

**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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**COMMUNION SUNDAY
JANUARY 5, 2020**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (Psalm 119) Wendy Stephenson

Leader: *Oh, how we love your law! We meditated on it all day long. Your commands are always with us and make us wiser than our enemies.*

People: *How sweet are your words to our taste, sweeter than honey to our mouth! Your word is a lamp for our feet, a light on our path.*

Leader: *Accept, Lord, the willing praise of our mouths and teach us your laws as we join in worship of you today.*

***Opening Hymn** "Sing A New Church" # 577

Confession of Sins (In Unison)

Gracious Father, we come before you to confess our reliance on our own wisdom and intellect rather than faith required to understand your knowledge and power. We fall into the trap of doing, saying and thinking things of which we accept as right but you do not. Forgive us Father for thinking of ourselves higher than you. Teach us your ways through the Holy Spirit so that we may be more like your son Jesus and less like ourselves. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (Psalm 53)

Leader: *A fool says to himself, "There is no God."*

People: *Do all these evildoers know nothing? Salvation has come! Our sins are forgiven by God, who is Jesus Christ our Lord.*

***Responsive Hymn** # 373
"Change My Heart, O God"

***Affirmation of Faith** "The Apostle's Creed"
(Inside the back cover of the 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 Deuteronomy 6:4-25

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship
(Children ages 4 through 5th grade led by Barri Martin)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Lesson 2 Timothy 3:10-45

Sermon "Spiritual Disciplines: Study and Meditation"
Reverend Nadia Stropich

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of God's People

(We celebrate communion this morning and invite you to partake of the bread as you receive it – but please hold the cup so we may partake together)

***Dedication Hymn** # 574
"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***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 Pastor Stropich after worship, an Elder of the Session, or call the office at 919-894-4063.

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Reverend
Nadia Stropich

Session

Class of 2019

<i>Children C.E.</i>	<i>Mission & 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 November.....	\$246,003.29
2019 General Fund Expenses through November.....	\$257,488.72
General Fund Receipts for November.....	\$23,823.87
General Fund Expenses for November	\$25,156.85
General Fund Receipts so far for December	\$40,414.11
General Fund Receipts for December 29.....	\$7,957.00
Attendance for Sunday School December 29	62
Attendance for Worship December 29.....	104

Pastor's Office Hours – The pastor will be in the office Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm with varying additional hours in the afternoon. All hours are subject to pastoral demands. If you would like to reach Rev. Nadia Stropich after office hours, please call 937-903-9487.

Secretary's Office Hours – Monday through 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: Donna Stolle
Greeters: Carolyn Stevenson and Donna Stolle
Ushers: Pete Booth, Tony Bryant and Bob Stolle (back)
Acolyte: Landon Gilbert
Nursery: Kristy and Chris Stephenson
Children's Worship: Barri and Scott Martin
Lay Reader: Wendy Stephenson
Fellowship Time: Young Adult Class
Security: Eric Faircloth

Assisting in Worship Next Sunday, January 12:

Elder of the Month: Donna Stolle
Greeters: Carolyn Stevenson and Donna Stolle
Ushers: Kevin Creech, Ronnie Creech and John Daniel (Back)
Acolyte: William Stephenson
Nursery: Elaine Wood and Lily Martin
Children's Worship: Allison and Ryan Nelms
Lay Reader: Beth Wolak
Fellowship Time: Seekers Class
Security: Eric Faircloth

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School
10:25 am: Fellowship Time
11:00 am: Worship Service
 PPC Corporation Meeting and Vote

Weekly Events:

Jan. 7. PPC Cooking Class, 6:30 pm, UFH Kitchen
Jan. 8. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Jan. 9. PW Coord. Team/CT/CP/SA/BS Grps. Meet 7 pm
Jan. 10. PPC blood Drive UFH, 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 12. Sunday
 PPC Official Acceptance Into EPC
Jan. 13. Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan. 14. Senior Citizen's Luncheon at PPC, 12:00
 M&O Universal Health Care Visit 1:00
Jan. 15. Fellowship & Fitness Group
 Adult Choir Practice
Jan. 16. Card Prep Team III at LaVette Morgan's home 1:00
Jan. 17. Fellowship & Fitness Group

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: Praise God for a new year!

CONCERNS:

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Marilyn Johnson at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield;*
Bobbie Langdon at *Highland Village in Cary.*

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon;* **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece;* **Lisa Bradshaw**, member of the community; **Amy Clifton**, 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;* **Norman Nelms**, brother of Tom Nelms; **David Ryan**, coworker of John Pickens; **Tim Scarborough**, 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; **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;* **Hubert Lipscomb**, Scout leader; **Bill McClandless**, friend of Bob Zattiero; **Nancy Nelms**, member; **Judy Nemeth**, friend of Miriam Lambert; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister;* **Jon Nooney**, member; **Mary Tyler Nordan**, daughter of Tyler and Natalie Nordan; **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; **Joy Wellons**, *Brandon Mott's mother-in-law;* **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father and Eva Younts, Nadine Reed's Aunt.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Corporation Meeting of Providence Presbyterian Church of McGee's Crossroads, Inc. has been called for today, January 5, 2020 for the express purpose of changing the By-laws of the Corporation in regards to wording and position of the President of the Corporation. The By-laws currently state that the Clerk of Session is the President. According to the EPC Book of Order the Clerk of Session can be a seated or a non-seated Ruling Elder. The change will reflect the need for a seated Ruling Elder to serve as President. All active members of PPC are invited to attend and vote at this corporation meeting.

The PW will meet immediately after church today, Sunday, 1/5/20 in the Seekers Room. We'll be discussing the reception on 1/12/20. Please contact Lisa Nelms if you won't be there.

PPC Official Acceptance Into EPC - will take place at 11:00 am, on Sunday, January 12, 2020. Our elders will also be ordained EPC at this time. The Honorably Retired Reverend Don Neighbors; Reverend Bucky Hunsicker, and Ruling Elders Phil Stump and Jimmy Richardson will conduct the service with Rev. Nadia Stropich to receive the congregation of Providence and its Ruling Elders into the EPC. There will be a reception to follow in the UFH. A sign-up sheet will be available on Sunday, January 5th, should you like to contribute to the "finger food spread" for all to enjoy. If you have an idea of what you might like to contribute, please send an email to Donna Stolle at <dms6330@gmail.com>. Thank you in advance for your support.

The PPC Cooking Class is January 7th at 6:30 pm. If you signed up for the class and received your letter of information, please remember to come to the back Kitchen door where the group will meet. If you have questions please contact Donna Walker.

PW Coordinating Team will meet at 7:00 pm on January 9th in the Upper Fellowship Hall. This meeting will include members of the CT as well as anyone involved in the Chicken Pastry/Silent Auction/Bake Sales.

Blood Drive Coming soon! After the holidays, give a gift of life by giving a pint of blood. Providence Presbyterian Church is hosting a blood drive on Friday, January 10th. Please call Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149 or 919-522-6068 to set up an appointment so that you can come when it is convenient for you.

The January 14th Senior lunch will be held at Providence Presbyterian Church at noon. If you plan to go, please let me know. We need to plan the food and we would not want to run out. My telephone is 919-207-0149 or email me at margieataylor@aol.com. I will need volunteers to help with set-up, please call and see what time you will be needed. Thank you so much. Margie Taylor

The PPC Men's Fellowship meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26th at 7:30 am. (David, Pete and Kent will provide breakfast.)

Pastor Nadia is looking for volunteers who would like to help prepare and set up Communion the first Sunday of each month. You do not need to be a Ruling Elder to participate, as Pastor Nadia will train those who have never prepared or set up communion. If you would like to help, please write on the pew pads "Communion" and Pastor Nadia will be in contact with you.

Youth Souper Bowl Fund Raiser - Please join the Youth of the Church for Soup, sandwiches, and fellowship after the Worship Service on Sunday, February 2nd. In exchange for your meal, the Youth will be accepting monetary donations to support a local organization. More information to come. Please contact Kevin Creech at kmocreech@gmail.com for questions.

Ever wonder where you can put your spiritual gifts and talents to use at Providence? If so, plan to attend the Spiritual Job Fair on February 2nd after church in the UFH. Committees will have tables set up telling about their mission and your place in their ministry fields. Grab a bowl of soup with the youth and then meet the ministry that matches your gifts! For more information please contact Pastor Nadia at 919-894-4063.

Save the Date Saturday, February 8, 2020, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Ladies, join us for Providence Presbyterian's Women's Day, with Phyllis Elvington, Christian speaker. Phyllis will share with us her thoughts; "Walking with Jesus in Word, in Prayer and in Spirit". Registration and light breakfast is in the UFH at 8:00 am – 9:00 am., with the program beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be served at 12:00, the cost is \$20.00. For additional information contact Margie Taylor at 919-522-6068. Please come for fellowship and fun and to experience the blessings of Jesus. To sign up on the web page go to www.providencepresb.org

Men's Fellowship Group Assistance: Small chores & household assistance is available by the PPC Men's Fellowship Group. To schedule, call Eric Faircloth at ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com, or 919-201-2696 with your needs.

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

Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group – We would like you to walk and fellowship with us on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the Upper Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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.

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 23rd of the month.

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.

Reminder – Please email 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

Church Newsletter – The January 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.

*The old has passed away, behold the new has come.
2 Cor. 5:17*