

**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 worshipping 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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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 31) Joe Martinelli

Leader: *In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;*

People: *in your righteousness deliver me.*

Leader: *You are indeed my rock and my fortress;*

People: *for your name's sake lead me and guide me,*

Leader: *Into your hand I commit my spirit;*

People: *you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

Leader: *I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love*

People: *O how abundant is your goodness for those who fear you,*

Leader: *The LORD preserves the faithful,*

People: *Let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD.*

All: *Let us worship the Lord our God.*

***Opening Hymn "We Gather Together" #81**

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O LORD our God, You have called us to be your people and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ. We confess that we have fallen short of our calling. We have been timid and frightened, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Holy Spirit among us. O God, forgive our foolish and sinful ways. Renew us through Your Holy Spirit that we may be given all the gifts of grace needed to fulfill our calling as Your disciples; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Those who belong to Christ Jesus are born anew,*

People: *and through our baptism we are washed clean with the blood of our Lord and Savior. Amen!*

***Responsive Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" #466**

***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

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25:31-40

Anthem

"yes Lord yes"

Brittany Kefauver

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

"Where Do We See Jesus?"

Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn "Lord, I want To Be a Christian" #457**

***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!

September Scripture Passage

¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

1 Timothy 6:12-16

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>
Vickie Faircloth	John Kopanski	Mary Ann Booth

Staff

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

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Weekly Statistics

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru July 31).....	\$159,731.30
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru July 31) ...	\$176,227.47
General Fund Receipts for July	\$21,336.34
General Fund Expenses for July	\$25,994.27
General Fund Receipts for August 20	\$4,007.00
Total General Fund Receipts for August	\$13,249.00
Capital Reserve Account	\$84,728.48
Current Loan Balance	\$1,033,932.53
Attendance for Sunday School August 27	60
Attendance for Worship August 27	95

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Atlee Roberts
Ushers: David Collier & Ronnie Creech, John Kopanski (Back)
Acolyte: Hannibal Langdon
Nursery: Mary Langdon & Carolyn Stuart
Children’s Worship: (There will not be Children's Worship on 9/3)
Lay Reader: Joe Martinelli
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, September 10

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Atlee Roberts
Ushers: Tony Bryant & John Daniel, Riley Wood (Back)
Acolyte: Connor Frickman
Nursery: Jonathan Breeden & Emma Phillips
Children’s Worship: Kristy Stephenson
Lay Reader: Mary Ann Booth
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:

Sep 4. Labor Day/Office Closed
Sep 5. Card Ministry Upper Fellowship Hall 10:00 am
 Long Range Planning/Worship 7:00 pm
Sep 6. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 8. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Sep 11. Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 12. Senior Citizens Luncheon Johnson Memorial 12:00 pm
 M&O Monthly Visit to Stagecoach Manor Residents at
 Universal & Pinecrest
Sep 13. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 17. LOGOS 5:00 -7:00 pm
Sep 18. Budget Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 19. Presbyterian Women Joint Circle 7:00 pm
Sep 21. Card Ministry Prep Team II LaVette Morgan's 1:00 pm
Sep 22. Youth BBQ and Bake Sale 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: We pray for our students and teachers as they return to school!

CONCERNS: **Harley Kremer**, Andrea Jones niece, has a heart condition;
Charles Miller, *Donna Stolle’s brother, still 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*; **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*; **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 9:00am until 12:00pm, with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands. The office number is 919-894-4063.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOGOS - The first LOGOS meeting will be Sunday, September 17 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Please use the link on the website to register or complete the registration form in today's Bulletin. Forms can be placed in the offering plate or in the LOGOS box behind Sanctuary. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Kristy Stephenson or Vickie Faircloth.

Activities - Several special activities will take place during our first meeting.

- **Children/Youth Christmas play practice** will be held beginning at 5:00 pm during Worship Arts time in the Choir Room and
- **Acolyte Training** will be held during Bible Study Time in the Sanctuary beginning at 5:30 pm for children in grades K-5.

Youth BBQ - The Youth BBQ has been set for Friday, September 22, 2017. We will need everyone's help to pull this wonderful fundraiser off successfully for our youth! There will be signup sheets in the Fellowship Hall and on the PPC information wall. Any questions related to the BBQ can be directed to Scott Martin: martin4nc@gmail.com or Eric Faircloth: ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com

BBQ Bake Sale Items Needed - In conjunction with the Youth BBQ, the PPC Women will hold a Bake Sale on September 22, 2017. Bake Sale items will be available at drive-thru and inside Fellowship Hall. Help will be needed to staff both. Please contact Carolyn Stevenson at 919-219-6105 or Carole Kershaw at clkandjlk@yahoo.com if you can volunteer or would like to donate items. We need lots of brownies, cakes, cookies, snack mix or whatever you would like to bake and donate. Price tags will be furnished to price your goods prior to dropping off. **Something New: Bake-less Sale** - Should you wish to contribute to the Bake Sale but realize you might be working, out of town, lack of time or don't enjoy baking, you can still join the effort! Your contribution of the cost of ingredients you would have used for a Bake Sale item would be appreciated and you can enjoy your time knowing that you participated. Place your donation for your Bake-Less Goodie in the "Mixing Bowl" in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you "Kitchen Crew"! We would like to give a gracious thank you to the "Kitchen Crew" for their many years of service. They have planned and prepared all of the meals for the Children and Youth programs at Providence including the Pioneers Program, VBS, LOGOS and many other Children and Youth related activities for over 10 years. They have also coordinated, cooked and served during the Chicken Pastry fundraiser for many years as well. Their Christian service and love have been greatly appreciated. The "Kitchen Crew" has decided to take a break from LOGOS this year. If you see a member of the "Kitchen Crew" let them know how much their service has been a blessing to Providence. If you feel led to help in this ministry, please contact Vickie Faircloth, CCE Elder vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com or 919-902-1407.

Senior Citizens Luncheon – The September Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00 (noon) at Johnson Memorial Church. Please contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149 by Wednesday, September 6 with your reservations.

Mission & Outreach Committee - We will be collecting health and hygiene items for Military Missions in Action (MMIA). A list is included below and will also be posted on our bulletin board. Items collected are for their Fill the Locker Program for homeless veterans and will be handed out at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down. This event is held in Raleigh on October 27, 2017. Please place your donated items in the designated container outside the Upper Fellowship Hall.

These items are needed for low to no income veterans:

Packaged Hand Sanitizers	Conditioner	Shower Shoes
Baby Wipes	Lotion	Laundry Bags
Toothpaste	Combs/Brushes	Clothing
Toothbrushes	Chapstick	Tennis Shoes/
Mouthwash	Razors	Boots
Deodorant	Q-Tips	Carrying Bags
Shampoo	Fingernail Clippers	Wash Cloths

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.

Update - Search for Church Secretary – The Session has begun its search for a new part-time secretary. The part-time job is posted on Johnston County Today – formerly 40/42 – and on the church website under "Employment." Please tell everyone you know whom you think would be interested in the position. Direct them to the church website as the easiest way to apply. The website is <http://www.providencepresb.org/>. Closing date is September 15.

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

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

Vote on Future Denomination – In the coming weeks, you will receive a letter from the Session inviting you to meet on separate occasions with representatives of two Presbyterian denominations – ECO and EPC. A Congregational vote will be held shortly after these meetings to determine which denomination the majority of members prefer. Please be alert to future communications from the Session about this upcoming opportunity.

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.

Homecoming Sunday Planning – The Fellowship Committee is needing volunteers to help with this year’s Homecoming Sunday, October 8. 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.

Reminder – Please email items listed below to ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com 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 noon **Thursday** if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday. Newsletter items deadline is **23rd** of the month.



LOGOS REGISTRATION

Child's First and Last Name:	
Parent's Name:	
Street Address:	
City:	Zip Code:
Child's Date of Birth:	
Child's Grade as of 9-18-2017:	
Best Phone # to Reach You:	
Email:	
Child's T-shirt size: Youth S Youth M Youth L Youth XL Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL Adult XXL Adult XXXL	
Food Allergies:	
Other Allergies:	
Other Concerns:	
Emergency Contact Name:	
Emergency Contact Phone #:	



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Providence Presbyterian Church Family and Friends,

The Session is responsible for the care and day-to-day operations of the physical plant and campus that make up Providence Presbyterian Church. We are also responsible for the quality and integrity of the Worship, ministries, programs and other activities sponsored by and conducted at Providence. To that end we ask members and friends to provide input regarding possible modifications to Worship services offered. The objective is to provide service where:

- All attendees are reasonably comfortable.
- Families have enough room to sit together.
- We always have room for visitors when they show up.
- The quality of the worship experience is the same for every attendee, in any seat in the sanctuary.

Our current capacity in the sanctuary is 121, 158 max people. This assumes:

- Five adults in each of the seventeen pews in the center of the sanctuary. (Industry standard is 20” to 24” seat space per adult, we used 20” which is tight.)
- Six adults in each of the two long choir pews; three in the short choir pew.
- Six adults in each of the two long pews by the organ; five in the pew immediately in front of the organ.
- Four adults on the short pew up front on the left.
- Max capacity at 158 includes a total of 37 combined in the wings. These are two areas in which folks do not want to sit. As reported by many, the quality of the worship experience in the wings leaves much to be desired. We also don’t want to put visitors in the wings; that is not offering our best.

Eighty percent of 121/158 seats is 96/126. The “80% rule” states that when your sanctuary is consistently 80% full the church is truly at capacity. People do not want to sit any closer than the space will allow for 80% capacity. Visitors typically do not want to sit up front. When attendance numbers (recorded by the ushers) consistently reflect an average attendance at 80% or higher, the Session will implement an informed, considered plan to alleviate crowding in the sanctuary. Please provide below any thoughts you would like to share on this subject. Please check as applicable:

To alleviate overcrowding I would prefer PPC offer . . .

- One 11:00am service conducted in the Upper Fellowship Hall.
- An additional service, prior to Sunday School; both services in the sanctuary.
- One service, in the sanctuary, with overflow in the Old Fellowship Hall.
- One service, in the sanctuary, with overflow in the Choir Room.

Additionally,

- I would sit in the wings in the sanctuary.
- I would sit in the Old Fellowship Hall for overflow.
- I would sit in the Choir Room for overflow.

Feel free to provide comments in support of any of the boxes checked above. Other additional comments are also welcome; use the back of this form if needed. Please sign this form if you wish to meet with the Session and expound on any written thoughts shared on this form.

Thank you for your support of Providence Presbyterian Church.

The Session
