

### **PPBC Services**

- The Nursery: see the Ushers for assistance and directions.
- The Tape Ministry: See one of our Deacons for assistance [DVDs for \$5].
- The Use of the Church Facility: contact the Office for availability.

### **Safety Numbers & Contacts for Notices of Cancellation of Services**

- Dominion Virginia Power at 1-866-DOM-HELP
- Richmond Police Gang Hotline—646-5387
- See the Local Channels [CBS, ABC, NBC] for notices of cancellation

### **Prayerfully remember the PPBC Members in Military**

Harrison Jones, Wayne Mathis, Mansfield C. Murph, Chateece Chappelle

### **Volunteers Needed! Serve once a month!**

The PPBC Health Ministry, The PPBC Nursery, The PPBC Video Tape Ministry, The Tutorial Program with the PP Boys & Girls' Club, The PPBC Kitchen Kaptains, The Cub Scouts. PPBC Transportation Ministry is seeking individuals to drive the Shuttle Bus. All personnel are required to have a valid driver's license and to undergo a criminal background check. The church will pay the fees for those certifying for a chauffeur's license.

### **Sunday School Lesson for January 14, 2018**

Title: "A Bold Faith" Text: Daniel 3:19-28

### **The ICR Charge**

1. Heart-search by the Spirit!
2. Sacrifice self!
3. Abide in Christ!
4. Learn wisdom!
5. Grow by the Word!
6. Preach the Truth!
7. Have mercy!
8. Forgive seventy times seven!
9. Stand with hope!
10. Travel by prayer!
11. Walk by faith!
12. Live by Grace!

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### **Call-In Prayer with Pastor** **Wednesdays 6:30-6:45 p.m.**

1. Dial 1-712-770-8022.
2. Enter the Access Code: 608751

### **Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday  
10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### **Pastor's Office Hours**

Monday-Wednesday 5:00-8:00  
p.m.  
or By Appointment

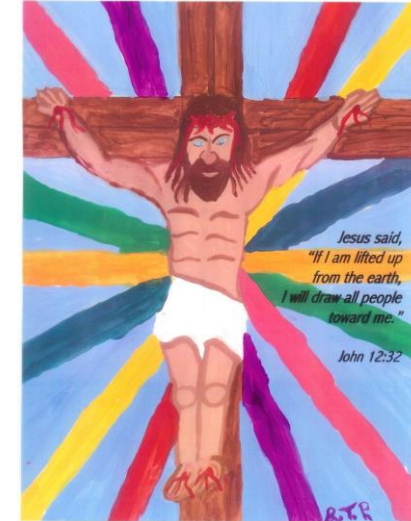
### **Times for Worship**

Sunday School - 8:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - Tuesday 6:00 p.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday: 12:00 noon  
<http://www.providencelpark.org>  
E-mail: [ppbc1876@verizon.net](mailto:ppbc1876@verizon.net)  
Fax: 804-329-9917  
Phone: 804-329-1963

# **Providence Park Baptist Church**

**Where the Gospel is Preached and  
Practiced—**

**a congregation of saved sinners who  
endeavor to preach the Gospel of God  
through Jesus of Nazareth by personal  
proclamation and practice.**



**468 East Ladies Mile Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23222  
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**Jerome Clayton Ross, Ph.D.  
Pastor**

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

**Theme for 2018**  
**“Lifting Him Up”**

**The Order of Worship  
Sunday, January 7, 2018**

The Prelude.....	The Musicians
†The Call to Worship.....	John 12:32.....The Deacon
†The Invocation.....	The Deacon
†The Chant.....	Emmanuel #82
†The Hymn of Praise.....	Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come #87
†The Responsive Reading.....	God the Son #75
†The Response.....	Refrain, O Come, All Ye Faithful #89
The Interlude.....	The Musicians
The Welcome*.....	The PPBC Messenger
The Christmas Selections.....	Alpha and Omega.....I Houghton
The Prayer.....	The Pastor
The Response.....	Stanzas #3-4, Jesus the Light of the World
The Offertory.....	The Deacons & The Ushers
†The Chant.....	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #253
The Christmas Selections.....	Total Praise.....R. Smallwood
The Sermon.....	The Pastor

**Lifting Him Up  
John 3:14; 8:28; 12:32**

†The Hymn of Dedication.....	Lift Him Up.....Johnson Oatman, Jr./B. B. Beall
†The Benediction.....	The Pastor
The Postlude.....	The Musicians

† **Please Stand**

\*Please, review the announcements and schedule PPBC on your calendar!

**Deacons Serving:**

Anthony Robinson—Worship Leader  
Curtis White—Offertory

**Advent—Christmastide-Epiphany**

Advent is the beginning of the church year—a time of preparation, hope, and joyful anticipation for Jesus’ coming, both at Bethlehem and the end of the age. The longing is for the Light to come into the world, yes the incarnation of the WORD itself as manifested in Jesus of Nazareth! Advent is grouped with Christmas and Epiphany, the latter being the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, commemorating the manifestation of God to the world through Jesus, and culminates with Easter. The movement is from cradle to cross to crown. Advent begins the Sunday nearest to November 30 and is observed for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The color for Advent is dark blue with purple being an alternate color. Its symbols include four candles and the Star of David. The four candles are lit on consecutive Sundays [symbolizing expectation, proclamation, joy, and purity] with the third candle being rose-colored. We ready ourselves for Advent by creating an environment of prayer and song, of Scripture and fellowship, of sacramental acts that counter the commercial exploitation of the debut of the WORD that became flesh.

**Prayer for Epiphany**

Holy Father, Giver of the Light of life and the world: In awe and wonder we bow before Thee. We praise Thy name with gratitude for the bounty of Thy blessings that are showered upon us. We behold the preciousness of Thy grace in each moment that we experience the joy of being Thine and sharing Thy mercy with others. Pierce the darkness of our lives and scatter all unrighteousness. Enlighten, and enliven, us by Thy Power, and grant our feet the privilege of proceeding in Thy way. Breathe upon our hearts a sense of care and consideration. Straighten our backs with courage and confidence. Bend our knees in humility to Thy truth. Let not the agony of our sins destroy us. Let not the doom of our ways befall us. Save, deliver, and heal us by Thy might and mercy. Father, ever grant us a clear vision of Thy Person through hindsight, foresight, and insight in love. Brighten our houses and make them homes. Make us beams of Thy blessings to all whom Thou hast placed in our lives. Finally, consume us, encompass us, and bring us into the fullness of Thy Light, that we may be Christlike. Amen. **jcr: 12-30-1997**