

**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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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

*The flowers today are given by Wade & Carolyn Johnson  
Glory to God & All That Keep Us Safe*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 148) Donna Stolle  
Leader: *Praise the LORD! all His angels; praise Him, all His host!*

**People:** *Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!*

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD*

**People:** *Praise Him, you highest heavens, and waters above the heavens!*

Leader: *Praise the LORD from the earth*

**People:** *Mountains and the hills, Kings of the earth and all peoples*

Leader: *Let them praise the name of the LORD,*

**People:** *for His name alone is exalted;*

**All:** *His glory is above earth and heaven. Let us worship the LORD!*

**\*Opening Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth" # 40**

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*O Lord God, whose mercy is everlasting and whose grace endures forever, hear our prayer of repentance and praise as we confess our sin. We live as enemies of the cross when we crave earthly things, glory in the weakness of others, yearn above all for satisfaction for ourselves, and serve only those gods who do what we want. Open our ears to Your righteousness and forgive our harsh and judgmental words. Elevate and convict our hearts, O Lord, shine Your light of truth and grace upon us so our eyes may be lifted so that we may establish a transformational relationship with You.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *Brothers and sisters, we are redeemed through Christ, the Son of God.*

**People:** *Jesus arose from the dead and sits at the right hand of God,*

Leader: *Great is the mercy of the Lord!*

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

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

**\*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**

**John 3:26-31**

**Anthem "It is Well with My Soul"** Providence Choir

**Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer**

**Second Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 10:25-37**

**Sermon "Go and ... Show Mercy"** Rev. Jim Davis

**\*Dedication Hymn "Lift High the Cross" #287**

**\*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**

*<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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 <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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 &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

*Secretary*

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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 August .....	\$17,392.00
General Fund Expenses for July .....	\$25,994.27
General Fund Receipts for September 3 .....	\$5,013.00
Total General Fund Receipts for September .....	\$5,013.00
Capital Reserve Account.....	\$84,728.48
Current Loan Balance .....	\$1,033,932.53
Attendance for Sunday School September 3.....	54
Attendance for Worship September 3.....	59

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**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:** Stephanie Whitley & Kevin Creech  
**Lay Reader:** Donna Stolle  
**Fellowship Time:** Seekers Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, September 17

**Elder of the Month/Greeter:** Atlee Roberts  
**Ushers:** Rick Taylor & Gary Phillips, Steve Wolak (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Joey Crocker  
**Nursery:** Christina Jones & Mary Wood  
**Children’s Worship:** Kristy & Chris Stephenson  
**Lay Reader:** Doug Sonderfan  
**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:

**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 15.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

**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 20.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 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:** Thank you God for our Church!

**DEATHS:** We express Christian sympathy to the family of **Elmer Nederhoff**, *Linda Roberts’ brother-in-law and family of Harold Pittman, Joyce Lamm’s brother.*

**CONCERNS:** Sara Barber, *Vickie Faircloth’s mother.*

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;* **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 9:00am until 12:00pm, with varying additional hours in the afternoons. All hours are subject to pastoral demands. The office number is 919-894-4063.

**Reminder - Search for Church Secretary** – The part-time job is posted on Johnston County Today and on the church website under "Employment." If you know someone who might be interested in the position, please direct them to the church website as the easiest way to apply. The website is <http://www.providencepresb.org/>. Closing date is September 15.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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 **23<sup>rd</sup>** of the month

## 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](mailto:martin4nc@gmail.com) or Eric Faircloth: [ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com](mailto: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 [cjsangier@icloud.com](mailto:cjsangier@icloud.com) or Carole Kershaw at [clkandjlk@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Senior Citizens Luncheon** – The September Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00 (noon) at Johnson Memorial Church.

**Presbyterian Women Joint Circle Meeting** -- Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are encouraged to participate. The "Cloud of Witnesses" Bible Study books have been distributed. See Lisa Nelms or Carolyn Stevenson if you still need a copy. We will be studying the first lesson at the Joint Circle Meeting.

**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. **NOTE: The Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group will not meet September 22nd due to the Youth Barbecue.**

**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.

**Overcrowding Questionnaire** -- Last Sunday a one-page questionnaire concerning overcrowding at PPC was included in the printed bulletin. The Long Range Planning Committee and the Worship Committee are seeking input from anyone inclined to provide thoughts on this subject. You can find copies of this questionnaire in the vestibule, and on the bulletin board to the left as you enter the hallway in the new building. There are also blank copies at the mail center directly behind the sanctuary. There will also be a PDF copy attached to the church's weekly email each Friday in September. Please put completed questionnaires in the Worship mail slot (bottom row). Thanks for taking the time to participate in this data gathering.

**Update - Vote on Future Denomination** – Representatives of two Presbyterian denominations – ECO and EPC – are scheduled to visit with us on September 24 and October 1. Following worship, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear from them and have an opportunity to ask questions. 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.

**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

**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](mailto:vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com) or 919-902-1407.



**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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