

**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
14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501
www.providencepresb.org*

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 29, 2019**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalms 24) Doug Sonderfan
Leader: *Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place?*

People: *The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.*

Leader: *They will receive blessings from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.*

People: *A Savior has been born! Lift up your heads, lift up your hearts, so that the King of glory may come in.*

***Opening Hymn "He Is Born" # 201**

Confession of Sin (In Unison)

Gracious God, we come humbly before you to express our shame and sorrow at what we have said, done and thought in your presence. Instead of drawing closer to you in daily prayer and scripture reading, we treat time with you as a "to-do" item on a list of things which need to be taken care of. Father forgive us for ignoring you. Help us to listen to the Holy Spirit and to slow down so that we may receive you fully into our hearts. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *In you, Lord our God, we put our trust. Do not let us be put to shame or let our enemies triumph over us.*

People: *No one who hopes in the Lord will be put to shame, for He has sent His son, Jesus, for the forgiveness of our sins. By His blood we are forgiven!*

***Responsive Hymn "Away In a Manger" # 205**

***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

Galatians 5:13-26

Anthem

Providence Choir

"Joy To The World"

Musical Interlude for Children's Worship

(Children ages 4 thru 5th grade led by Kristy Stephenson)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Sermon

"Discipling Our Hearts"

Rev. Nadia Stropich

***Dedication Hymn**

"Joy To The World!"

179

***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 at 919-264-4324 or 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

Pastor

Rev. 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>Finance</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

Honoring our history.....building our future

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	\$32,457.11
General Fund Expenses for December 22.....	\$14,756.11
Attendance for Sunday School December 22	72
Attendance for Worship December 22.....	145

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 afternoons. 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 Week: Steve Newnam

Greeters: Pete Booth and Vickie Faircloth

Ushers: Beth Pickens, Joan C. Stuart and Elaine Wood (Back)

Acolyte: Connor Frickman

Nursery: Allison and Ryan Nelms

Children's Worship: Kristy and Chris Stephenson

Lay Reader: Doug Sonderfan

Fellowship Time: Encouragers Class

Security: Wade Johnson

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, January 5

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

9:45 am: Sunday School

10:25 am: Fellowship Time

11:00 pm: Worship Service

Weekly Events:

Dec. 31. Bulletin Deadline

Jan. 1. Happy New Year, Welcome 2020
PPC Office Closed

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 5. Communion Sunday

Jan. 7. PPC Cooking Class, 7:00 pm UFH

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. Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: We rejoice that Mary Tyler Nordon has returned home!

CONCERNS: Prayers for JoAnn Creech's knee surgery on December 30.

Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:

Marilyn Johnson at *Barbour Court Nursing in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon** at *Highland Village in Cary*; **Virginia Moore** at *The Pearl, Fort Mill, SC*.

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*; **Becky Hall**, 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 on 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 PPC Cooking Class is January 7 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 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

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. Join 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 919-552-5608. 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

Interested in joining the Relay for Life Team? Please contact Cathy Maddux 919-438-9461.

Display a Luminary at the Relay for Life Event, May 15. Light up your community and honor every life touched by cancer. Dedicate a Luminaria to a loved one lost, someone currently battling, anyone who has overcome cancer, or in support of a Caregiver to be displayed at the Relay for Life event May 15, 2020. Place your order during Fellowship time or by visiting Providence Presbyterian Church Team Site: Light a candle or torch in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one who has had cancer, or in support of a Caregiver this holiday season.

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.

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

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.

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. We end each meeting in prayer for our church family and each other. All are welcome.

Flowers for 2020 - If you are interested in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary on any given Sunday in 2020, please see the sign-up sheet in the "Bulletin Board Alley." Beth Pickens has been our Flower Coordinator for many years. Where someone has signed up to purchase flowers, Beth calls that person (that week), to remind them to call the florist and place their order. Your message regarding the celebration for which the flowers were purchased will be included in the header of the printed bulletin on that Sunday. At the end of worship service that day you are free to then take your flowers home. Contact Beth Pickens at 919-697-5663, or at <bpickens80@gmail.com> for help or further information. Thank you to all who participate in this ministry that contributes to the beauty of our sanctuary!

Food Ministry Donations: Any and all food donations are accepted any day of the week; please place donations in the designated blue bins located in the UFH foyer. Backpack Buddies most needed items include: Individual servings of 100% fruit juice, fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears), individual packets of oatmeal/grits, and soup. Food Pantry most needed items include: Sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish washing liquid. The M&O Committee thanks you for your continued support of these worthy ministries.

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.

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

Monthly Church Newsletter – The December 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.

Prayers for a blessed New Year!