


**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

 *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.*

*The Prayer of Confession was taken from the **United Methodist Book of Worship**.*

PARISH NOTES

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ab Johnston by Isabel, Mark & Caroline Johnston, and Camille & Jim White.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be administered at the 11:00 worship service to Abigail Katelyn Arnold, daughter of Amber and Brandon Arnold, granddaughter of Debbi and Mike Arnold, born October 3, 2009.

A **Providence Chamber Music Recital** is tonight at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Book Drives Providence UMC is currently collecting new or gently used children's books and/or monetary donations to purchase books for two wonderful organizations: the Youth Ministry's Imprints Bible Study would like to purchase 80 children's books for use in a Dominican Republic Saturday Morning Library program organized and facilitated by our own Lindsey Parr; and the Chipley Bible Sunday School Class is sponsoring a book drive for Classroom Central. For more information, check out the Voice of Providence.

Providence on Wednesday This week's dinner menu includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw and brownies & ice cream. Reservations may be made by calling the POW reservation line, 704-714-9380, by Monday at 10:00 am. Join us as we hear Alex Symthers, from Charlotte District Latino Ministries, lead a discussion concerning the UMC view on immigration, "From Hostility to Hospitality: Welcome the Stranger Among Us."

A **Prayer Vigil** is held in the Chapel, from 8:00 p.m. on Good Friday evening through the sunrise of Easter morning. Continuous intercession is offered during these hours, and all are invited to participate. You may sign up at the welcome center.

SERVING THIS MORNING

Crucifer	Anna Parr
Acolytes	Kenneth Matre, Amy Newton
Preacher	Ken Carter
Liturgists	Bill Jeffries, Teresa Dunn
Choirs	Children's Handbell, Carol & Junior, Chancel
Soloist	Kathy Moschel
Diakonia	Trent Patterson
Visitation	Beth & Terry Comer, Kathy & Scott Sutherland
Sound System	Russ Case
Sanctuary Steward	John Calcagni
Ushers	Group Chairmen: Bill Coble, Brett Logan; Bob Baldwin, Dale Batman, Mike Bishop, Al Brown, Kelly Case, Brian Mobley, Rick Pugh, Kevin Rose, Wes Sugg, Chris Sutherland, Bob Sutton, Chuck Weeks

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Sunday, March 21, 2010

Family Promise Begins
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Inquirer's Class
11:00 am Worship
4:30 pm Youth Choir
5:30 pm UMYF
6:20 pm Stephen Ministry Meeting
7:00 pm Chamber Music Recital

Monday, March 22, 2010

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
11:00 am Career Transition
5:00 pm Room in the Inn-St. John's
7:30 pm Church Council

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

7:00 pm Interfaith Bible Study @
Temple Israel

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

5:00 pm Cherub A
5:30 pm Cherub B
5:30 pm POW
6:00 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Holy Communion-Chapel
6:30 pm POW Program

Thursday, March 25, 2010

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

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010

8:00 am MMF
8:30 am Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Egg Hunt (*Ages 2-Kindergarten*)
11:00 am Worship

4:30 pm Youth Choir
5:30 pm UMYF

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010

7:00 pm Holy Communion Service

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service
8:00 pm Prayer Vigil Begins

Easter, April 4, 2010

6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends
7:00 am Sunrise Worship Service
9:45 am Worship Service
10:00 am Butterfly Release
11:00 am Worship Service

HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesdays, 6:15 pm, Chapel
All are welcome!

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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PROVIDENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*"By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world."*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

March 21, 2010

Eleven O' Clock in the Morning

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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

“A Joyful Ring” arr. Barbara Kinyon

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Show Me Your Ways” Joe Cox
The text of the anthem is adapted from Psalm 25.4-5.

Show me your ways and teach me your paths and lead me in your way.
You are God of salvation, you are Lord of creation; I wait on you all the
day. I am ready to hear you, always want to be near you; show me what
you would have me do. This day, now, and forever, teach me your truth
and I'll never be led away from you.

† HYMN NO. 126

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.*

DIAKONIA

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal Page 39 Sections 1,3,4,8,10-11

RESPONSE, Hymn No. 608, v. 1 & 3

AZMON

**This is the Spirit's entry now:
The water and the word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow,
The seal both felt and heard.
Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
For your baptismal power
That washes us through all our days.
Lord, cleanse again this hour.**

PRAYERS

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are.
We are not the people we like to think we are.
We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves,
what lies in the depths of our souls.
But we cannot hide our true selves from you.
You know us as we are, and yet you love us.
Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.
Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake.
Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.
Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt
into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.
And for those who through long habit
find forgiveness hard to accept,
we ask you to break their bondage and set them free;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

KYRIE

“Lord Have Mercy” Adam Ward

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

“Drop, Drop, Slow Tears” (from **Crucifixus Pro Nobis**)
Kenneth Leighton

Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beautiful feet which brought
from Heaven the news and Prince of Peace: cease not, wet eyes, His
mercy to entreat; to cry for vengeance sin doth never cease. In your deep
floods drown all my faults and fears; nor let His eye see sin, but through
my tear.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43. 16-21 Old Testament Page 636

† PSALTER, PAGE 847, Response 2

Psalm 126

† HYMN NO. 298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 3. 4-14 NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 183

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Future Is Not What It Used To Be”

RESPONSE

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 881

Apostles' Creed

† GLORIA PATRI, NO. 71

“Glory Be to the Father” GREATOREX

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS, PAGE 38

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“The Thorn Bush” Mary E. Caldwell

In dreams I saw a sunlit garden, fragrant and fair. Our Lord, the blessed
Jesus Christ, was standing there, An ugly thorn bush seemed so strange
amid the blossoms rare, But Christ gave each a loving smile, and tended
each with care. For me He gathered fragile buds and poppies bright and
tall. He said, “Now cherish ev'ry flow'r, though petals fade and fall.” And
then he led me by the hand up to the thorn bush tree, “Come pluck this
single crimson rose, but leave the thorns for Me.” I wake, and in the
morning's light my garden's wondrous fair. I sense His touch on ev'ry
flow'r, I feel his presence there. Then passing by the red rose tree, once
more the thorns I see. I know Christ saved them for a crown, to wear in
love for me. I know He saved them for a crown, to wear in love for me.

† DOXOLOGY, NO. 95

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

SENDING FORTH

† HYMN NO. 453

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” MORE LOVE TO THEE

† BENEDICTION

† CHORAL RESPONSE

“May the Peace of God” K. Lee Scott

† SILENT PRAYER

† CHIMING THE TRINITY

† VOLUNTARY

“Allegro Maestoso” John Lee

† SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST