

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 December 9, 2018

Title: "" Text:

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

Regular Meeting Days

(Subject to adjustments)

First Mondays—The Board of Christian Education

First Saturdays—The Diaconate Board

First Mondays—The Board of Trustees

Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday

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

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday 5:00-7:00

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

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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.**



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**Jerome Clayton Ross, Ph.D.
Pastor**

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Theme for 2019

“Taking His Yoke Upon Us”

Matthew 11:28-30

The Order of Worship
Sunday, December 2, 2018

The Prelude.....	The Musicians
†The Call to Worship..... Matthew 1:23	Jayda
White	
†The Lighting of the First Candle of Advent.....	Jayda White
Today, O LORD, we light the Candle of Expectation to symbolize our hope in Thine advent. May the eternal light of Thy salvation shine in the darkness and grant us confidence in Thy coming through Emmanuel. Amen.	
†The Chant.....	<i>Emmanuel</i>
#82	
†The Hymn of Praise.....	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>
#77	
†The Responsive Reading..... Advent #678	Jayda
White	
†The Response.....	<i>Stanza 3, Away in a Manger #103</i>
The Interlude.....	The Musicians
The Welcome*.....	Christian Ballard – Bryant Lewis-Hutchinson
The Advent Selection.....	<i>Hallelujah</i>Paul Mickelson
The Prayer.....	The Pastor
The Response.....	<i>Stanzas 3-4, It Came upon the Midnight Clear #93</i>
The Offertory.....	The Deacons & The Ushers
†The Chant.....	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
#253	
The Advent Selection.....	<i>Silent Night, Holy Night</i>Joseph Mohr
The Sermon.....	The Pastor

Why Pregnant by the Spirit
Matthew 1:18

†The Hymn of Dedication.....	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful #89</i>
†The Benediction.....	The Pastor
The Postlude.....	The Musicians

† **Please Stand**

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

Advent

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 Emmanuel—the debut and the sense of the Presence of God with us. Advent is grouped with Christmas and Epiphany, the latter being the 12th 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 commercialism and that witness to the Presence that is with us.

Prayer for Advent

O Thou who art Eternal: Work Thy miracles among us, that we may know Thee anew. Be born among us in the midst of and in spite of our sinfulness, so that we may behold Thy salvation. Pierce, again, the darkness, the despair, the doom that dominates our world and save us from our infirmities, weaknesses, and brokenness. Overshadow us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may birth righteousness and truthfulness within our feebleness. Visit us in Thy holiness, that we may see our true identity, understand our real mission, and serve as vehicles and vessels of Thy will. O LORD, manifest Thy Presence—Emmanuel—among us, that we may be ready to reap a harvest of righteousness in this portion of Thy vineyard, where Thou hast placed us. Amen.

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