

**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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**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

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

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Call to Worship** (Psalm 134: 1-3) Wendy Stephenson  
Leader: *I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will  
tell of your wonders.*

**People:** *We will be glad and rejoice in you; we will sing  
praise to your name, O Most High.*

Leader: *The Lord reigns forever; he has established his  
throne for righteous judgement.*

**All:** *Sing praises to the Lord proclaim to all what the  
Lord has done!*

**\*Opening Hymn # 657**

**"He Has Made Me Glad"**

**Confession of Sins (In Unison)**

*Gracious God, through the death on the cross of your  
son, Jesus Christ, we have been given eternal life.  
Everything we have is a gift from you, but too often we  
neglect to tell you "Thank you." Forgive us Lord for  
cheapening your grace and withholding our praise. Through  
your Holy Spirit give us voice to proclaim thanksgiving to  
you and tell others of your wondrous love. Amen.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *As far as East is from West, so God has cast our  
sins from us.*

**People:** *By God's grace, we have been forgiven!*

**\*Responsive Hymn "At the Cross" # 258**

**\*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**

**Leviticus 13:1-8**

**Anthem**

Brittany Jones and John Rogers

**"Climb in' Up the Mountain"**

**Musical Interlude for Children's Worship**

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

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

**Second Scripture Lesson**

**1 Luke 17:11-19**

**Sermon**

**"Returning Thanks"**

Reverend Nadia Stropich

**\*Dedication Hymn**

**"My Tribute"**

**# 363**

**\*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.

**November Scripture Passage**

<sup>11</sup> You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:11-15

## 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 &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

*Accounting Treasurer*  
Wendy Stephenson

*Collections Treasurer*  
Ann Benson

*Music Director/Organist/Pianist*  
Brittany Jones

*Pianist*  
Angie Searcy

*Secretary*  
Cindy Lynch

*Website*  
David Nelms

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### Weekly Statistics

2019 General Fund Receipts through October .....	\$222,179.42
2019 General Fund Expenses through October.....	\$232,331.87
General Fund Receipts for October.....	\$15,450.00
General Fund Expenses for October .....	\$27,063.08
General Fund Receipts so far for November .....	\$15,177.71
General Fund Receipts for November 10.....	\$8,145.71
Attendance for Sunday School November 10 .....	73
Attendance for Worship November 10 .....	90

**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.

**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:** Sam Stephenson  
**Greeters:** Nadine Reed and Carolyn Stevenson  
**Ushers:** John Daniel, Don Dupree and Eric Faircloth (Back)  
**Acolyte:** Connor Frickman  
**Nursery:** Jennifer and Roger Gilbert  
**Children's Worship:** Kristy and Chris Stephenson  
**Lay Reader:** Wendy Stephenson  
**Fellowship Time:** Nesselrodt Class  
**Security:** David Collier

### Assisting in Worship Next Sunday, November 24:

**Elder of the Month:** Sam Stephenson  
**Greeters:** Nadine Reed and Carolyn Stevenson  
**Ushers:** Pete Booth, Tony Bryant, and Todd Frickman (Back)  
**Acolyte:** William Stephenson  
**Nursery:** Annah and Kevin Creech  
**Children's Worship:** Kristy and Chris Stephenson  
**Lay Reader:** Jeff Wood  
**Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Committee  
**Security:** David Collier

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

**9:45 am:** Sunday School  
**10:25 am:** Fellowship Time  
**11:00 am:** Worship Service  
 Congregational Vote of Elders  
 PPC Women's Event, Play at Smithfield, 3:00 pm  
 Children's Christmas Program Practice 4:00 pm

### Weekly Events:

**Nov. 19.** PPC Women's Circles, UFH, 10:00 am and 7:00 pm  
**Nov. 20.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am in the UFH  
 Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Newsletter Deadline  
**Nov. 21.** Card Min. Prep Team II, LaVette Morgan's 1:00 pm  
**Nov. 22.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

### Upcoming Events:

**Nov. 24.** Christ The King Sunday  
 Children's Hope Alliance Offering  
**Nov. 25.** M&O Comm. Meeting at 11:00 am Seekers Room  
**Nov. 26.** Prayer Shawl 10:00 am  
**Nov. 27.** No Fellowship & Fitness Group  
 No Adult Choir Practice  
**Nov. 28.** Thanksgiving, Office Closed  
**Nov. 29.** Office Closed  
**Nov. 30.** PPC Advent Decorating 9:00 am

## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** The ministries of Providence

### 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; **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; **Brenda Dupree**, mother of Amy York; **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; **Arlene Hinkley**, relative of Nadia Stropich; **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; **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; **John Wright**, Chris Nooney's father and **Eva Younts**, Nadine Reed's Aunt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting Today, November 17<sup>th</sup>** – A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session immediately following worship today. The purpose of the meeting is twofold: 1) vote on a motion to modify the By-laws of Providence Presbyterian Church at McGee's Crossroads, Inc., and 2) elect the Elder Class of 2022.

- By-Laws - The Session unanimously approved a motion to reduce the size of Session from twelve members to nine.
- Class of 2022 Nominations – The members of the Officer Nominating Committee are Jimmy Stuart, Angie Searcy, Wendy Stephenson, Nadine Reed, John Mott, and Mary Ann Booth. The committee voted unanimously to nominate the following as Elders for the Class of 2022: Vickie Faircloth, John Kopanski, and Donna Stolle. Nominations from the floor will be accepted. If you plan to nominate a fellow church member for the Class of 2022, please confirm with them in advance of the meeting that they are willing to serve.

**Operation Christmas Child** - Return your boxes today or November 24th. Please place them under the Lord's Table in the sanctuary. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile effort.

**The Children's Christmas Program, "Follow the Star" is scheduled for Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.** - There will be practice for all Children and Youth today at 4:00pm in the UFH. We have lots of areas that could use volunteer help: set design, stage hands, costume fitters/seamstresses and "kid wranglers". Interested in helping with this awesome production? Contact Vickie Faircloth, Brittany Jones or Susan Rudd.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas will take place on November 30, at 9:00 am.** Please meet in the UFH. All are invited to help. The more help we have the less time it will take.

**The PPC Youth will be collecting Angel Tree donations again this year.** The money collected will be used to buy gifts to give to local families in need. The youth are planning on shopping on **Dec 6th**. If you would like to donate, you may place a check in the collection plate with "Angel Tree" in the memo or give a check directly to Kevin Creech or Vickie Faircloth. Thank you for your support.

**Greeters at the Welcome Center** - Thank you to everyone who has served as a greeter to date. Anyone else that might be interested in serving, please send an email to Donna Stolle at <[dms6330@gmail.com](mailto:dms6330@gmail.com)>.

**Poinsettias for Advent – We will be accepting Poinsettia orders with payment through November 24th.** All the plants will be staged to adorn the sanctuary until after services on Christmas Eve. Feel free to take home your purchases after that time. Forms with information of payment process are in the bulletin. Thanks for your support. Any questions please contact Ann Benson at [anncbenson1984@gmail.com](mailto:anncbenson1984@gmail.com)

**Advent Readers Wanted** - We need readers for the four Sundays of Advent, as well as the two services on Christmas Eve. Advent begins Sunday, 1 Dec. Singles, couples, families, any combination of readers is good. You will receive your reading material prior to the Sunday when you are scheduled to read. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the PPC worship service at this special time of year.

**Boy Scout Troop 210 is having their annual 5K Decem-burrrr Dash at West Johnston High School on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.** Proceeds go 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!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:cmoorejohanson2012@gmail.com)

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**Thank you Providence** for the wonderful reception you held for Shawn, Madelyn and myself. The cards and well-wishes were genuinely felt and appreciated! We look forward to discovering God's preferred future for Providence while we work, worship and fellowship with you this coming year!

**The Newsletter items deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month.**

**The Secretary will be out of the office November 15th – 22nd.**

**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.**