

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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
MARCH 26, 2017

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 116) Justin Wood

Leader: *Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.*

People: *The LORD protects us; when I was brought low, He saved me.*

Leader: *I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,*

People: *I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.*

Leader: *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His faithful ones.*

People: *O LORD, I am your servant; You have loosed my bonds.*

Leader: *I will offer to You a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.*

People: *I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people,*

All: *in the courts of the house of the LORD, in Your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!*

\*Opening Hymn #68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O Lord of Unending Love, hear our prayer of confession. You have revealed Yourself to us in so many ways and yet we praise our own efforts and ignore Your presence in our lives until the things of this world overwhelm us. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of Your powerful presence and the strength of Your Spirit among us. You have provided for us that which truly feeds us and still we consume the empty promises of materialism. Forgive us, O God, for we do that which we do not want to do. Renew our minds and spirits to bear witness to Your truth, righteousness, and love.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Through the blood of the risen Lord we are redeemed!*

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

\*Responsive Hymn "I Love You, Lord" # 85

\*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 Daniel 9:1-8, 18-19

Anthem "Special Music"

Georgeanna Phillips & Doug Sonderfan

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Beth Breedon, Jonathan Breedon and Donna Stolle)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson Romans 10:8-13

Sermon "Confessing Our Faith" Rev. Jim Davis

\*Dedication Hymn "Just As I Am" #354

\*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!

March Scripture Passage

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.<sup>1</sup> Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Luke 6:35-38

**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>	<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*  
Kimberly Callis

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Weekly Statistics

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru Feb 28) .....	\$48,273.22
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru Feb 28) .....	\$45,135.03
General Fund Receipts for February .....	\$25,019.49
General Fund Expenses for February .....	\$19,524.66
General Fund Receipts for March 19 .....	\$4,214.00
Total General Fund Receipts (March) .....	\$15,157.78
Capital Reserve Account .....	\$84,710.73
Current Loan Balance .....	\$1,075,762.50
Attendance for Sunday School March 19.....	56
Attendance for Worship March 19 .....	117

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Russell Wood  
**Ushers:** Ryan & Lisa Nelms, Jeff Wood (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Olivia White  
**Nursery:** Israel & Karen Morrow  
**Children's Worship:** Beth Breeden  
**Children's Helpers:** Jonathan Breeden & Donna Stolle  
**Lay Reader:** Justin Wood  
**Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Committee

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, April 2

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Donna Stolle  
**Ushers:** Tony & Sue Bryant, Justin Wood (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Ava Wood  
**Nursery:** Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens  
**Children's Worship:** Kristy Stephenson  
**Children's Helpers:** Chris Stephenson & Ann Benson  
**Lay Reader:** Doug Sonderfan  
**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

Weekly Events:

**Mar 27.** Men's Softball Game at Midway Baptist Church 6:30 pm  
**Mar 28.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am in the Lower FH  
**Mar 29.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am Lower parking lot  
 Worship Committee Meeting 6:45 pm Seekers Class  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Mar 31.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am Lower parking lot

Upcoming Events:

**April 2.** LOGOS 5:00 pm  
**April 3.** Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am  
**April 4.** Card Ministry 10:00 am Upper FH  
 Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team & CP&SA  
 Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Seekers Classroom  
**April 5.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am Lower parking lot  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**April 7.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am Lower parking lot

**PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JOYS:** We are blessed with the beauty of Spring by our Lord and Savior!

**CONCERNS:**

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*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Luke Jordan**, friend of *Christina Jones*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **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*; and **Tammy Vann**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*

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*; **Shepherd Byrd**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Lynn Cross**, member; **Joan Daniel**, *John Daniel's mother*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **Rebecca Jackson**, member; **Norbert Kopanski**, *John Kopanski's father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Stuart Kremer**, friend of *Andrea Jones*; **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*; 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

**THANK YOU!** - To everyone who contributed time, labor, money, special skills and donations to the 2017 Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction! This event truly illustrated that many hands make light work. Every contribution is much appreciated. As of this writing it looks like we may have cleared \$11,000. What a blessing!

**Men's Softball** – Our first game of the season is this Monday, March 27 at 6:30 pm at Midway Baptist Church in Garner. Come out and support our team!

**Fellowship & Fitness Group** – Our walking group will meet in the lower parking lot Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am beginning Wednesday, March 29. In case of rain we will meet in the Upper Fellowship Hall, where we can do laps. This is for anyone, any age. Feel free to bring your spouse, a friend or a neighbor to join us. Questions contact Donna Walker at 910-814-2153 or email Donna at 47dwalker@gmail.com.

**Youth Retreat at the beach!** – All youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to attend the Youth Retreat this summer at Fort Caswell, Oak Island, NC – themed “Way. Truth. Life.” from John 14:6. July 17 – 22<sup>nd</sup>. We ask that you RSVP to Barri Martin and please turn in your deposit of \$50 before April 2 if you plan to attend.

**Men's Fellowship Meeting** – Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 pm in the Upper FH to discuss the Fish Fry. All are invited to attend, men and women of the church who wish to participate. Questions contact Mark Nelms at 919-795-5893.

**Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt** – Will be on Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 to 11:30 am. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt please place it in the marked bin in the Upper Fellowship Hall. Please let Kim Callis know if your child will be attending by April 11, so we have a head count as to how many will be attending. You can email Kim at secretary@providencepresb.org or call the church office at 919-894-4063.

**Fellowship Time Reminder** – David Collier would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for fellowship time and wants to extend an invitation to anyone or group if they would like to volunteer for a fourth or fifth Sunday this year to please contact him. You may contact David Collier at [davidcollier123@yahoo.com](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com), or he can be reached at 919-625-3026.

**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 upper or lower 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.

**Update on Gracious Dismissal Process** – The Session received a communication from the Presbytery Discernment Team (PDT) of New Hope Presbytery on March 8 regarding the timeframe and next steps in the process of separation from PCUSA. The following is a summary:

1. Based on the overwhelming unity expressed by the Providence congregation at its meeting with the PDT in January, the PDT will recommend to the Presbytery at its next meeting (July 25, 2017) that a Presbytery Engagement Team (PET) be named to negotiate the terms of dismissal with the Special Committee of the Congregation (SCC) from Providence. The SCC from Providence was elected by the Session in January and consists of Steve Nordan, Kristy Stephenson, Jeff Wood and Mary Ann Booth.
2. The process requires that the Session confirm that it wants to continue with the process of separation from PCUSA. On March 13, the Session voted unanimously to continue pursuing dismissal. The Clerk of Session informed the PDT of the vote on March 16.
3. The PDT will send a request for information form to the Session to be completed and returned to the PDT in advance of the July presbytery meeting.
4. Following the naming of the PET at the July presbytery meeting, the PET and SCC teams will meet with the objective of developing terms of dismissal with which both parties agree.
5. A Congregational vote will be held no sooner than five (5) weeks after the teams agree on the terms of dismissal. At least 50% of the Providence active membership is required to be present in order for the vote to be held. Absentee votes are not allowed. Ballots will be counted immediately upon completion of the vote. If 65% of the vote is in favor of the terms of the agreement, the terms of dismissal are approved. Failure to approve the terms ends the process and Providence remains in PCUSA.

6. At the next scheduled presbytery meeting following a positive congregational vote - and at least 30 days after that vote – New Hope Presbytery will vote on dismissing Providence to another Presbyterian denomination.

The earliest that Providence could be dismissed from PCUSA is the October 28, 2017 meeting of New Hope Presbytery. The window is very narrow between the July 25 and October 28 presbytery meetings. The Session has informed the PDT that it wants to complete the process in time for the Presbytery to vote on dismissal in October. Because of the built-in waiting periods, it is possible that the Presbytery will not vote on the terms of dismissal until the February 2018 meeting.

The Session voted last year to recommend transfer to ECO, a Presbyterian denomination whose beliefs and tenets align with ours. In the coming months, work will begin on completing the application for transfer to ECO. For information regarding ECO, log on to <http://eco-pres.org/>

As the process moves forward, every effort will be made to keep the congregation of Providence informed. If at any time that you have questions, please contact a member of the Session or the SCC.