

**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**

*At McGee's Crossroads 919.894.4063  
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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 20, 2019**

**OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS REV. CAROLE MCCARTNEY**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Call to Worship**

Kevin Creech

Leader: *One people gathered.*

**People: Many hearts praising.**

Leader: *One body assembled.*

**People: Many members singing.**

Leader: *One God calling.*

**People: Many gifts responding.**

Leader: *One future waiting.*

**All: Many united by one.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

# 72

**"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

**Confession of Sins (*In Unison*)**

*God of compassion, with an outstretched arm you invite us to come near to you. We confess that we hold ourselves back from your embrace. We are like lost and rebellious children unwilling to admit we want nothing more than for you to bring us home to your love. Forgive us, restore us to your close embrace, and hold us, though we fight against you, until our will is one with yours. Amen.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*

**People: In the blood of Jesus Christ we have been washed clean!**

**\*Responsive Hymn "Amazing Grace"**

# 422

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**"The Apostle's Creed"**

*(Back cover of Blue Hymnal)*

**\*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**

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-10**

*(Jesus often taught by telling stories or parables. Layers of meaning challenged his first hearers and challenge us today.)*

**Anthem**

**"We Are One, Lord"**

Providence Choir

**Musical Interlude for Children's Worship**

*(Children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade led by Annah Creech)*

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

**Second Scripture Lesson**

**Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*(Paul trusted Timothy to carry on his ministry of support and counsel to these early church communities.)*

**Sermon**

**"Divine Love and Grace"**

Rev. Carole McCartney

**\*Dedication Hymn**

# 319

**"Shine, Jesus, Shine"**

**\*Acolyte and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

Please feel free to take home your printed bulletin. Thank you for placing any discarded bulletins, and other debris, in a trash receptacle as you depart the building.

If you desire to join Christ's Church here at PPC please contact an Elder of the Session after worship or call the office at 919-894-4063.

**October Scripture Passage**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to Him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to Him – <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 2:1-5**

**Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church**  
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

*Session*

Class of 2019

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission &amp; Outreach</i>	<i>Worship</i>	<i>Clerk</i>
Vickie Faircloth	John Kopanski	Donna Stolle	Mary Ann Booth

Class of 2020

<i>Adult C.E.</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Property</i>
David Collier	Kevin Creech	Steve Newnam

Class of 2021

<i>Financial</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Long Range Planning</i>
Sam Stephenson	Carolyn Johnson	Scott Martin

Staff

<i>Accounting Treasurer</i>	<i>Collections Treasurer</i>
Sam Stephenson	Ann Benson
<i>Music Director/Organist/Pianist</i>	<i>Pianist</i>
Brittany Jones	Angie Searcy
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Website</i>
Cindy Lynch	David Nelms

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Weekly Statistics

2019 General Fund Receipts through September.....	\$206,729.42
2019 General Fund Expenses through September.....	\$205,268.79
General Fund Receipts for September.....	\$23,512.07
General Fund Expenses for September .....	\$22,606.21
General Fund Receipts so far for October .....	\$5,316.00
General Fund Receipts for October 13.....	\$1,703.00
Attendance for Sunday School October 13 (No SS) .....	00
Attendance for Worship October 13 .....	150

**Secretary's Office Hours** – Monday - Friday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.  
The office number is 919-894-4063.

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**Elder of the Month:** Carolyn Johnson  
**Greeters:** Pete and Mary Ann Booth  
**Ushers:** Pete Booth, John Kopanski and Wayne Lamm (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Meadow Creech  
**Nursery:** Barri Martin and Mary Wood  
**Children's Worship:** Annah Creech  
**Lay Reader:** Kevin Creech  
**Fellowship Time:** Nesselrodt Class  
**Security:** Steve Newnam

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, October 27,

**Elder of the Month:** Carolyn Johnson  
**Greeter:** Kay Dry  
**Ushers:** David Nelms, Ryan Nelms and Joseph Phillips (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Gavin Annis  
**Nursery:** Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley  
**Children's Worship:** Kristy and Chris Stephenson  
**Lay Reader:** Eric Faircloth  
**Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Committee  
**Security:** Steve Newnam

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Today at Providence**

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

Weekly Events:

**Oct. 22.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am  
**Oct. 23.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am in UFH  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Oct. 25.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am in UFH  
**Oct. 26.** Invitation to witness PCUSA vote in Smithfield  
 at First Presbyterian Church

Upcoming Events

**Oct. 27.** 20th Sunday after Pentecost  
 All Saints Day  
 Men's Fellowship Meet at 7:30 am UFH  
 Family Fall Festival 5:30pm – 7:30pm  
**Oct. 28.** M&O Comm. Mtg. 11:00am, Seekers Room  
**Oct. 29.** Relay For Life Interest Meeting at 7:00 pm UFH  
**Oct. 30.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am in UFH  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Nov. 1.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am in UFH

**PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**JOYS:** It is good to praise the Lord ... Psalm 92:1

CONCERNS:

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;* **Bobbie Langdon** at *Highland Village in Cary;* **Virginia Moore** at *The Pearl in Fort Mill, SC;* and **Ken Passe** at *Gabriel Manor in Clayton.*

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

**Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon;* **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece;* **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Sherri Cox**, friend of Carolyn Johnson; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy Stephenson;* **Ann Hargis**, community; **Jamie Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones;* **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother;* **Tommy Lee** (and his wife Judge Jackie Lee), friends of the *Jones Families;* **Judy Morris**, community; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms;* **David Ryan**, coworker of *John Pickens;* *Tim Scarbouough, friend of Wade and Carolyn Johnson;* **Abby Stanley**, coworker of *John Pickens;* **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin;* **Debbie Sturgis**, member.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom;* **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones;* **Lauren Collier Bellissimo and family**, members; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother;* **Worth Bowman**, member; **Patricia Chapin**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson;* **Larry Creech**, father of *Kevin Creech;* **Pamela Collier**, member; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant;* **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Linda DaLessio**, friend of church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips;* **Charles (Chic) and Mary Lou Folkman**, friends of Providence; **David Guss**, cousin of *Andrea Jones;* **John Harris**, friend of *Andrea Jones;* **Brian Johnson**, cousin of *Don Dupree;* **Harley Kremer**, *Andrea Jones niece;* **Vic LaSaxon**, *Chris Nooney's brother-in-law;* **Tommy and Judge Jackie Lee**, friends of the *Jones Families;* **Hubert Lipscomb**, scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of *Bob Zattiero;* **Ken Moore**, brother of *Carolyn Johnson;* **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Judy Nemeth**, friend of *Miriam Lambert;* **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister;* **Jon Nooney**, member; **Ken and Sharon Passe**, **Ed & Lou Penny**, members; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak;* **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones;* **Stephen Southers**, community; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Charles Tadlock**, friend of *Pamela Collier;* **Donna Walker**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father and Eva Younts, Nadine Reed's Aunt.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please Give a Warm “Welcome Back”** – to our guest speaker Rev. Carole McCartney.

**October 26<sup>th</sup> - Dismissal of Providence from PCUSA** – The Session strongly encourages all members to be present on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, when the Presbytery of New Hope votes to dismiss Providence from PCUSA. The meeting is at First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield. The vote to dismiss Providence will take place between 1 – 1:30 pm. It is important that a large representation from Providence be on hand to demonstrate the strength of our desire to be dismissed. This vote culminates the process of our release from PCUSA. Please plan to come and demonstrate by your presence your support for approval of the vote on our dismissal. Come and be a witness to this turning point in the history of our church!

**The Transitional Search Committee along with the Session are very excited to announce that Reverend Nadia Stropich has accepted the invitation to become our Transitional Pastor.** Rev Stropich’s first official day at Providence will be Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for her and her family as they make their journey here. Great things are in store for Providence! To God be the glory!

**Men’s Fellowship meet Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. in the UFH.** Team D is serving breakfast (Randy Benson, Richard Jones and John Mott). All men are invited!

**The PPC Family Fall Festival is Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 7:30.** We will have games, activities, prizes, food, lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP! If you would like to help with this great missional outreach event, please see Vickie Faircloth. The cost of “admission” are items for Backpack Buddies! There are sign-up sheets and flyers located next to the Welcome Desk in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

**The Children’s Christmas Program, “Follow the Star” is scheduled for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.** Practices for all Children and Youth will begin on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall. We will be assigning parts on the first night and handing out scripts. We have lots of areas that could use volunteer help: set design, stage hands, costume fitters/seamstresses and “kid wranglers”. If you would like to help with this awesome production, please see Vickie Faircloth, Brittany Jones or Susan Rudd.

**Interest Meeting for PPC Relay for Life Team for the American Cancer Society** – will be Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the UFH. The Johnston County Representative from the American Cancer Society will be here to help us get started in this worthy event. All are welcome!

**PPW Caraway Conference Center and Camp Retreat! November 1-3.**

**Harvest Day Sunday is November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Please be in prayer as we will come together immediately after the service for a meal and to have a conversation on the growing financial needs of 2020. The Fellowship Committee will provide the main course and members are requested to bring sides.

**Stewardship Sunday is November 10<sup>th</sup>** - We come together and present our pledges for the upcoming year. Please complete a pledge card and bring it to worship on this day. If you cannot attend services on Stewardship Sunday, please feel free to place the pledge card in the offering plate or mail it directly to the church to the attention of the collections treasurer, Ann Benson.

**Donation Options** - Providence Presbyterian Church can accept donations of stocks and other securities. To make a donation or obtain more information, please contact Ann Benson, Collections Treasurer.

**Reminder: There is no Senior Luncheon in October.**

**Providence Women’s November Event:** Upcoming play at Neuse Little Theatre in Smithfield: **“Father Knows Best”, November 17 (Sunday), 3:00 p.m.** If you are interested in going to see *Father Knows Best*, please let Cathy Simmons know at 919.275.4399 or email [cesimmons112@gmail.com](mailto:cesimmons112@gmail.com).

**Boy Scout Troop 210 is having their annual 5K Decemburrrrdash at West Johnston High School on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Proceeds going toward Scout summer camp and activities, leadership training, Scout awards, and the West Johnston HS Leadership Development Programs. Participants can register online at: <http://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Benson/Decemburrrrdash>  
Contact Eric Faircloth with any questions. Thanks for your support!

**The PPC Cooking Class will begin Tuesday, January 7, 2020.** More information to come. For questions contact Donna Walker.

**The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group** - invites you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. Meetings are Wednesday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. in the UFH. All are welcome!

**Men's Fellowship Group Assistance:** Small chores & household assistance is available by the Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, contact Jonathan Kershaw or the Secretary with your needs.

**The Congregational Care Committee Supplies Prayer Shawls** for anyone who may be in need of physical warmth during the Worship Service. The shawls are located in the Narthex. *\* After the service, please leave the used shawl on the end of the pew - they are cleaned after each use.*

**Congregational Care** - If there are members of the congregation or regular attendees who would like a member of the Congregational Care Committee to visit with them, please get that information to Carolyn Johnson at [cmoorejohanson2012@gmail.com](mailto:cmoorejohanson2012@gmail.com)

**Ken Passe** is now at Gabriel Manor in Clayton. His address is 84 Johnson Estate Road, Clayton, NC 27520.

**Reminder** – Please email [ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com) if you need to:

- Add or remove anyone from the prayer list
- Schedule use of the UFH or LFH
- Update the Directory for a change of address, phone number or email

**The Quarterly Service List of those who serve in our Worship Services is also available** on our church website to help with scheduling for the next three months.

**Please Note – The Bulletin Deadline is the end of the business day Wednesday** for an announcement to appear in the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday.

**The Newsletter items deadline is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month.**

**Church Newsletter** – The October issue of the PPC Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads" is available online at the church website. If you do not have a computer, you can pick up a paper copy of the Newsletter in the Narthex.

**For safety/security, no exterior doors will be propped open during services and all doors will be locked during the 11:00 am service except the main sanctuary door.**



**Homecoming** - Thanks to all who volunteered setting up tables, decorating, assisted with Luncheon, took Photos, and stayed for the Clean-up process. You all contributed to the success of our 2019 Homecoming.  
Jonathan Kershaw

