00 pm in Charter Hall. This year our guests will be the Rev. Jim Gulley from UMCOR and our “man on the ground” in Haiti, Bernard Gilles. Tickets to the dinner are \$12.00 and may be purchased in the atrium this morning. The deadline to purchase a ticket is tomorrow, January 3.

This morning we ask that our members prayerfully consider an offering of their financial gifts. Such a pledge will also help Providence UMC to plan for its mission in 2011. Thank you!

Providence on Wednesdays is an informal, inclusive mid-week place for church and community members to gather for physical, emotional and Christian sustenance. 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 10:00 am on the Monday preceding the dinner. POW begins on Wednesday, January 12.

You are reminded that our **Chapel is available for overflow worshippers**. A video feed of the service is broadcasted into the Chapel. We also have a private and comfortable space available for **nursing mothers**. Please ask an usher for direction.



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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT PROVIDENCE?

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information, please check the Voice of Providence.

January 2	Change the World Weekly Sessions Begin
January 4	United Methodist Women
January 8	Haiti Celebration Dinner
January 9	The Rev. Jim Gulley from UMCOR, preaching Taizé Service
January 12	Providence on Wednesdays Begins
January 16	Providence Chamber Music Recital
January 19	Church Council; Ed Kilbourne in Concert
January 20	Livewires Luncheon
January 23	Ken Carter, “State of the Church,” Methodist Men’s Fellowship
February 1	United Methodist Women
February 4-6	Confirmation Retreat at Lake Junaluska
February 6	Gospel of John Bible Study Begins
February 13	Scout Sunday Providence Chamber Music Recital
February 17-19	Passionate Traditional Worship Conference
February 22	UMAR Luncheon
February 27	Youth Sunday

OUR VISION

A Growing Body of Christ Glorifying God and Serving Others

OUR MINISTERS

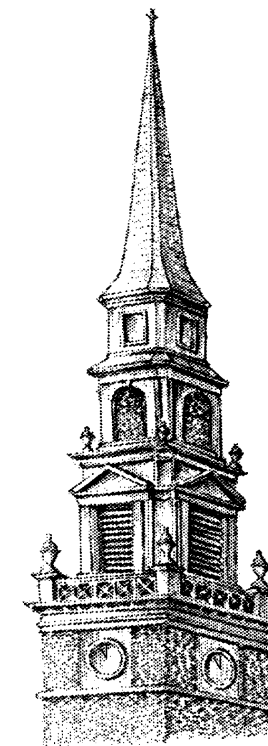
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PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 2, 2011

Eleven O’ Clock in the Morning

GATHERING

CENTERING PRAYER

**O God, you made of one blood all nations,
and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples
him whose name is Emmanuel.
Enable us who know your presence with us
so to proclaim his unsearchable riches
that all may come to his light
and bow before the brightness of his rising,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

PRAISE

VOLUNTARY

“So Now As We Journey on Our Way”

Marcel Dupré

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Light Dawns for the Righteous”

Hal Hopson

† HYMN NO. 245

“The First Noel”

THE FIRST NOEL

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.