

**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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**SUNDAY WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (1 Corinthians 13:11-12)

Leader: *When I was a child, I talked like a child. I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.*

People: *When I became an adult, I put the ways of childhood behind me.*

Leader: *For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.*

People: *Now we know in part; then we shall know fully, even as we are fully known. Come, let us celebrate and worship the One who fully knows us!*

***Opening Hymn # 85**

"I Love You Lord"

(Please see the overhead screen.)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Gracious Lord, we come to you in order to confess our sins. We have bowed down to the wisdom of the world and neglected the truth which your son, Jesus, taught us. We see ourselves as makers of our own destiny and not as servants under the authority of your Godhead. Forgive our vain and prideful arrogance. Remove our hearts of stone so that we may be living sacrifices, pleasing and holy to you. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (Ezekiel 36)

Leader: *The Lord God says, "I will gather you back and sprinkle clean water on you. I will cleanse you from all impurities and from all your idols."*

People: *The Lord promises, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh so that you may keep my laws and decrees."*

***Responsive Hymn "Amazing Grace" # 422**

(Please see the overhead screen.)

***Affirmation of Faith "The Apostle's Creed"**

(Please see the overhead screen.)

Prayer of Dedication for His Tithes and Our Offering

(Please note the offering plates are available at the doors entering the Upper Fellowship Hall before and after worship for the collection of tithes and offering donations.)

***Doxology** *(Please see the overhead screen.)*

Children's Talk Annah Creech

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:4-10

Sermon Rev. Nadia Stropich

"The Church is to be a Living Sacrifice"

(Please see the overhead screen.)

***Dedication Hymn # 121**

"Christ Is the World's Light"

(Please see the overhead screen.)

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

Please remain seated to be dismissed by an usher after the benediction. Proceed outside for any gatherings, to ensure the social distancing safety of all. Thank you.

**Signifies Congregation to Stand*

Parents, the nursery is available but we do request a parent stay with their child as we do not yet have attendants. Thank you.

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 Nadia Stropich at 937-903-9487 or after worship; an Elder of the Session, or call the PPC office at 919-894-4063.

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Reverend
Nadia Stropich

Session

Class of 2020

Christian Education
Kevin Creech

Personnel
David Collier

Property
Steve Newnam

Class of 2021

Congregational Care
Carolyn Johnson

Financial
Sam Stephenson

Long Range Planning
Scott Martin

Class of 2022

Fellowship
Donna Stolle

Mission & Outreach
John Kopanski

Worship
Vickie Faircloth

Accounting Treasurer
Sam Stephenson

Clerk
Mary Ann Booth

Collections Treasurer
Ann Benson

Music Director/Organist/Pianist
Brittany Jones

Pianist
Angie Searcy

Secretary
Cindy Lynch

Sunday School Superintendent
Kristy Stephenson

Website
David Nelms

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Weekly Statistics

2020 General Fund Receipts through August	\$213,960.76
2020 General Fund Expenses through August	\$210,381.09
General Fund Receipts for August	\$19,287.80
General Fund Expenses for August.....	\$22,875.69
General Fund Receipts so far for September.....	\$12,338.00
General Fund Receipts for September 20.....	\$3,466.00
Attendance for Worship September 20	50

Pastor's Office Hours: The pastor will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00am until 1:00pm 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, 9:00am – 1:00pm. The office number is 919-894-4063.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Assisting in Worship This Sunday:

Acolyte: Meadow Creech

Elder of the Month: David Collier

Greeters: Session

Security: Frank Hughes

Ushers: Session

Assisting in Worship Next Sunday, October 4:

Acolyte: Madelyn Stropich

Elder of the Month: Kevin Creech

Greeters: Session

Security: Eric Faircloth

Ushers: Session

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

11:00 am: Sunday Worship Service

Weekly Events:

Sept. 28. Rev. Nadia Stropich Study Retreat Through October 2

M&O Meeting 11:00 am

Sept. 30. Virtual Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 4. Sunday Worship Service

Oct. 5. PPC Secretary on vacation

Oct. 7. Virtual Choir Practice 7:30 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: The Presbytery met this past weekend!

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, (Laura Langdon); Scott Barnes, Joanne Boyle, (Bob Zattiero); Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner, (Brittany Parks); Frank Camarda, (Nicole Hughes); Sherri Cox, (Carolyn Johnson); Becky Hall, (Carolyn Johnson); Ann Hargis, Jamie Harris, (Andrea Jones); Sherwood Johnson, Nancy Lange, (John Mott); Teresha McChann (Bob Reed); Doug Parvin, (Steve Wolak); Bill Rice, (Carolyn Johnson); David Ryan, (John Pickens); Tammy Sullivan, (Frank Hugh); and Abby Stanley, (John Pickens).

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Nancy Allen, (Sheila Dupree); H. Andrews, (Andrea Jones); Ann, Marilyn and Natalie (Lamberts); Sara Barber, (Vickie Faircloth); Scott Barnes, (Ann Benson); Lauren Bellissimo, (David and Pamela Collier); Wilburn Berrier, (Patricia Forren); Mary Ann Booth, Worth Bowman, Dawn Castonguay, (Don and Debbie Sturgis); Patricia Chapin, (Carolyn Johnson); Elise Corona, (Sue Bryant); Larry Creech, (Kevin Creech); Ryan Crisco, (Brittany Jones); Kelly Daniels; Chris Darden and wife, (Cathy Simmons); Barbara Ellis, (Georgeanna Phillips); Chic and Mary Lou Folkman, David Guss, (Andrea Jones); Willie Hardisen, (Carol Sawyer); John Harris, (Andrea Jones); Kathy, (Miriam Lambert); Laura Kershaw, (Jonathan & Carole Kershaw); Brian Johnson, (Don Dupree); Ken King, (Rich & Miriam Lambert); Harley Kremer, (Andrea Jones); Lydia Leach, (Miriam Lambert); Bill McClandless, (Bob Zattiero); Nancy Nelms; Judy Nemeth, (Rich & Miriam Lambert); Daphne Noles; Mary Tyler Nordan, (Tyler and Natalie Nordan); Zachary Parks, (Brittany Parks); Ed & Lou Penny, Finley Price, (Travis Jones); Caleb Reese, (Andrea Jones); John Rogers, Jake Shoop, (Rich & Miriam Lambert); Mitch Sonderfan, (Doug Sonderfan); Stephen Southers; Ann K. Stephenson, Wayne Stephenson, (Sam Stephenson); Denny Stephenson, (Nadia Stropich); Amber Svejrowsky, (Lamberts); Charles Tadlock, (Pamela Collier); Kevin Walton, (Kent Walton); Joy Wellons, (Brandon Mott); Austin Williamson, (Carolyn Johnson); Jean Yeager, (Rich Lambert's sister); and Eva Younts, (Nadine Reed).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadlines for the Month:

Bulletin and Friday Reminder Deadline: Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Monthly Newsletter: 23rd of the month, 1:00 pm

Available on the website:

Quarterly Service List for those who help in Worship.

Church Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads".

Sunday Worship Messages and other updates also on Face Book

Session approved a motion that starting September 27, 2020, we are requesting that everyone who attends worship on Sunday morning to wear a facemask/face shield upon entering the building and throughout the entire worship service until exiting the building. Those exempt from wearing facemasks/face shields are people who are presenting on the platform (Pastor, Lay leaders, etc) and those with medical/emotional conditions in which masks would be prohibitive for their well-being. This is different than the current request to wear a face mask/shield during the singing only. Session also voted to adopt policies and procedures which would help decreasing the potential spread of COVID-19 and increase the potential of our ability to continue to offer in-person worship. **Each congregation member should have received an email or will be receiving a letter via post mail regarding the rationale and details on the new procedures which will begin today, September 27, 2020.** If you have not received the email or post letter with COVID procedures and rationale for the Session decision, please contact Cindy Lynch, the church administrative assistant.

The AED (automated external defibrillator) has been relocated to the Upper Fellowship Hall Foyer. It is on the wall at the Exit door at the top of the entrance to the carpeted hall and restrooms. Please note that if used, an alarm will sound and an elder will need to disarm it with a key.

Calling All Ushers and Greeters - If you have served as an Usher or Greeter in the past or would like to join this ministry and you are ready to start serving again, please contact Vickie Faircloth at 919-902-1407 or vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com

Early Voting and Election Day Voting - PPC will be both an Early Voting venue, as well as an Election Day venue this year. The Johnston County Board of Elections will be using our Upper Foyer and Upper Fellowship Hall for that activity starting with set up 11 Oct and final tear down on 4 Nov. Additional details to follow.

All Saints Remembrance Day, Sunday, November 1st - This year, we are asking that you submit the names of your loved ones that have passed this last year to the church office by Tuesday, October 27th. We will have their names listed in the bulletin and displayed on the overhead screen. An Elder will be lighting the candles this year in order to observe social distancing and the Pastor will be reading the names aloud. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Faircloth at 919-902-1407 or vickiefaircloth@yahoo.com

Small Group Bible Study - In lieu of having traditional Sunday School, Session is exploring options for having opportunities for small group Bible Studies and would like your input. Small groups would consist of 10 or fewer people with social distancing. Please complete the interest survey found at <http://bit.ly/PPCBIBLESTUDY2020>

Military Missions in Action (MMIA) - During September M&O annually accepts health/hygiene and other donated items for MMIA. These items are in support of the "Fill the Locker Program," which provides assistance to Homeless Veterans in the greater Raleigh area. All donations will be distributed at the "Homeless Veterans Stand Down" event held each year in the Fall. Please place your donations in either of the two footlockers in the Upper Foyer. A list of needed items is posted above the lockers. Your support is greatly appreciated by our Veterans.

Backpack Buddies - These weekly food deliveries to students in three McGee's Crossroads schools resume this month. Food donations in support of "BPB" can be placed in the blue barrel in the Upper Foyer.

Meal Train – There is a Meal Train set up for Debbie Sturgis and Don to help with Debbie's care after her surgery. If you would like to participate, go to:
<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=GSFZ8938&v=af48eeba80>
and sign up to provide a meal. We know that it will be greatly appreciated.
Carolyn Johnson, Congregational Care

Meal Train – There is a Meal Train set up for Miss Ann Stephenson to help with her care. The need is for lunches on Monday's and Wednesday's. You are asked to wear a mask when delivering. If you are uneasy about making the delivery due to the Coronavirus, contact Carolyn Johnson. We will arrange to pick up the lunch and make the delivery. See the website for additional instructions. **The link to the website is: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/TGUN2962.** Contact Carolyn Johnson if you have any questions.

Congregational Care - We have congregation members willing and able to pick up groceries and deliver them to congregation member's homes. If you are in need of such a service, please contact Carolyn Johnson at 919-880-1272 or Pastor Nadia at 919-894-4063.

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.

Finance –We are now able to accept electronic giving on our website at www.providencepresb.org. The home page has a menu option “GIVE” which will bring you to “ONLINE GIVING”. Please consider selecting the option to add 2% to help with processing fees as credit cards are higher to process than electronic checks or debit cards. As always, any and every donation is greatly appreciated. Please contact Sam Stephenson at 919-757-5869 with any questions.

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.

Reminder – Please email ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com if you need to:

- Add or remove anyone from the prayer list
- Update the Directory for a change of address, phone number or email

For safety/security, no exterior doors will be propped open during services and all doors will be locked during the 11:00 am service.

