

**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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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 29, 2017**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (From Psalm 103) Jeff Wood

Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul,*
People: *Bless the LORD, O my soul,*
Leader: *Bless the LORD, O my soul,*
People: *who forgives all our iniquity, and redeems our life*
Leader: *The LORD is merciful and gracious,*
People: *slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*
Leader: *For as the heavens are high above the earth,*
People: *so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;*
Leader: *The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting.*
People: *to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.*
All: *Bless the LORD, O my soul.*

***Opening Hymn** "Sanctuary" #482

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O merciful God, we confess our sin to You this day. We turn our eyes towards ourselves and ignore those who are in need and suffering. We confess our sin of greed, apathy, and ignorance. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to understand our mission and ministry. Help us to seek Your Word and Power in our lives so that our vision might be corrected and we see our neighbors as reflections of You. Convict our minds and souls with Your radical love and unending mercy. May we understand Your truth more fully with every beat of our heart.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *O give thanks to the LORD, for His steadfast love endures forever.*
People: *Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven.*

***Responsive Hymn** "I Believe in Jesus" # 675

***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

Reception of New Member (refer to insert)

Old Testament Scripture Lesson Exodus 19:1-7

Anthem "Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me" Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship
(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Beth Breeden, Scott Martin & Kay Dry)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Sermon "Where Ministry Begins" Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** #595
"They'll Know We Are Christians"

***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!

January Scripture Passage

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.
Galatians 5:22-26

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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	Johnny 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>	<i>Collections Treasurer</i>
Kristy Stephenson	Ann Benson

<i>Music Director/Organist/Pianist</i>	<i>Pianist</i>
Brittany Jones	Angie DeJesus

<i>Website</i>	<i>Usher Coordinator</i>
David Nelms	Russell Wood

Secretary
Kimberly Callis

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Weekly Statistics

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts	\$19,648.06
General Fund Receipts for December	\$38,639.92
General Fund Expenses for December.....	\$24,466.75
General Fund Receipts for January 22.....	\$4,588.06
Total General Fund Receipts (Jan).....	\$19,648.06
Capital Reserve Account.....	\$84,703.88
Current Loan Balance	\$1,093,105.24
Attendance for Sunday School January 22.....	74
Attendance for Worship January 22.....	111

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: Kent Walton
Ushers: John Kopanski & Todd Frickman, Kevin Creech (Back)
Acolyte: Eva Stephenson
Nursery: Jonathan Breeden & Beth Pickens
Children's Worship: Beth Breeden
Children's Helpers: Scott Martin & Kay Dry
Lay Reader: Jeff Wood
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, February 5

Elder of the Month/Greeter: John Kopanski
Ushers: Tony Bryant & Jimmy Stuart, Scott Martin (Back)
Acolyte: Connor Frickman
Nursery: Heath & Heather White
Children's Worship: Amy Dupree
Children's Helpers: Scott Martin & Margie Taylor
Lay Reader: Donna Stolle
Fellowship Time: Fellowship Committee

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

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

Weekly Events:

Jan 31. Youth Christian Education Committee Meeting
7:00 pm in the Seekers Classroom
Feb 1. Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Feb 2. CP&SA and PWCT Meeting 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

Feb 5. Communion Sunday
Congregational Meeting following worship service
Souper Bowl Sunday following service
No LOGOS
Feb 6. Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am
CCE/VBS Meeting 6:45 pm in the Seekers Classroom
Long Range Planning Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 7. Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper FH

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Blessed assurance Jesus is mine!

CONCERNS: Shepherd Byrd, member, recovering from stroke, he is now at the Springbrook Rehab Facility in Clayton room 206; Becky Kleaver, member, recovery from gall bladder surgery.

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; **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; **Richard Davis**, friend of Elaine Wood; **David Guss**, cousin of Andrea Jones; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, Joe Hawkins' mother; **Luke Jordan**, friend of Christina Jones; **Carol Mayben**, Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law; **Jackie Parker**, friend of Amy Dupree; **Dina Poole**, Becky Kleaver's daughter-in-law; **Art Redmond**, Pat Embrey's niece's husband; **Elbert Simmons**, Cathy Simmon' father; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of John Kopanski; **Randy Stephenson**, Jon Nooney's cousin; **Chad Talley**, friend of John Pickens; **Wayne and Mary Toler**, Dorothy Nesselrodt's sister and brother-in-law; **Tammy Vann**, friend of Sandy Kopanski; and **Hannah Youngblood**, friend of Kristy Stephenson

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, Sheila Dupree's mom; **Velma and Ray Bost**, Heath White's grandparents; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Charlie & Mary Burke**, Steve Wolak's parents; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of Sue Bryant; **Joan Daniel**, John Daniel's mother; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Rebecca Jackson**, member; **Carolyn Johnson**, member; **Norbert Kopanski**, John Kopanski's father; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of Andrea Jones; **Susan Kushnereit**, Bob Zattiero's niece; **Laura Langdon**, member; **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; **Barbara Walton**, member; **Mrs. Mollie Ward**, Brenda Byrd's friend's mom; **Mary Wilkinson**, Ron Forren's mother; **Nora Williams**, Lindsey Frampton's niece 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gracious Dismissal – A Process – Gracious Dismissal is the name given to the process by which churches leave the PCUSA denomination to join another reformed (Presbyterian) denomination. Many of you have asked about the process.

The process for Providence Presbyterian Church began last September. The Session informed the Presbytery of New Hope that our congregation desired to leave PCUSA in order to join a Presbyterian denomination that holds to the same traditional, conservative theological tenets that we do. The steps of the process are defined by our Presbytery, New Hope. Representatives of New Hope (the Presbyterian Discernment Team – PDT) met with our pastor and Session and learned that the Session is unanimous in its desire to change denominations.

The next step is for the PDT to meet with you, the congregation. Their purpose is to discern whether or not it is your desire to separate from PCUSA. Today's meeting at 3:00 pm in the new fellowship hall is your opportunity to meet the PDT, have your questions answered, and share with them your feelings about staying with or leaving PCUSA.

Minutes of the Session – Beginning with the February newsletter, the Session will begin publishing highlights of the minutes from the previous month in an effort to provide greater transparency to the workings of your church leadership. Full text of the minutes are open and available to members of the church upon request. Due to space limitation, the report in the newsletter will be restricted to highlights of the most pertinent activities of each meeting. Please reach out to members of the Session for more information or clarification.

Congregational Meeting – A brief congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 5, 2017, following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the board of directors for the church corporation.

Youth Christian Education Meeting – Will take place this Tuesday, January 31 in the Seekers Classroom at 7:00 pm.

Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction (CP&SA) and Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (PWCT) Mtg - Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. CP&SA issues will be discussed first, so those volunteers can leave prior to the PWCT portion of the mtg.

Souper Bowl Sunday – Youth Mission Project – Please join the Youth of the Church for soup, sandwiches and fellowship after worship on Sunday, February 5. In exchange for your meal, the Youth will accept canned food items to support the Food Pantry.

Children's Christian Education/VBS Meeting – Will be Monday, February 6 at 6:45 pm in the Seekers Classroom

Men's Softball Season – Coming Soon! If you are interested in playing please contact Eric Faircloth, Ryan Nelms, or Carlos Bagley. Eric can be emailed at: ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com

Changes to the Bulletin – The Session is changing the way the church financial information is reported on the back of the Sunday bulletin. Complete monthly financial statements will continue to be available in the narthex. Your Session hopes that these changes will provide more helpful information. Going forward, you will see these figures reported:

- Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts – The total will update each week and provide you with an “at-a-glimpse” update of how well we are meeting our yearly financial needs
- Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses – This figure will be updated once a month as the total of previous month's expenses are known (figures for January will not be available until Feb. 19)
- Prior month's General Fund Receipts – Updated the first Sunday of the month
- Prior month's General Fund Expenses – Updated as available each month
- Total for current month's General Fund Receipts – Like the Year-to-Date total, this updates weekly and provides a quick assessment of how well we are managing to meet our monthly expenses. On the first Sunday of the month, the bulletin figure will be \$0.00
- General Fund Receipts for the Previous Sunday
- Capital Reserve Account Balance
- Current Loan Balance
- Attendance at Sunday School and Worship

Reminders – Please contact Kim Callis at secretary@providencepresb.org or 919-894-4063 if you need to: Add or remove anyone from the prayer list, schedule use of the old or new fellowship hall or directory updates. **Please Note:** Bulletin deadline is by Thursday evening if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin the following Sunday.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of Candidate

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of His promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In Baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in His death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Elder: On behalf of the session, I present **Donna Walker** as a new member through Transfer and Reaffirmation of Faith.

You come to us as a member of one holy catholic church, into which you were baptized, and by which you have been nurtured. We are one with each other, sisters and brothers in the family of God. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. As you join with us in the worship and service of this congregation, it is fitting that together we reaffirm the covenant into which we were baptized, claiming again the promises of God which are ours in baptism.

Profession of Faith

With the whole church, let us confess our faith

(In Unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Reaffirmation of Faith

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I Do

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in His grace and love?

I Do

With God's help, will you be a faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love.

I Will

Will you **Donna Walker** be a faithful member of this congregation, share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help

Words of Welcome

Through his baptism, they have been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church, affirming the covenant into which they were baptized. As members of the household of God, God has called them to serve Christ in the world. Let us welcome her to this ministry.

Joy Jones has been reinstated to the church rolls by transfer of letter.

Please greet Donna and Joy in the love and joy of Christ after worship on the steps.

Joy Jones

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