

**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 worshipping 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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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 23) Mary Ann Booth

Leader: *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

People: *He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters and restoreth my soul*

Leader: *He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.*

People: *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

Leader: *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.*

People: *Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

Leader: *and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

All: *Let us worship the Lord our God this day!*

***Opening Hymn** "O Worship The King" # 2

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Oh Lord Almighty, Our souls long for You, our hearts cannot be satisfied unless we can be in Your presence. Forgive us our transgressions and renew our souls so we might sing beneath the shadow of Your presence. You have proclaimed Your everlasting love and hope through Jesus the Christ, and we turn away with hard hearts. Help us to seek Your goodness and mercy, lead us along safe paths, beyond the terrors of evil and death, to the house of the Lord where we may rest securely in You forever.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Jesus overcame death and redeemed all humanity.*

People: *Through the blood of the Savior we are forgiven!*

***Responsive Hymn** "Give Thanks" # 359

***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 Isaiah 25:7-9

Anthem "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" Providence Choir

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

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson Matthew 10:28-34

Sermon "The Third Day" Rev. Jim Davis

***Dedication Hymn** # 457
"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

***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!

September Scripture Passage

³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

John 4:30-38

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor

Rev. Jim Davis

Session

Class of 2018

<i>Finance</i>	<i>Congregational Care</i>	<i>Adult C.E</i>	<i>Long Range Planning</i>
Sam Stephenson	Kent Walton	Atlee Roberts	Russell Wood

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>Fellowship</i>	<i>Personnel</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Property</i>
David Collier	Cathy Simmons	Kevin Creech	Steve Newnam

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

2018 General Fund Receipts through July	\$140,522.87
2018 General Fund Expenses through July	\$165,502.73
General Fund Receipts for July	\$21,977.08
General Fund Expenses for July	\$26,942.14
General Fund Receipts for August	\$17,130.25
General Fund Receipts so far for September	\$7,362.50
General Fund Receipts for September 2	\$3,693.50
Attendance for Sunday School September 2	68
Attendance for Worship September 2	86

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Elder of the Month/Greeter/Safety/Security: Kent Walton
Ushers: Scott Martin, Gary Phillips and Joseph Phillips (back)
Acolyte: Charlotte Wood
Nursery: Kevin and Annah Creech
Children's Worship: Allison Nelms and Ryan Nelms
Lay Reader: Mary Ann Booth
Fellowship Time: Seekers Class

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, September 16

Elder of the Month/Greeter/Safety/Security: Kent Walton
Ushers: Atlee Roberts, Rick Taylor and Jeff Wood (back)
Acolyte: Gavin Annis
Nursery: Sue Bryant and Emma Phillips
Children's Worship: Allison Nelms and Ryan Nelms
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 am: Worship Service

Weekly Events:

Sep 10. Session Meeting 7:00
Sep 11. Senior Citizens Luncheon 12:00 Pleasant Grove
M&O Universal Assisted Living Visit 1:00 pm
Homecoming Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sep 12. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 14. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Sep 15. Providence Women's September Outing - Movie

Upcoming Events:

Sep 16. LOGOS 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Sep 17. Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Seekers Rm.
Sep 18. Presbyterian Women Joint Circle 7:00 pm
Sep 19. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm
Sep 20. Card Ministry Prep Team I LaVette's Home 1:00
Sep 21. Youth BBQ & Bake Sale 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: ... He will acknowledge us before the Father!
Matthew 10:32

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**, *The Laurels in Pineville*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

Persons Living with Cancer, including:

Sherry Baker, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member; **Barbara Habina**, mother-in-law of *Miriam Lambert's nephew*; **Becky Hall**, friend of *Carolyn Johnson*; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Laura McLamb**, member; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*.

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Carolyn Burns**, *Rich Lambert's sister*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **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; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Barbara Walton**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*; and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission & Outreach Committee - Starting in September, we will be collecting health and hygiene items for **Military Missions in Action (MMIA)**. A list is 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 **November 2, 2018**. Please place your donated items in the designated container outside the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Senior Luncheon on September 11 – will be held at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at noon. If you are going, please let Margie Taylor know so that a count can be given to the cooks. Contact: margieataylor@aol.com or 919-207-0149

Homecoming Committee Meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm.

Providence Women's September Outing – Saturday, September 15, 2018. Movie and Lunch/Dinner (optional). The movie **UNBROKEN: PATH TO REDEMPTION** picks up where Unbroken ended, with Louis "Louie" Zamperini returning home after World War II as a hero. Haunted by nightmares of his torment, Louie sees himself as anything but heroic. Suffering constant nightmares, angry, bitter and deeply depressed, his wife convinces Zamperini to attend the 1949 Billy Graham Crusade. Little did Zamperini know that God had plans for his life! This movie is based on a true story. Showing at Regal White Oak Theater, Garner, NC. **Movie times are 12:00 pm or 2:40 pm.**

Contact: If you are interested in attending the movie, please email Cathy Simmons your choice of time 12:00 pm or 2:40 pm at cesimmons12@gamil.com or call 919-275-4399

LOGOS Starts Sunday, September 16 – and is for children Preschool (fully potty trained) through High School. LOGOS is the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month and starts at 5:00 pm. Online registration is now available, or you may fill out the inserted registration form and place it in the offering plate or the CCE mailbox. If you have any questions about LOGOS or would like to volunteer with this ministry, please contact Vickie Faircloth.

The Providence Chapter of Presbyterian Women Invites You – To attend our annual September Joint Circle Mtg; Tues, Sept 18, at 7:00pm in the Upper Fellowship Hall (UFH). The Providence Presbyterian Women (PPW) year runs Sept thru Aug. At our kick-off meeting we enjoy refreshments together, install the new officers and dive into the new study year. We are led by one of the volunteer instructors through Lesson #1 in our study guide "God's Promise – I Am With You." We will then conduct old and new business. The PPW "calendar on a page" is posted on the bulletin board by the exterior door in "bulletin board alley" (inside the handicap ramp entrance at the lower end of the long hallway from the UFH to the sanctuary). Our regular monthly meetings take place Oct thru May. We have the 10:00am Day Circle and the 7:00pm Night Circle. Each Circle studies the same lesson in the same month. We meet in the UFH on the third Tuesday of each month. Exceptions to that schedule are announced at the Sept Joint Circle Mtg in the calendar review and published after the meeting. Our May mtg is a night Joint Circle Mtg at which we review Lesson #9, our last study for the current PPW year. We take a break from studies during the summer and reconvene in Sept. Women of all ages, every member, friend, relative, guest of Providence is welcome to this women's study group. To pick up your study guide please see our representative in the Encouragers Rm after worship on Sunday, Sept 2. If you are not sure this meeting schedule is for you, please join us at 7:00pm on Sept 18, to give it a test drive. Our fellowship is precious time together.

PROVIDENCE YOUTH BBQ – will be held on **Friday, September 21, 2018** from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 and proceeds support our PPC youth activities. We will need everyone's help to pull this wonderful fundraiser off successfully for our youth. Sign-up sheets will be in the Upper Fellowship Hall and on the PPC Bulletin Board.

Questions can be directed to Scott Martin: martin4nc@gmail.com, Eric Faircloth: ericfaircloth@embarqmail.com or Kevin Creech: kmocreech@gmail.com

BBQ BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED - In conjunction with the Youth BBQ, the PPC Women will hold a Bake Sale on Friday, September 21, 2018 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Bake Sale items are available at the drive-thru and inside the Fellowship Hall. Help will be needed to staff both. Please contact Carole Kershaw at clkandjlk@yahoo.com or call 919-639-0447 if you can volunteer or will donate items. Donations of candy, cakes, pies, cookies, snack mix or whatever you would like to prepare and bring are greatly appreciated!

The Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group – Since Summer vacations are coming to an end - we at the PPC Walking Group invite you to do something healthy for yourself and walk with us. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. We meet Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10:00 am in the UFH. Also, first come first served, there are 2 - 2X, 3 - Large and 2 - Medium walking group T-shirts left. These are free to any new walkers. Come join us!

AED (Defibrillator) – We now have courtesy of the Chellie Poston family and the contributors to the Chellie Poston Memorial Fund an AED (Defibrillator). If anyone would like to get trained on the AED, please let Kent Walton (ph.919-618-6344) know.

WANTED -- Piano Player

PPC Session, through a joint Long Range Planning/Worship group is drafting how an early service (8:30-9:30am) would be structured at PPC. Our objective is to make worship at PPC a meaningful and comfortable experience for current members and friends, as well as for visitors coming in for the first time looking for a church home. We believe keeping the 11:00am worship intact as our traditional service and having a flexible early service will provide options that may appeal to a cross section of folks. In examining each segment of our existing service, we have decided the liturgical pieces will remain the same for an early service. Recorded music with lyrics projected on the screen may become a part of the early service in the future.

When might an early service be implemented? Whenever Session feels we have a complete plan, one that addresses every detail involved in providing a service with integrity. Some of you may have heard that there was a 16 Sept kick-off date. That was an unpublished “hope for” target date not etched in stone. Our desire is to have a complete plan ready to use at the drop of a hat. Our plan working towards implementation includes a congregational meeting in the Upper Fellowship Hall where we can share the proposed plan and have a Q&A session.

After much consideration, it was agreed that live music is greatly desired for an early service. Music may be integral to the success of an early service. To that end, we are looking for someone within the congregation who might have the skills to be the early service pianist. Someone who would not mind playing unpaid for an as-yet-to-be-determined initial number of months. If not committed every Sunday, could multiple people share this service by taking one or two Sundays each a month? Our hope is that if we see growth in attendance (and not just a shift of current attendees between the two services) the growth will represent giving that will afford PPC the ability to then compensate a dedicated pianist for the first service.

The pianist is being asked to play the prelude, three hymns, the doxology, during the passing of the peace and then the postlude. The music is found in the “Worship & Rejoice” blue hymnal that we currently use. If you might be interested in that position, have a family member who might qualify, or know someone in the community who might be interested, please contact Donna Stolle at dms6330@gmail.com.

PPC is in a community experiencing quite an influx of new homes and families. The greater Raleigh area has enjoyed sustained growth for several years, this includes the McGee’s Crossroads area. Our beautiful sanctuary cannot enjoy being a part of that growth without going to two services. Read “Our Mission Statement” on the front of the bulletin. To “disciple others ... share the gospel ... serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us;” we need to bring folks in where they can feel there is room for them. We have multiple programs and ministries that accommodate many. We need our worship space and experience to also say “We are glad you are here, we want you to feel comfortable and desire to become a part of the family of God worshipping at Providence Presbyterian Church.” We won’t know for sure if an early service will help meet our mission until we step out in faith and try. May our efforts be blessed by the One we serve, the One to whom the glory belongs.

With much thought and consideration,

The Session at
Providence Presbyterian Church

A Great Big, Sincere Thank You! -- Mission & Outreach thanks everyone for donating supplies to the school teachers in PPC. These donations are helping teachers provide needed items to students whose guardians are not able to meet various needs at the beginning of the school year. Your generosity to this supply drive is appreciated by so many!!

Church Newsletter – The September 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.

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 – 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.

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.