

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE LORD'S DAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 A.M.

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

Announcements

Call to Worship Dr. Lester Harrison

Choir Introit

*Hymn "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come!" (v. 1) No. 195

*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" No. 200

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem "Merry Carol of the Bells" arr. Kirkland/Rouse

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 208

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

Scripture *Matthew 2:1-18* Page 807

Sermon "Troubled Nations" Dr. Robert Penny

*Benediction

*Postlude

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.

WE WELCOME ALL VISITORS WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CHURCH, PLEASE SPEAK TO THE PASTOR OR AN OFFICER.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

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

Call to Worship Dr. Lester Harrison

*Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196
~ Led by the Praise Team ~

*Invocation

Hymn "Away in a Manger" No. 204
~ Led by the Praise Team ~

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Scripture *Isaiah 35:1-10* Page 595

Sermon "A Highway to Joy" Rev. Chris Wright

Benediction

*Congregation Standing
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MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK
PEF / Emanuel Tinev

PRAYER FAMILY OF THE WEEK
Mrs. Dot Salvant

Nursery Today Morning: K/R McIntyre, K/K Crosby, L/T Bennet
Evening: **Volunteers Needed (2)**
Dec. 27 Morning: L. Ewing, **Volunteer Needed**, J/L Harrison, R. Bennet, **Volunteer Needed**
Dec. 20 Evening: L/C Cullnane
Children's Church Leader: Govero
TLC: For Need Call Church Office (601-924-4747)
Elder on Call: B. Pleasant

CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

TODAY

9:30 A.M. Coffee and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
9:45 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service
5:00 P.M. Japan Prayer Group
5:00 P.M. Nursery Committee Meeting
5:00 P.M. Outreach Committee Meeting
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

No Groups will meet tonight.

THURSDAY

8:30 A.M. Ladies Prayer Group

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

****Merry Christmas!****

WELCOME

We welcome Dr. Robert Penny to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Penny is currently Visiting Professor, African Bible College, Kampala, Uganda. He previously served as VP for Development at RTS, Jackson.

We are thankful for Rev. Chris Wright to fill the pulpit tonight. Rev. Wright serves as pulpit supply for Lebanon Presbyterian Church in Learned, Mississippi.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY: ATTENTION YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will have a New Year's party at the home of Emily and John Reeves on Wednesday, December 30, at 6:00 p.m. Come for hamburgers, games, devotional and fellowship. Be sure to bring a white elephant gift! (The Reeves live at 1203 Huntcliff Way in Clinton.)

POINSETTIAS

If you haven't paid for your poinsettia, the cost is \$15 per plant. Please drop your check in the offering made out to Providence and designate it "poinsettia." Please do not pay Emily Reeves.

PCA MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND

Please don't forget to make a donation to the PCA Ministerial Relief Fund. This helps our PCA pastors and families who encounter hardships. Envelopes are included in your bulletin. Make checks to PCA Ministerial Relief or go to pcadonate.org.

CHRISTMAS COOKBOOKS

We still have our beautiful church cookbooks available for purchase. See Betty Robinson if you would like one. They make great Christmas gifts!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MORNING</u>	<u>EVENING</u>
December 27	Dr. Robert Penny	Rev. Chris Wright
January 3	Dr. Mike McKelvey	Dr. Mike McKelvey
January 10	Dr. Mike McKelvey	Dr. Mike McKelvey

PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Should you have a pastoral need, please contact one of your elders, who will be here to help:

- Brian Gault – 953-3256
- Chris Govero – 601-924-8292
- Lester Harrison – 601-927-4495
- Hal Martin – 601-924-2041
- Harold Miller – 601-924-9323
- Steve McNair – 601-924-0432
- Bill Pleasant – 601-519-1915
- John Spears – 601-924-7188

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Beginning January 3, 2016, there will be two Adult classes available for Sunday School.

Song of Songs taught by Brian Gault – "Love" is everywhere in our culture. We're infatuated with it. You find it in commercials, TV shows, movies, and all over social media. Song after song is about it. It's in our poetry and our novels. But why let the culture be the primary source of information about love? The Bible has a whole book that provides wisdom in a fallen world for what romantic love in marriage should look like. Join us as we investigate the Song of Songs and what the Bible has to say about love and marriage.

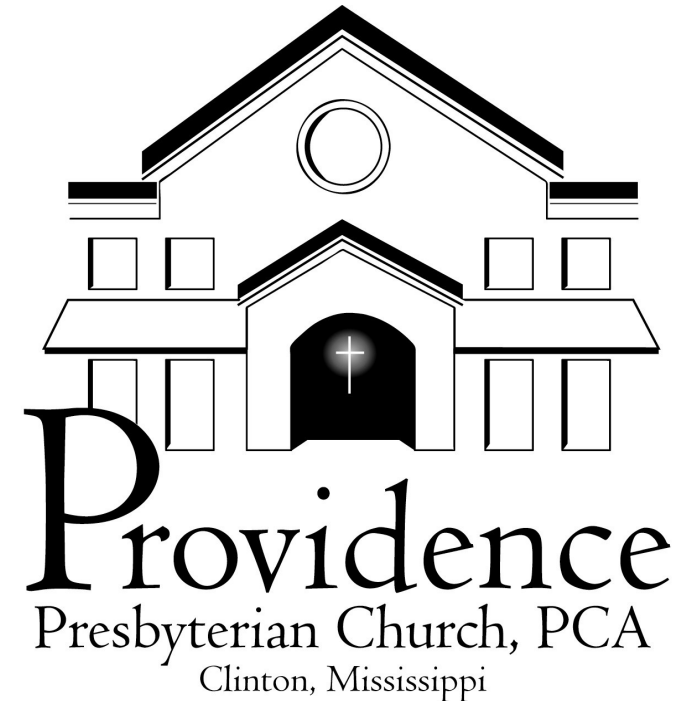
The Gospel of John taught by Steve McNair – Our study of the Gospel of John will continue through the first quarter of 2016. In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Our prayer is that this text and the whole Gospel will continue to inform our minds and hearts of the mission and the earthly ministry of the Lord.

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*Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;
Christ the babe is Lord of all, Christ the babe is Lord of all.*

*Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow;
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.*

PPC Mission Statement
"Knowing Christ,
and Making Him Known"
John 17:3



*"Where is He who has been
born King of the Jews?
For we saw His star when
it rose and have come
to worship Him."*

~ Matthew 2:2 ~

December 20, 2015