



The birth of Jesus Christ is a time of great celebration in the Christian church around the world, and we invite you to join Providence this Christmas season to share in the Good News that God sent his only son into our world for our salvation. The season of Advent, which marks a time in the church calendar when we anticipate the coming of our Savior, begins on Sunday, December 3. From then until Christmas day there are special events and fulfilling mission opportunities to mark the season at Providence. We invite you to worship, serve and celebrate with us at any of the events mentioned in this brochure.

### **Be the Church. Make a Difference.**

**Christmas Joy Offering** With this offering we celebrate the gifts of those who have faithfully served the church for many years, and for those gifts now being developed by students at racial ethnic schools and colleges. Look for weekly bulletin inserts with inspiring stories from those who have received these gifts of love.

**Christmas Adopt-A-Family** Christmas offers a wonderful opportunity to reach out to a needy family by providing a basket of food for that family to prepare or gifts for the children and parents. What a wonderful time to share with those in need and “to serve the least of these” in a way that will make the holiday special as we all celebrate the birth of Christ.

**The Littlest Christmas Tree** The littlest Christmas tree with the BIGGEST heart! Share the spirit of giving this Christmas with some special children. Participate either as an individual or as a family—donate new mittens, gloves, and hats to help warm little fingers and ears of boys & girls this winter. These 2 to 5 year-olds also need underwear. Sunday bulletins will provide more details.

# Good News *of* Great Joy



## Advent 2017

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## 1st Sunday

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Traditional Worship, 10:00**  
**Contemporary Worship, 11:15**  
**First Sunday, No classes**

### **Providence Singers**

Saturday, December 2, 3:00 pm  
The Providence Singers perform their Christmas Extravaganza at Green Spring!

### **Advent Crafts**

December 3,  
from 10:00 am to 12:15 pm

All children are invited to come to Room 201 during worship to make a craft or two for the Advent Season. Supplies will be provided.

### **Children / Youth Caroling**

December 3,  
456ers – 4:00-6:00 pm  
PYF – 5:00-7:00 pm

Each group will go caroling, spreading Christmas joy across our community, and will return to the church for refreshments and festivities. Singing ability not necessary.



## 2nd Sunday

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Traditional Worship, 10:00**  
**Contemporary Worship, 11:15**  
**Classes will meet**

### **Youth Cookie-Making Extravaganza**

December 10, 5:30-7:30 pm

All youth meet in the downstairs kitchen for intense baking and decorating. Results will be shared after the Christmas Eve morning worship service!

### **Advent Devotionals**

Please look for Advent devotionals in the Commons Area and the Main Hallway.



## 3rd Sunday

**December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Traditional Worship, 10:00**  
**Contemporary Worship, 11:15**  
**Classes will meet**

### **Special Music Sunday**

December 17, both services

The Sanctuary Choir will lead the 10:00 worship. And at the 11:15 internationally acclaimed singer Jae Jin joins the Worship Band.

### **Advent in Narnia**

December 17, 4:00 pm

Our Christmas Movie this year will be *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. All ages are welcome at this fun family event!

### **Music & Reflections**

Monday, December 18, 7:30 pm

Get away from the bright lights and noise that can detract from the Christmas season. This contemplative service of music, readings, and periods of silence offers both a peaceful respite from the fast pace of the season, and a deeply moving reflection on the meaning of Christ's birth.



## 4th Sunday

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**One Worship, 10:00**  
**with Rehoboth Church**  
**No classes**

### **Christmas Eve**

### **Candlelight Services**

**5:30 pm–Family Service**  
**8:00 pm–Lessons & Carols**  
**10:00 pm–Lessons & Carols**

**December 31, 2017**

**Both services at 10:00**  
**followed by**  
**New Year's Eve Fellowship**

