

**Honoring our history
.....building our future**



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*To disciple others in Christ by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,
To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,
To prayerfully serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*

Providence Presbyterian Church

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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY
AUGUST 6, 2017**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 5) Doug Sonderfan

Leader: *Give ear to my words, O LORD*

People: *Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I pray.*

Leader: *O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice;*

People: *in the morning I plead my case to You, and watch.*

Leader: *Through the abundance of Your steadfast love, I will enter Your house,*

People: *I will bow down toward Your holy temple in awe of You.*

Leader: *Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness*

People: *make Your way straight before me.*

Leader: *Let all who take refuge in You rejoice;*

People: *For You bless the righteous, O LORD; You cover them with favor as with a shield.*

All: *Let us worship the Lord God!*

***Opening Hymn "Let All Creation Bless the Lord" #25**

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Merciful God, You have called us to be Your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may be given all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our common calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Brothers and sisters, we are redeemed through Christ, the Son of God.*

People: *Growing in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

***Responsive Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #457**

***Affirmation of Faith** (Back cover of Blue Hymnal)
"The Apostle's Creed"

***Passing of the Peace of Christ** (please begin the pew pads)

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson 1 Chronicles 29:13-17

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Kristy Stephenson)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's

New Testament Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon "The Difference Between Talents and Talents"

Rev. Jim Davis

Anthem

"Spirit Sing"

Providence Choir

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

(We celebrate communion this morning and invite you to partake of the bread as you receive it – but please hold the cup so we may partake together)

***Dedication Hymn "How Great Thou Art" #51**

***Acolyte and *Benediction**

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

If you desire to join Christ's Church here at PPC please contact the Pastor – office 919-894-4063, cell# 919-264-4324, or after worship!

August Scripture Passage

⁸ ... Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble in his way. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. ¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Psalm 25: 8-11

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2017

<i>Long Range Planning</i>	<i>Fellowship</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Worship</i>
Tony Bryant	David Collier	Barri Martin	Donna Stolle

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Property</i>
Sam Stephenson	Kent Walton	Atlee Roberts	Russell Wood

Class of 2019

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission & Outreach</i>	<i>Clerk</i>	<i>Personnel</i>
Vickie Faircloth	John Kopanski	Mary Ann Booth	Stephanie Bagley

Staff

<i>Accounting Treasurer</i> Kristy Stephenson	<i>Collections Treasurer</i> Ann Benson
<i>Music Director/Organist/Pianist</i> Brittany Jones	<i>Pianist</i> Angie Searcy
<i>Website</i> David Nelms	<i>Usher Coordinator</i> Russell Wood
<i>Secretary</i> Kimberly Callis	

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Weekly Statistics

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru June 30)....	\$138,394.96
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru June 30)...	\$150,233.20
General Fund Receipts for June	\$22,397.51
General Fund Expenses for June	\$24,710.11
General Fund Receipts for July 30	\$2,912.31
Total General Fund Receipts (July).....	\$20,763.11
Capital Reserve Account	\$84,724.88
Current Loan Balance	\$1,044,929.53
Attendance for Sunday School July 30	61
Attendance for Worship July 30.....	110

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Tony Bryant
Ushers: Eric Smith & Russell Wood, Eric Faircloth (Back)
Acolyte: Hannibal Langdon
Nursery: Sue Bryant & Beth Pickens
Children's Worship: Kristy Stephenson
Lay Reader: Doug Sonderfan
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, August 13

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Tony Bryant
Ushers: Hamilton Greene & Don Dupree, John Daniel (Back)
Acolyte: Gavin Annis
Nursery: Barri Martin & Elaine Wood
Children's Worship: Kristy Stephenson
Lay Reader: Donna Stolle
Fellowship Time: Seekers Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 pm: Worship Service

Weekly Events:

Aug 6. Communion Sunday
Aug 7. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
Aug 8. Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 (noon) at PPC
M & O Monthly visit to Stagecoach Manor residents at Universal and Pinecrest Nursing homes
Aug 9. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Aug 11. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Aug 14. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Aug 16. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Aug 18. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Please Note – All exterior doors will be locked except the main (center) Sanctuary doors by 11:10 am each Sunday.

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son.

CONCERNS: Charles Miller, Donna Stolle's brother, missing in Orlando.

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at *Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*; **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale Assisted Living in Smithfield*; **Grant Joyner, Bobbie Langdon, and Frances Schmidt** at home.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Vicky Austin, community; **Sherry Baker**, friend of Laura Langdon; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of Sandy Kopanski; **Patsy Bowman**, member; **Joanne Boyle**, Bob Zattiero's niece; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, Joe Hawkins' mother; **Luke Jordan**, friend of Christina Jones; **Carol Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law; **Harold Pitman**, Joyce Lamm's brother; **Dina Poole**, Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law; **Art Redmond**, Pat Embrey's niece's husband; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of John Kopanski; **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin; **Chad Talley**, friend of John Pickens; and **Wayne and Mary Toler**, Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's mom; **Randy Benson**, member; **Velma and Ray Bost**, Heath White's grandparents; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, Steve Wolak's parents; **Shepherd Byrd**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of Sue Bryant; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, John Daniel's mother; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Gayla Edmond**, Stephanie Wood's mom; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Norbert Kopanski**, John Kopanski's father; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of Andrea Jones; **Vic LaSaxon**, Chris Nooney's brother-in-law; **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Scott Martinelli**, Joe & Beverly Martinelli's son; **Wanza Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's mother; **Bill McClandless**, friend of Bob Zattiero; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Sue Nicholson**, Chris Nooney's sister; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**; member; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Kathy Rose**, friend of Kim Schmidt; **Marie Rouse**, delivery driver's wife; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Candy Weaver**, friend of Amanda McLamb; and **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father

Pastor's Office Hours – The pastor will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands. The office number is 919-894-4063.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Search for Church Secretary – As most of you have heard by now, August 3 was Kim’s last day as our church secretary. The Session asks for your help as we begin our search for someone to fill the position. We ask you to do two things:

1. Tell everyone you know whom you think would be interested in the position. Ask them to send their resume and a cover letter to the church in care of the Personnel Committee.
2. Consider volunteering to help with secretarial duties until the position is filled. Please let Rev. Davis or Mary Ann Booth know if you can assist. Tasks that you can help with:
 - Volunteering to take a shift to answer phones from 9 AM until 1:00 on a weekday
 - Helping Rev. Davis compose the weekly bulletin (update service schedule, announcements, etc.)
 - Photocopying of the bulletin each week
 - Putting together the monthly newsletter
 - Changing the sign in front of the church

Senior Citizens Luncheon – The August Senior Citizens Luncheon will be on Tuesday, August 8 at 12:00 (noon) at Providence Presbyterian Church. Contact Margie Taylor with any questions. Margie can be reached at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.

Senior Citizens Luncheon Desserts Needed – Any of the ladies that are attending the Senior Citizens Luncheon in August that would like to bring a dessert that can be picked up easily such as: cookies, bar cookies and brownies – please bring them. We will have a large bowl of fruit to go with it. If anyone would like to help, they can come between 10 and 10:30 am. There will not be a lot to do help is appreciated.

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group – “Exercise daily – walk with Jesus.” We would also like you to walk with us Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am. Meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

June Financial Statements – There are copies available in the front of the church of the June financial statements.

Session Minutes – Highlights of the minutes of the July Session meeting are in the August newsletter in the Narthex.

Monthly Church Newsletter – If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a paper copy of the newsletter in the Narthex. The August newsletter is now available.

Sunday School Teachers – The Fall sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway beside the door separating the new and old sections of the church.

Mission & Outreach – The Mission & Outreach Committee would like to thank the congregation for your generous financial donations to assist the residents of Stagecoach Manor. Your generosity provided nearly \$500. The M&O Committee will continue meeting with the residents to assess their needs so that your donations can be used to best suit each individual. Again, thank you all and please keep the residents in your prayers.

Homecoming Sunday Planning – The Fellowship Committee is needing volunteers to help with this year’s Homecoming Sunday. If you would like to be a part of this year’s Committee please contact David Collier by email or phone at davidcollier123@yahoo.com or 919-625-2026.

Reserved Visitor Row – Just a reminder, the third row from the vestibule, on both sides of the aisle, is reserved for visitors. These rows are marked as such. Your assistance in helping to make our visitors feel welcomed is greatly appreciated.

Online Suggestion Box – Is available, on the PPC website. To receive a response to your submission, please include your name. Submissions can be viewed only by members of Session and the submitter. Answers to concerns are sent to the submitter via email.

Reminder – Please email items listed below to secretary@providencepresb.org or 919-894-4063 if you need to:

- Add or remove anyone from the prayer list
- Schedule use of the upper or lower fellowship hall
- Directory updates
- **Please Note:** Bulletin deadline is **Thursday** evening if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for that upcoming Sunday.

Gracious Dismissal Update from the SCC - The Special Committee of the Congregation (SCC) received word on Friday, July 28, 2017 that the Presbytery of New Hope has appointed a Presbytery Engagement Team (PET). The PET will negotiate with your SCC the terms of our dismissal from PCUSA. The PET, we are told, will be the same individuals who served on the Presbytery Discernment Team that met with the congregation earlier this year. Members of the Providence SCC are Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood, Steve Nordan, and Mary Ann Booth.

Steps Completed:

1. In early June, the SCC mailed our response to the Presbytery's Request for Information to Ed McLeod, the chair of the Presbytery Discernment Team.
2. The SCC met with members of the congregation and Session during June to review church history with special attention to the acquisition of land.

Next Steps in the Process:

1. Negotiation of the terms of dismissal – The July 28 communication indicated that one member of the PET is unavailable until sometime in early August. Once all members are available, the PET will meet to review our response to the Request for Information and schedule a date to meet with the SCC.
2. Once there is agreement between the PET and SCC on the terms of dismissal, the congregation of Providence will be called together to vote of the terms. Upon approval by the congregation, the Presbytery will vote on the terms of dismissal. Dismissal terms include such items as:
 - The name by which our congregation will be known following dismissal
 - Any donation agreed to by Providence to charitable organizations or the Presbytery
 - Retention by Providence of historical artifacts and documents
 - The Presbyterian denomination to which Providence will transfer following dismissal.

Timeline for Dismissal:

- The earliest possible date on which the Presbytery could vote to dismiss Providence to a new denomination is October 28, 2017, just three months after the commissioning of the PET by the Presbytery.
- The next date on which Providence could be dismissed is in February of 2018.

Action Required by Providence Congregation – The congregation must hold a vote to determine the denomination it will transfer to upon dismissal from PCUSA. The Session set a goal at its July Stated meeting to hold a congregational vote in August. A subcommittee of the Session is working to prepare information and communications for the congregation in advance of a vote. Please

be alert to information about the selection of a denomination that you will receive by various means in the coming weeks.