

**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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FIFTHTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

The flowers today are given by Ryan & Allison Nelms, to the glory of God and in honor of their son Brock Nelms' 1st birthday.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 107) Doug Sonderfan

Leader: *Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,*

People: *for His wonderful works to humankind.*

Leader: *Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,*

People: *and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.*

Leader: *He turns a desert into pools of water,*

People: *a parched land into springs of water.*

Leader: *And there He lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in;*

People: *they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.*

Leader: *He raises up the needy out of distress,*

All: *Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.*

***Opening Hymn "His Name Is Wonderful" # 102**

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O LORD God, our Master and Redeemer, Your wondrous love surpasses all things, we humbly stand before You today in need of hearing Your good news. We run away from Your calling to work together and harden our hearts toward each other when we should lift each other up and praise You for Your immeasurable Grace. We praise ourselves on our work and achievements; we ignore Your presence in our lives until the things of this world overwhelm us. Forgive us, when we do not go and do the ministries and work You have called us to, we ask Your forgiveness. We know you are in our midst and await our response.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *My soul waits 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 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #461**

***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 Members (refer to insert)

Old Testament Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:9-14

Anthem "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Providence Choir

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

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson Matthew 20:1-15

Sermon "The Lord's Labor Force" Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn "Joy to the World!" #179**

***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> Kristy Stephenson	<i>Collections Treasurer</i> Ann Benson
<i>Music Director/Organist/Pianist</i> Brittany Jones	<i>Pianist</i> Angie Searcy
<i>Website</i> David Nelms	<i>Usher Coordinator</i> Russell Wood
<i>Secretary</i>	

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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	\$10,803.35
Total General Fund Receipts for September	\$15,816.35
Capital Reserve Account.....	\$84,732.08
Current Loan Balance	\$1,030,083.41
Attendance for Sunday School September 10.....	69
Attendance for Worship September 10.....	116

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

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 Stephenson
Lay Reader: Doug Sonderfan
Fellowship Time: Nesselrodt Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, September 24

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 pm: Worship Service
5:00 pm: LOGOS!

Weekly Events:

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

Upcoming Events:

Sep 24. ECO Presbyterian 12:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall
Sep 26. Prayer Shawl 10:00 am Lower Fellowship Hall
Sep 27. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 29. Mission & Outreach 9:30 am
Sep 29. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Oct 1. EPC Presbyterian 12:00 pm Upper Fellowship Hall
 LOGOS 5:00 -7:00 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Rejoice in the Lord always.

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

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 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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOGOS Reminder – The first meeting is tonight from 5 – 7 pm!

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 are 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 or Eric Faircloth: 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 919-219-6105 or Carole Kershaw at 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.

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.

Food Pantry - Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bins near the foyer doors leading into the Upper Fellowship Hall. While all donations are appreciated, the most needed items are given below.

BACKPACK BUDDIES MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice
- 2) fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)
- 3) individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits
- 4) soup

FOOD PANTRY MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- 1) sugar
- 2) flour
- 3) paper towels
- 4) toilet paper
- 5) clothes washing detergent
- 6) dish washing detergent

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. A PDF copy will be attached to the church's weekly email each Friday in September. Please put completed questionnaires in the Worship mail slot. Thanks for taking the time to participate in this data gathering.

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.

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 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

Mission & Outreach Committee – 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.

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Presentation of Candidates

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 **Don and Debbie Sturgis** and **Allen Fosmire** as new members through Letter of Transfer.

You come to us as members 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 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 their baptism, **Don and Debbie**, and **Allen** 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 them to this ministry.

Please greet **Don and Debbie**, and **Allen** in the love and joy of Christ after worship on the steps.

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