

**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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**TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 13, 2017**

*The flowers today are given in memory  
of William and Allene Stuart by Joan Littleton*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 40) Donna Stolle

Leader: *I waited patiently for the LORD;*

**People:** *He inclined to me and heard my cry.*

Leader: *He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog*

**People** *and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.*

Leader: *Happy are those who make the LORD their trust*

**People:** *O LORD my God none can compare with You.*

Leader: *I delight to do Your will*

**People:** *O my God; Your law is within my heart.*

Leader: *Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me.*

**People:** *O LORD, make haste to help me.*

Leader: *As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.*

**People:** *You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God.*

**All:** *Praise the Lord our God. Let us rejoice this day!*

**\*Opening Hymn** "Shout to the Lord" # 94

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*O gracious God, hear our confession of sin and doubt as we struggle to understand Your Will for our lives. We ask Your forgiveness for our inaction in the midst of Your harvest. Help us trust in Jesus Christ who calls us to bear the gospel into the world with all the children of God. Renew our faith and transform us into disciples with a passion for doing Your will in our lives and the life of Your church.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *Hear the good news: Christ delivers those who are truly repentant of their sins.*

**People:** *We are forgiven through our Lord's sacrifice, we are redeemed sinners who rejoice in God's grace!*

**\*Responsive Hymn** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" # 88

**\*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** Mark 4:30-32

**Musical Interlude for Children's Worship**  
(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Kristy Stephenson)

**Anthem** "Thanks Be to God" Providence Choir

**Morning Prayers and The Lord's**

**Second Scripture Lesson** Matthew 17:14-20

**Sermon** What Compares to the Kingdom of God?  
Rev. Jim Davis

**\*Dedication Hymn** "The Old Rugged Cross" # 260

**\*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**

<sup>8</sup> ... Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble in his way. <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. <sup>11</sup> 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 &amp; 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 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
Total General Fund Receipts July .....	\$20,763.11
General Fund Receipts for August 6 .....	\$5,465.00
Capital Reserve Account .....	\$84,724.88
Current Loan Balance .....	\$1,044,929.53
Attendance for Sunday School August 6 .....	61
Attendance for Worship July 30.....	98

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

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

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, August 20

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Tony Bryant  
**Ushers:** Ronnie Creech & Rick Taylor, Justin Wood (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Ava Wood  
**Nursery:** Jonathan Breeden & Emma Phillips  
**Children’s Worship:** Stephanie Whitley  
**Lay Reader:** Travis Creech  
**Fellowship Time:** Nesselrodt Class

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Today at Providence:

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

Weekly Events:

**Aug 14.** Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Aug 15.** Presb. Women Coord. Team 7 pm Seekers Classroom  
**Aug 16.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Aug 18.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

**Aug 23.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
 Usher’s Meeting 7:00 pm  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 September Newsletter Deadline  
**Aug 24.** Card Ministry Prep Team I – LaVette Morgan’s home  
 Mission & Outreach 11:00 am  
**Aug 25.** 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:** We express Christian sympathy to the family of **Norbert Kopanski, father of John Kopanski, who died Wednesday; Worth Bowman, recovering from knee surgery. 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; **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

**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. If you feel called to serve in this ministry of our church, 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.

**UPDATE - Search for Church Secretary** – The Session will begin its search for a new part-time secretary in the coming week. We are deeply grateful to those who have stepped up to help in the interim. We continue to ask that you:

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. Volunteer to periodically update the sign in front of the church.
3. Express your thanks to the following volunteers who are assisting with secretarial responsibilities: Janice Parrish, Carole Kershaw, Miriam and Rich Lambert, Margie Taylor, Carolyn Johnson and Cathy Simmons.

**Bulletin Responsibility** – Cathy Simmons has volunteered to help Rev. Davis compose the Sunday bulletins and create the monthly newsletters. Please remember that the deadline for the bulletin is noon on Thursday. If you have announcements or changes for the bulletin, please contact Cathy at cesimmons112@gmail.com.

**All Volunteers** – Please remember to find a substitute if you will not be able to serve when scheduled. Inform Cathy Simmons of the substitution. You can reach Cathy at cesimmons112@gmail.com.

**Ushers Meeting** -- New and old volunteers, if you are interested in assisting with usher duties at Providence Church, please meet on Wed, 23 Aug at 7:00pm for a small orientation mtg. Please send Donna Stolle an email indicating if you no longer wish to be included on the usher list. Thanks for everyone's assistance.

**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.

**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 noon **Thursday** if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday
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## Gracious Dismissal Update

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.