

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

**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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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 33) Justin Wood

Leader: *Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous*

People: *let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.*

Leader: *For the word of the LORD is upright,*

People: *and all His work is done in faithfulness.*

Leader: *He loves righteousness and justice;*

People: *the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.*

Leader: *By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,*

People: *and all their host by the breath of His mouth.*

Leader: *Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His Holy name*

All: *Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.*

All: *Let us worship our Lord God, Amen.*

***Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" #2**

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O LORD God, we come before You this day to confess our sin and be restored to the joy of Your love. We store up things of this life that rust and perish, we hoard that which is material and fleeting, we ignore Your commandments and our neighbors. Forgive us, O Gracious Redeemer, and convict our hearts that we may turn from the things of this world. Encourage us to invest in that which feeds the soul and lifts up our neighbor. May we never forget our mission and ministry of proclaiming the Gospel with every opportunity in this life.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *I wait for the LORD, and in His word I hope.*

People: *In the blood of Jesus Christ, we are added unto kingdom of heaven!*

***Responsive Hymn
"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty" #19**

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

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

Teacher Recognition

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

Hymn #34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson Proverbs 2:6-11

Anthem "Let Us Come Before The Lord" Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship
(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Jonathan Breedon)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson Luke 12:16-20

Sermon "Where Are We Investing Ourselves?"
Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" #574**

***Acolyte and *Benediction**

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

Thank you for returning Bibles and hymnals to the book holders on the pews. Extra books can be stacked on the end of the pew cushions. Also, please feel free to take home your printed bulletin. We thank you for placing discarded bulletins in a trash receptacle as you depart the building.

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

¹²Fight 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. ¹³In 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 ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It 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

Secretary

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Weekly Statistics

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru Aug 31)	\$177,148.30
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru Aug 31) ...	\$198,146.81
General Fund Receipts for August	\$17,417.00
General Fund Expenses for August	\$21,919.34
General Fund Receipts for September 10	\$3,275.75
Total General Fund Receipts for September	\$19,092.10
Capital Reserve Account.....	\$84,732.08
Current Loan Balance	\$1,030,083.41
Attendance for Sunday School September 17.....	74
Attendance for Worship September 17	107

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Atlee Roberts
Ushers: Carlos Bagley & Jeffrey Wood, Ryan Nelms (Back)
Acolyte: Hannibal Langdon
Nursery: Eric & Lori Smith
Children's Worship: Jonathan Breeden
Lay Reader: Justin Wood
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, October 1

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Mary Ann Booth
Ushers: Atlee Roberts & Rick Taylor, Jonathan Breeden (Back)
Acolyte: Phoebe Creech
Nursery: Mary Wood
Children's Worship: Beth Breeden
Lay Reader: Greg Kornegay
Fellowship Time: Young Adults Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 pm: Worship Service
12:00 pm: Lunch and Town Hall Meeting in the Upper Fellowship Hall with Janie Beaver / ECO

Weekly Events:

Sep 26. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am Lower Fellowship Hall
 Women's Day Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 27. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 29. Mission & Outreach 9:30 am
 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Oct 1. EPC Presbyterian 12:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall
 LOGOS 5:00 -7:00 pm
 World Communion
Oct 2. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
Oct 3. Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper Fellowship Hall
 Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct 4. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Oct 6. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Oct 8. HOMECOMING!

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: We praise God for the season of Fall!

CONCERNS: Charles “Chick” Folkman, *at home awaiting test results.*

DEATH: We express Christian sympathy to the family of **Hardrock Stamey**

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;* **Carol Mayben,** *Sandy Kopanski's sister-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;* **Sara Barber,** *Vickie Faircloth's mother;* **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;* **Harley Kremer,** *Andrea Jones niece;* **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

Town Hall Meeting Today – Janie Beaver, chair of Ministry Partnership with the East Central Presbytery of ECO, will meet with us today following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Janie will share information with us about ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. Lunch is provided.

Congregational Vote on Future Denomination Scheduled – Representatives of two Presbyterian denominations – ECO and EPC – are scheduled to visit us on September 24 and October 1. Following worship, we will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall to hear from them and have an opportunity to ask questions. A Congregational vote will be on October 15 immediately following worship to determine which denomination the majority of members prefer. Packets of information are available in the Narthex and in the secretary's office. Please take one home with you to review in advance of the meetings with the ECO and EPC representatives.

Prayer Shawl Circle Resumes September 26 – Please join us in the Lower Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am on the dates listed below. Anyone is welcome to join us to crochet "lapghans" for folks who are recently infirmed or in any circumstance where they could use a little "pick-me-up." Bring your own project to work on if you don't crochet, or, we can teach you how to make these lap blankets. We enjoy a great time of fellowship; the more the merrier. Our 2017-2018 schedule is: 9/26, 10/24, 11/28, 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22. There are no meetings scheduled for Dec, June, July and August.

"Women's Day" Committee Meeting September 26 –The Women's Day Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in being a volunteer to assist in the planning of our "Women's Day" scheduled for February 10, 2018, please feel free to join us!

Mission & Outreach Committee Meeting – We will not meet at our regular place and time on Thursday, September 28. Instead, we will meet on Friday, September 29, at PPC, to car pool to the McGee's Crossroads Food Pantry for a "field trip." We will then convene at a local eatery for lunch and our regular meeting. Please meet at the church at 9:30 am to gather and car pool.

New Secretary Starts October 2nd – Cindy Lynch has accepted an offer to fill our secretary position. She will be starting on Monday, October 2nd. After 30 years in the workplace mostly teaching Spanish and English, Cindy recently retired from her full-time job at West Johnston High School while serving as a department head and Spanish teacher. Please welcome Cindy on October 2nd.

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.

Overcrowding Questionnaire -- The Long Range Planning Committee and the Worship Committee are seeking input from anyone inclined to provide thoughts on overcrowding during worship service at PPC. Copies of this questionnaire are available in the vestibule, on the bulletin board to the left as you enter the hallway in the new building, and at the mail center behind the sanctuary. Thank you for putting completed questionnaires in the Worship mail slot.

Military Missions in Action Donations Request – Mission & Outreach Committee 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 foot locker 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

Hurricane Relief – M&O Committee – Due to the recent hurricanes, there are many folks who have lost everything and are in desperate need of food, water, and other assistance. If the spirit leads you, there are two good sources whereby your financial donation can provide much needed help. They are as follows: Samaritan's Purse (www.smaritanspurse.org) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (www.pda.pcusa.org). *Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

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

August Financial Statements – There are copies of the August financial statements available in the Narthex.

Homecoming Sunday Planning – The Fellowship Committee needs 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.

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.