

**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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**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 14, 2018**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 36) Kevin Creech

Leader: *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,*

People: *Your faithfulness to the clouds.*

Leader: *Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,*

People: *Your judgments are like the great deep;*

Leader: *How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!*

People: *All people may take refuge in the shadow of Your wings*

Leader: *They feast on the abundance of Your house,*

People: *You give them drink from the river of Your delights*

Leader: *For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light.*

People: *O continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your salvation to the upright of heart!*

***Opening Hymn** # 30
"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

O LORD, faithful God, Hear our confession of sin and doubt as we struggle to understand Your will for our lives. 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. Have mercy upon us and help us to honor You in Christian discipleship and service to our neighbors. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit, so that we may take hold of Your Grace and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Christ takes hold of our hearts and reconciles to God*

People: *In the name of Jesus, the risen Christ, we have eternal life!*

***Responsive Hymn** # 494
"Step By Step"

***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

Ordination and Installation of Elders (refer to insert)

Old Testament Scripture Lesson John 3:16-21

Anthem Providence Choir
"The Presence of God"

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

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Sermon Rev. Jim Davis
"Embracing Tomorrows' Reality Today"

***Dedication Hymn** # 595
"They'll Know We Are Christians"

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

**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

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." ¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea -- for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." **Mark 1:14-17**

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

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

Year-to-Date General Fund Receipts (as of Nov 30)	\$238,985.46
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses (as of Nov 30).....	\$268,214.36
General Fund Receipts for Nov	\$19,444.36
General Fund Expenses for Nov	\$21,450.39
Total General Fund Receipts for December	\$32,847.81
General Fund Receipts for January 7	\$5,442.00
Capital Reserve Account.....	\$84,742.54
Loan Balance as of November 30	\$978,497.29
Attendance for Sunday School January 7	72
Attendance for Worship January 7	150

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: 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

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 21

Elder of the Month/Greeter: John Kopanski

Ushers: David Collier, Kevin Creech & Ronnie Creech (back)

Acolyte: Meadow Creech

Nursery: Erick & Lori Smith

Children's Worship: Beth Breeden

Lay Reader: Eric Faircloth

Fellowship Time: Nesselrodt Class

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School

10:25 am: Fellowship Time

11:00 pm: Worship Service
Installation of Elders

Weekly Events:

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

Jan 19. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events:

Jan 21. LOGOS 5 pm

Jan 23. Prayer Shawl Meeting 10 am

Jan 24. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Jan 25. Mission & Outreach Meeting 11:00 am

Jan 26. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
High School Youth Mountain Trip

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Do not conform to the pattern of this world. Romans 12:2

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; **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*; **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

Results of Congregational Vote on Dismissal from PCUSA

On January 7, Providence held a Congregational Meeting to vote on whether or not to seek dismissal from PCUSA. There were 157 members present (82% of active members). A total of 155 votes were cast in favor of dismissal. Two votes were opposed to dismissal. The percentage in favor of dismissal was 98.7%. Jeb Jeuter and Nancy Warren, the Presbytery Discernment Team representatives, confirmed the vote count. Mr. Jeuter spoke to the membership following the announcement of the vote and confirmed that the next step will be the negotiation of the terms for dismissal. The negotiating team for Providence will keep you informed of news once the negotiations begin.

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 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.

High School Youth Mountain Trip -- January 26-28. There will be a parent meeting for those high school youth attending the mountain trip next Sunday, January 21 after worship service. This will be a very brief meeting to finalize the details for our trip. If there are any questions, please contact Eric Faircloth.

Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group -- We would like you to walk and fellowship with us on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am! All are welcome.

Our Chapter of Providence Presbyterian Women is planning a Ladies' Day, from 8 am until 1 pm, on February 10, 2018. It will be a day of fellowship and worship. The day starts at 8:00 with a Continental Breakfast and fellowship in the Upper Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 we move to the Sanctuary to hear a phenomenal speaker, Phyllis Elvington. We will end with a wonderful luncheon. Cost is 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Chicken Pastry & Silent Auction -- Is scheduled for Friday, 16 March 2018. The Presbyterian Women sponsor this fundraiser, with hopes to provide a check to be applied towards principle pay down on the Upper Fellowship Hall Bldg. We are looking for enthusiastic, able-bodied individuals to fill the last two open crew leader spots. They are Promotions, and Dining Rm Wait & Bus Staff. Contact Donna Stolle if you are available and can help out in this capacity. All crew leaders mark your calendars to attend a CP&SA meeting on Thursday, 1 Feb 2018 at 7:00pm. Heartfelt thanks go to all the folks who have already committed to help with this annual effort. Many hands, light work!!



INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

PRESENTATION

Pastor: There are a variety of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

People: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

Pastor: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

People: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good, and

ALL: together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Pastor: We are all called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord. Within the community of the church, some are called to different areas of service in a particular church. In baptism, **Kevin Creech, Steve Newnam, Cathy Simmons, Donna Stolle and David Collier** were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of grace and service as elder, announcing in word and deed the love of Jesus Christ.

CLERK: Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, the session of Providence Presbyterian Church now installs **Donna Stolle and David Collier and ordains and installs Kevin Creech, Steve Newnam, and Cathy Simmons** to active service.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us stand and confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

I do.

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

I do and I will.

Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

I will.

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

I will.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

I will.

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

I do.

Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will.

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS

CLERK: Do we, the members of the church, accept **Kevin Creech, Steve Newnam, Cathy Simmons, Donna Stolle and David Collier** as Ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

CLERK: Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME