

**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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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 7, 2018**

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of
Wendy Stephenson's Birthday by her family.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 56) Mary Ann Booth

Leader: *Be gracious to me, O God,*

People: *for people trample on me; all day long foes oppress me;*

Leader: *when I am afraid, I put my trust in you.*

People: *in God I trust; I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me?*

Leader: *This I know, that God is for me.*

People: *in God I trust; I am not afraid.*

Leader: *What can a mere mortal do to me?*

People: *My vows to you I must perform,*

Leader: *For you have delivered my soul from death,*

People: *so that I may walk before God in the light of life.*

All: *Let us gather and praise the LORD this day!*

***Opening Hymn** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" # 513

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O Lord, hear our confession this day. Too often we praise our own efforts and ignore Your presence in our lives. We cling to the things that perish. We stray from Your steadfast Love. Help us to see ourselves and those around us with the only true source of light and truth. Forgive our foolish ways and help us to forgive each other – O God, help us to cling to You as our rock and redeemer.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Hear the good news: Christ delivers those who are 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** "Father, I Adore You" # 143

***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 1 Samuel 17:19-24, 32-37

Anthem "The Gift of Love" Providence Choir

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Beth Breeden)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson 1 Timothy 6:12-16

Sermon "Fighting the Good Fight" Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** # 614

"Let there be Peace on Earth"

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

Congregational Meeting in the Upper Fellowship Hall

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

Please feel free to take home your printed bulletin. Thank you for placing any 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!

January Scripture Passage

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." **Matthew 1:18-23**

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2017

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| <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

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| <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

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| <i>Children C.E.</i> | <i>Mission & Outreach</i> | <i>Clerk</i> |
| Vickie Faircloth | John Kopanski | Mary Ann Booth |

Staff

Accounting Treasurer
Sam Stephenson

Collections Treasurer
Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
Brittany Jones

Pianist
Angie Searcy

Website
David Nelms

Usher Coordinator
Russell Wood

Secretary
Cindy Lynch

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Weekly Statistics

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| Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (thru Nov 30) | \$238,985.46 |
| Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (thru Nov 30) | \$268,214.36 |
| General Fund Receipts for Nov 30..... | \$19,444.36 |
| General Fund Expenses for Nov 30 | \$21,450.39 |
| Total General Fund Receipts for December | \$32,847.81 |
| General Fund Receipts for December 31 | \$4,061.00 |
| Capital Reserve Account..... | \$84,742.54 |
| Loan Balance as of November 30 | \$978,497.29 |
| Attendance for Sunday School December 31..... | 77 |
| Attendance for Worship December 31 | 129 |

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

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter: John Kopanski

Ushers: Carlos Bagley, Austin Benson & Pete Booth (back)

Acolyte: Gavin Annis

Nursery: Chris & Kristy Stephenson

Children's Worship: Beth Breeden

Lay Reader: Mary Ann Booth

Fellowship Time: Young Adult Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 14

Elder of the Month/Greeter: John Kopanski

Ushers: Jonathan Breeden, Tony Bryant & Johnny Wood (back)

Acolyte: David Breeden

Nursery: Mary Langdon & Beth Pickens

Children's Worship: Amy Dupree

Lay Reader: Kevin Creech

Fellowship Time: Seekers Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School

10:25 am: Fellowship Time

11:00 pm: Worship Service

12:00 pm: Congregational Meeting after Worship in the Upper Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm: LOGOS

Weekly Events:

Jan. 9. Senior Luncheon at Noon at Providence
M&O Stagecoach Visit 1:00

Jan. 10. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Jan. 11. Presbyterian Women Coord Team/CP&SA Mtg. 7pm

Jan. 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 14. Installation of Elders during Worship Service

Jan. 15. Session Meeting 7:00 pm

Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

Jan. 16. Presbyterian Women Day Circle 10:00 am
Presbyterian Women Evening Circle 7:00 pm

Jan. 17. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Jan. 18. Card Prep Team II at LaVette Morgan's 1:00 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all!
Ecclesiastes 11:8

CONCERNS:

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Brack Johnson at *Classic Care in Smithfield*; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court in Smithfield*; **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*; **Virginia Moore**, at *Brookdale in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Charity Arrington, friend of *Georgianna*; **Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Elizabeth Borchers**, friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **Patsy Bowman**, member; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Ashley Faircloth**, niece of *Laura McLamb*; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Carol Mayben**, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law*; **Laura McLamb**, member; **Ken Page**, family of *Atlee and Linda Roberts*; **Ben Snelling**, friend, of *John Kopanski*; **Linda Stangl**, friend of *Miriam Lambert*; **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*; **Candy Weaver**, friend of *Amanda McLamb*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **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*; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Coby Foreman**, church family; **George Johnson**, *Debbie Sturgis' father*; **Sandy Kopanski**, member; **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece*; **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; and **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting and Vote Today January 7, 2018

TODAY - All members are asked to remain after worship for this important meeting. The meeting will be held in the New Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided. The Presbytery of New Hope requires that we formally express our desire to be dismissed from the PCUSA denomination by congregational vote. We require a minimum of 50% of all members to be on hand.

The Providence Presbyterian Church Website has been updated to be a modern and responsive website. This means no matter your device; a phone, a tablet, laptop or desktop, the site will adjust to your device size. All efforts have been made to design and test this site so that it works correctly, If you find any missing links or pages that do not work, please report it to David Nelms using the Contact Us page or send an email to webmaster@providencepresb.org.

The Senior Luncheon is planned for January 9th at Providence Presbyterian Church at noon. We are taking donations of desserts if you would like to bring one. Contact Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149 or margieataylor@aol.com.

Our Chapter of Providence Presbyterian Women is planning a Ladies' Day for February 10, 2018. It will be a day of fellowship and worship. Starting from 8 am until 1 pm, we will have a Continental Breakfast and fellowship in the Upper Fellowship Hall. We will then move to the Sanctuary to hear a phenomenal speaker, Phyllis Elvington. We will end with a wonderful luncheon. Cost will only be \$20, and you can sign up on line at the Providence Presbyterian Church website. Send a check to the church payable to Providence Presbyterian Church with "Ladies' Day" in the memo line. We hope that you will plan to come for this wonderful day. For more information, you can contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or Cathy Simmons at cesimmons112@gmail.com.

High School Youth -- Mountain trip January 26 – 28. The youth will travel to Banner Elk, NC for a wonderful weekend of fun and fellowship with opportunities to snow ski, snow tube, and see the spectacular sights of our North Carolina Mountains. Please contact Eric Faircloth for further details.

Safety/Security Team -- Anyone interested in learning more and helping; please contact Kent Walton or David Collier.

January Newsletter – Is now available on line. Paper copies are available in the Narthex.

Prayer Shawl Circle -- Meets on the following dates in 2018. Unless otherwise indicated the meeting is always 10:00am on the 4th Tuesday of each month, in the Lower Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join in fellowship while creating lapghans. Mark your calendars: 1/23, 2/27, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22, 9/25, 10/23, 11/27. We do not meet in June, July, August and December.

Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group -- Are you wanting to walk off your holiday celebration? We would also like you to walk and fellowship with us on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00am! All are welcome.

The American Red Cross will be coming to Providence for a blood drive on January 26, 2018. Blood supplies are very low so they are desperately in need of all types of blood. The drive runs from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm. If you are type A-, B-, O- or O +, please consider giving a "Power Red". To schedule an appointment, you can sign up on the schedule in the Upper Fellowship hall or call Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149.

The 2018 Flower Sign-Up Sheet is available on the bulletin board. Instructions are posted under the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Pickens. Thank you to the congregation for your years of support adorning our sanctuary with fresh flowers. A major debt of gratitude is due Beth for her twelve years of overseeing this ministry. Thank you Beth!

Food Pantry and Backpack Buddies -- Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries and place them in the blue bin near the foyer doors leading into the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Please Note – The Bulletin deadline is **Noon Thursday** if you wish for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday.
The Newsletter items deadline is the **23rd** of the month.

Reminder – Please email 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

