

**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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**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

OUR GUEST SPEAKER IS REV. STROPICH

*Flowers are given today to the glory of God by
Wade and Carolyn Johnson.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (Psalm 27) Beth Wolak

Leader: *The Lord is our light and salvation; the stronghold
of our lives, of whom shall we be afraid and fear?*

People: *One thing which we ask of the Lord, this is what
we seek; that we may dwell in the house of the
Lord all the days of our life, to gaze upon the
beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His holy
temple.*

Leader: *For in the days of trouble He will keep us safe in
His dwelling; He will hide us in His tabernacle and
set us upon a high rock. We will shout and make
music to the Lord.*

People: *As we gather together, O Lord, hear our voices, be
merciful to us and teach us your ways. Lead us in
your straight path Lord.*

Leader: *We are confident of this: We will see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living.*

All: *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and
wait for the Lord.*

***Opening Hymn # 424**
"How Can I Keep from Singing"

Confession of Sins (In Unison)

*Heavenly God, we confess that we have strayed from your
desired path for our lives. You have called us to be bold and
courageous in living our lives according to the teachings of
your Son, Jesus. We confess that we have not lived in this
manner. We have not proclaimed your love to all we
encounter through our words, deeds and thoughts. Forgive
us, Lord. Through your Holy Spirit, teach us the ways of
your wisdom so that we may follow you all the days of our
life. Amen.*

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are not counted against him and are
covered by the Lord's grace. You forgave the guilt
of our sins when we confessed them to you.*

People: *Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to You
while You may be found. You are our hiding
place; You will protect us from trouble and
surround us with songs of deliverance.*

***Responsive Hymn "Lord, Be Glorified" # 465**

***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

New Testament Scripture

John 16:5-16, 33

Anthem

Providence Choir

"Let's Talk About Jesus"

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 through 5th grade led by Stephanie Wood)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Sermon

"Taking the Promised Land"

Rev. Nadia Stropich

***Dedication Hymn**

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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

September Scripture Passage

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit
within me, ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy
Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and
grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Save me from
bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will
sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth
will declare your praise. Psalm 51:10-15

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

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>Personnel</i>	<i>Youth C.E.</i>	<i>Property</i>
David Collier	Cathy Simmons	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 August	\$183,217.35
2019 General Fund Expenses through August	\$182,662.58
General Fund Receipts for August	\$15,756.08
General Fund Expenses for August	\$22,457.77
General Fund Receipts so far for September	\$19,464.07
General Fund Receipts for September 22.....	\$4,871.00
Attendance for Sunday School September 22	58
Attendance for Worship September 22	102

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: Scott Martin

Greeter: Carolyn Johnson

Ushers: David Collier, Kevin Creech and
Ronnie Creech (Back)

Acolyte: Joey Crocker

Nursery: Allison and Ryan Nelms

Children's Worship: Stephanie and Rob Wood

Lay Reader: Beth Wolak

Fellowship Time: Encouragers Class

Security: Bob Stolle

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, October 6,

Elder of the Month: Carolyn Johnson

Greeters: Pete Booth, Kay Dry

Ushers: John Daniel, Eric Faircloth and
Todd Frickman (Back)

Acolyte: Landon Gilbert

Nursery: Kristy and Chris Stephenson

Children's Worship: Annah and Kevin Creech

Lay Reader: Mary Ann Booth

Fellowship Time: Young Adult Class

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. 1. Card Ministry 10:00 am UFH

Oct. 2. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Oct. 4. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

Upcoming Events

Oct. 6. World Communion Sunday

Oct. 8. M&O Visit to Universal Health Care 1:00 pm
No Senior Luncheon in October

Oct. 9. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Oct. 11. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

CONCERNS: Please continue prayers for Lisa Nelms and family in the passing of her mother Jane Wright.

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*;
Virginia Moore, at *The Pearl in Fort Mill*; **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;
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*; **Emma Hass**, granddaughter of *Bob and Donna Stolle*; **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*; **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 Welcome Our Guest Speaker - Rev. Nadia Stropich originally hails from Seattle, Washington. She received her B.A. in Philosophy and Religion from Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, and her Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. After spending a year as a missionary in Kazakhstan, teaching at the Central Asia Evangelical School of Theology, she moved to Dayton, Ohio, to be the Director of Ministries for Children, Youth and Families. While in Dayton, she met Shawn (her husband of 10 years) and had her daughter, Madelyn (5yrs old). She was ordained in the EPC in 2015 and has served on the Church Development Committee of the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic. Currently she is serving the PMA as part of the Ministerial Committee. When she's not out on a walk with her family and their dog Rick (Lab/Hound/Great Dane mix), Nadia enjoys sewing, her husband's cooking, playing with her daughter, reading and a great cup of coffee with friends. Her favorite part of ministry is the "Ah-HA" moments that others have when they hear and understand the scriptural truth for the first time.

Hurricane Relief Donations - Are being accepted today, Sunday, 29 Sept 2019. Donations will be sent to Samaritan's Purse to support the assistance they already have on the ground as a result of the death and destruction caused by Hurricane Dorian. Write "SP Dorian" on the memo line of your check, or on the outside of your giving envelope. Thank you! Sincerely, Mission & Outreach.

Mission & Outreach: During the month of September, we will be collecting health and hygiene items for **Military Missions in Action** ("MMIA"). A list of needed items is posted on the M&O bulletin board. Items collected are for the "Fill the Locker Program" for homeless veterans. The items will be distributed to the veterans at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down event in Raleigh, this November 2019. Please place your donations in the designated blue container in the Upper Fellowship Hall foyer.

Caraway Conference Center and Camp! November 1-3, 2019 - All Women Are invited to join us for a time of worship, fellowship, fun and breakout sessions to help us do amazing things with our churches! Registration for overnight attendees ends August 29, 2019 or when rooms are full; for day guests only, registration ends October 16, 2019 at <https://www.pmawomen.org>

Officer Nominating Committee - The committee this year is composed of five active members of the congregation and two elders. The members of the congregation are: Nadine Reed, Wendy Stephenson, Jimmy Stuart, John Mott, and Angie Searcy. The two elders are Donna Stolle and Mary Ann Booth. The committee is actively collecting recommendations for six vacancies: four Elders to fill the Class of 2022 and two vacancies left by resignations in the classes of 2020 and 2021. Please prayerfully consider your recommendations and **submit them to a member of the nominating committee by September 29th**. If you wish your recommendation to be anonymous, please place a written note in the mailbox of Donna Stolle or Mary Ann Booth.

Those who are not eligible to serve as officer include:

- Any Nominating Committee member and any person who shares the same household with any committee members (Bob Stolle, Pete Booth, Bob Reed, Carolyn Stuart, Arline Mott, and Payton Searcy).
- A spouse of an Elder in the 2020 or 2021 classes (Pam Collier, Wendy Stephenson, Annah Creech, Wade Johnson, Eunice Newnam, and Barri Martin).
- Any person who is a member of the paid staff of the church. The spouse of a paid staff member should not be considered for the office of Elder.
- Any person who has been a member of this church for less than one year at the date of the Committee's first meeting.

According to the Old Testament, the office of Elder was established for the oversight of the church. Scripture instructs us that people for the office of Elder should exhibit certain characteristics: sound in the faith, wise in the things of God, blameless in life, and discreet in all things. Ruling Elders should study and learn the Word and become equipped to teach that Word. According to the EPC Book of Order, those that fill these offices should be mature in the faith, should be people of wisdom and discretion, and should have adequate training to equip them for their calling.

Family Fall Festival Hosted by: Children's Christian Education
Sunday, October 27th 5:30-7:30. Come join us for food, fun, prizes and fellowship!!! We will have games, activities and crafts, all located in the new educational wing. Dinner of hotdogs and fixings will be served in the Upper Fellowship Hall! Invite your friends, family and neighbors!!! Cost of Admission is items for Backpack Buddies! Costumes are encouraged for all to wear (even adults!)! Please no scary costumes, a great idea is to dress as your favorite Bible hero!! Sign-up sheets are located next to the Upper Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to help in any way, please contact Vickie Faircloth 919-902141407, vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com.

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.

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 am 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 cmoorejohnson2012@gmail.com

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

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 23rd of the month.

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.



Dear Cooking Class: Due to my automobile accident and the November and December holidays I am going to postpone the 1st cooking class until Tuesday, January 7th, 2020. I apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused. I hope to send you each a personal note about this. drw
Donna Walker, PPC Cooking Class.

Dear Providence Presbyterian Church,

I would like to extend a great big "thank you" for all of the kind words and hugs, cards in the mail, and tons of prayers that I have received so far through my cancer diagnosis and treatments. I greatly appreciate each and every one of them! I just received my last round of chemo this week - YEAH!!!!. The next step in my journey is surgery which is scheduled for October 21st at Wake Med in Cary.

With much love and appreciation for our church family,
Debbie Sturgis



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.