

**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
OCTOBER 25, 2020**

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nancy King Nelms by her family for her years of devotion to them and her church family.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Acolyte

Call to Worship (from Psalm 135)

Leader: *Praise the name of the Lord; praise Him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord.*

People: *We know that the Lord is great, that our Lord is greater than all gods. Your name, Lord, endures forever, through all generations.*

Leader: *Come, let us worship and bow down before our God and King.*

***Opening Hymn # 576**
"Make Me a Servant" 2x
(Please see the overhead screen.)

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

We confess before your throne, O Lord, that we have squandered the spiritual and material gifts which you have given us. We have used them for our own glory and wants, not for the ministry which you have called us to cooperate with you. Have mercy and forgive us. Lead us to use our gifts for your glory, honor and praise. Amen.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (From Malachi 3:16-17)

Leader: *Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard.*

People: *The Lord said, "On the day when I act, they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him."*

***Responsive Hymn # 440**
"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
(Please see the overhead screen.)

Children's Talk Doug Sonderfan
(Children are dismissed to Sunday School after Children's Talk.)

***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.)

Morning Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading **Matthew 25:14-30**

Sermon Rev. Nadia Stropich
"The Talent Among Us"
(Please see the overhead screen.)

***Dedication Hymn # 397**
"The Gift of Love"
(Please see the overhead screen.)

***Acolyte and Benediction**

Postlude

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

**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.

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

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 September	\$230,546.37
2020 General Fund Expenses through September.....	\$234,756.81
General Fund Receipts for September.....	\$16,585.61
General Fund Expenses for September	\$24,375.72
General Fund Receipts so far for October.....	\$28,783.00
General Fund Receipts for October 18.....	\$1,860.00
Homecoming Receipts so far	\$17,370.00
Attendance for Worship October 18	71

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: William Stephenson
Children's Talk: Doug Sonderfan
Elder of the Month: Kevin Creech
Greeters: Session
Security: Eric Faircloth
Ushers: Session

Assisting in Worship Next Sunday, November 1:

Acolyte: Madelyn Stropich
Children's Talk: Wendy Stephenson
Elder of the Month: Vickie Faircloth
Greeters: Session
Security: Kent Walton
Ushers: Session

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today at Providence:

11:00 am: Sunday Worship Service
6:00 pm: Youth Meet LFH

Weekly Events:

Oct. 26. M&O Comm. Mtg., 11:00 am
 JoCo Board of Elections UFH use
 continues through October 4 tear-down
Oct. 28. Virtual Choir Practice 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 1. Sunday Worship Service
 All Saints Day
 Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
Nov. 3. Election Day, JoCo Board of Elections UFH use
 continues through October 4 tear-down
Nov. 4. Virtual Choir Practice 7:30 pm

PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

JOYS: For the support our church members give one another.

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 Barns**, **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*); **Teressa 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:

Brenda Abbott; **Nancy Allen**, (*Sheila Dupree*); **H. Andrews**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Ann, Marilyn and Natalie** (*Lamberts*); **Malory**, (*Lauren Bellissimo*); **Sara Barber**, (*Vickie Faircloth*); **Scott Barnes**, (*Ann Benson*); **Lauren Bellissimo**, (*David and Pamela Collier*); **Wilburn Berrier**, (*Patricia Forren*); **Worth Bowman**, **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**, **Ronda Fullenkamp**, (*Rick and Margie Taylor*); **Emma Gardner**, (*Christina Jones*); **David Guss**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Willie Hardisen**, (*Carol Sawyer*); **John Harris**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Diane Hefter**, (*Carolyn Stevenson*); **Kathy**, (*Miriam Lambert*); **Laura Kershaw**, (*Jonathan & Carole Kershaw*); **Brian Johnson**, (*Don Dupree*); **Ken King**, (*Rich & Miriam Lambert*); **Harley Kremer**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Brianna Langreder**, (*John and Arline Mott*); **Lydia Leach**, (*Miriam Lambert*); **Tern Lee**, (*Lauren Bellissimo*); **Bill McClandless**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Ken McGee**, (*Ann Benson*); **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*); **Becky Roberts**, **John Rogers**; **Jake Shoop**, (*Rich & Miriam Lambert*); **Mitch Sonderfan**, (*Doug Sonderfan*); **Stephen Southers**; **Ann K. Stephenson**, **Wayne Stephenson**, (*Sam Stephenson*); **Denny Stevenson**, (*Nadia Stropich*); **Amber Svejowsky**, (*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

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

Harvest Day Sunday is November 15th – We will hold a congregational meeting after worship service to discuss our 2020 financial performance and 2021 budget.

Stewardship Sunday is November 22nd – Please complete a pledge card and place it in the offering plate or mail your pledge to the church to the attention of the collections treasurer, Ann Benson.

Mission & Outreach: This is to inform the congregation that our Presbytery (Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic) is asking church families to consider offering gifts for Andrew and Norine Brunson. The gifts will be used to assist with immediate needs and reboot their Missionary Outreach Ministry. If you would like to join with others across our Presbytery with assisting Andrew and Norine Brunson's ministry, gifts will be accepted on the following Sundays: **Oct. 18th and Oct. 25th**. Your gift for the Brunsons can be provided by submitting a check made out to Providence Presbyterian Church and writing "Brunsons" in the memo line. **Matthew 28:16-20**

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

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 aefaircloth70@gmail.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.

Early Voting Continues -- at PPC. This includes exclusive use of the Upper Fellowship Hall and Upper Foyer on the remaining days:

- 26-30 Oct, Mon thru Fri -- Early voting, 7:30am to 7:30pm.
- 31 Oct, Sat -- Early Voting, 8:00am to 3:00pm.
- 3 Nov, Tues -- Election Day Voting, 6:30am to 7:30pm.
- 4 Nov, Wed -- JC BOE final tear-down and departure.

Can you help as follows this week:

- **24 Oct, Sat -- 6:45pm**, return UFH to sanctuary set-up. (Will need 6 folks to assist.)
- **25 Oct, Sun -- After worship**, collapse the sanctuary configuration in the UFH. (Will need 8-9 folks to assist.)
- Any questions, please see Pastor Nadia, Vickie, Donna or Steve Newnam.
- Thank you for any assistance you can provide!!

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.

The EPC takes the office of Ruling Elder seriously as they take the same vows of a Teaching Elder. Therefore, before you nominate a candidate, please be advised of the requirements and responsibilities of an EPC Ruling Elder.

Nominations will not come from the floor the day of the election, so please make sure that you have your nominations to the Congregational Nominating Committee by November 8, 2020. This will give us time to train, examine and produce a ballot for the congregation to vote on the Class of 2023.

Scriptural Qualification of a Ruling Elder:

Exodus 18 Numbers 11:16-17 Romans 8:1-17; 12:8
Acts 20:16-28 1 Timothy 3: 1-7; 4:12; 5:17 Titus 1:5-9

Scriptural Principles of Leaders:

1. Depends upon the Lord's strength Joshua 1:6
2. Obey the law of God: Joshua 1:7-8
3. Uses wisdom & knowledge from God: 2 Chronicles 1:10; Jeremiah 3:15
4. Exercise justice: Micah 3:1-3
5. Serve people selflessly: Matthew 20:26; Luke 22:26-27
6. Govern diligently: Romans 12:8

Book of Order Qualifications:

Chpt. 9: Office of the Church; Chpt. 10: Calling to Office,
Chpt.13 The Ordination & Installation of Officers

Should you need copies of the Book of Order reference, please see the Welcome Center.