

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 13, 2020**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Sam and Wendy Stephenson Family

**\*\*Call to Worship** (Luke 1)

**\*Opening Hymn** #182

**\*\* “O Come All Ye Faithful”**

**\*\*Prayer of Confession** (*In Unison*)

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**\*\*Assurance of Forgiveness** (Psalm 56:10-11, 13)

**\* Responsive Hymn** #203

**\*\* “Away In A Manger”**

**Children’s Talk** Rev. Nadia Stropich  
(*Children are dismissed to Sunday School after Children’s Talk*)

**\*Affirmation of Faith** **\*\* “The Apostle’s Creed”**

**Prayer of Dedication for His Tithes and Our Offering**  
(*The offering plates are available at the doors entering worship before and after; for the collection of tithes and offering donations.*)

**\* \*\* Doxology**

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

**Scripture Reading** **Psalm 67**

**Sermon** Rev. Nadia Stropich  
**“A Cause for Celebration”**

**Christmas Cantata** Providence Virtual Choir  
**“Repeat The Sounding Joy”**

**\*Dedication Hymn** #209  
**\*\* “Rise Up Shepherd and Follow”**

**\*Acolyte and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*\*Signifies Congregation to Stand*

*\*\*Signifies to please see the overhead screen*

**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.**

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

*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.*

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Assisting in Worship This Sunday:**

**Acolyte:** William Stephenson

**Children’s Talk:** Nadia Stropich

**Elder of the Month:** Carolyn Johnson

**Greeters:** Session

**Security:** John Daniel

**Ushers:** Pete Booth, John Kopanski, and Vickie Faircloth

**Assisting in Worship Next Sunday, December 20:**

**Acolyte:** Meadow Creech

**Children’s Talk:** Doug Sonderfan

**Elder of the Month:** Carolyn Johnson

**Greeters:** Session

**Security:** John Daniel

**Ushers:** Tony Bryant, Kevin Creech, and Eric Faircloth

***Weekly Statistics***

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2020 General Fund Receipts through October .....	\$266,034.37
2020 General Fund Expenses through October .....	\$259,959.01
General Fund Receipts for October .....	\$35,488.00
General Fund Expenses for October .....	\$25,202.20
General Fund Receipts so far for November .....	\$19,622.00
General Fund Receipts for December 6 .....	\$7,280.00
Homecoming Receipts so far .....	\$30,320.00
Attendance for Worship December 06 .....	62

**Church Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9am-1pm

**Pastor’s Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9am-1pm with varying additional hours in the afternoon. Pastor can be reached after hours at: 937-903-9487.

# Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church

The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Reverend  
Nadia Stropich

*Session*

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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

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*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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### Today at Providence:

**11:00 am:** Sunday Worship Service  
PPC Virtual Cantata  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm

### Weekly Events:

**Dec. 14.** M&O Meeting at 11:00 am in the Choir Room  
Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 20.** Sunday Worship Service  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm  
**Dec. 24.** Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm  
**Dec. 25.** Christmas Day  
PPC Office Closed



## PRAYER LIST OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

**JOYS:** For the Joy of God's people, in the faithfulness of God as we celebrate this Advent Season.

Ward, Tonya, and Chuck Rose have beat COVID!

### 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:

**Scott Barns, Ricky Baskett**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Joanne Boyle**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner**, (*Brittany Parks*); **Frank Camarda**, (*Nicole Hughes*); **Becky Hall**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Ann Hargis, Jamie Harris**, (*Andrea Jones*); **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:

**Nancy Allen**, (*Sheila Dupree*); **H. Andrews**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Malory**, (*Lauren Bellissimo*); **Sara Barber**, (*Vickie Faircloth*); **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*); **Chris Darden and wife**, (*Cathy Simmons*); **Barbara Ellis**, (*Georgeanna Phillips*); **Norma and Charles Evans**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **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*); **Laura Kershaw**, (*Jonathan & Carole Kershaw*); **Brian Johnson**, (*Don Dupree*); **Ken King**, (*Lamberts*); **Harley Kremer**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Brianna Langreder**, (*John and Arline Mott*); **Tern Lee**, (*Lauren Bellissimo*); **Bill McClandless**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Ken McGee**, (*Ann Benson*); **Judy Nemeth**, (*Rich & Miriam Lambert*); **Eunice Newnam, Daphne Noles; Mary Tyler Nordan**, (*Tyler and Natalie Nordan*); **Zachary Parks**, (*Brittany Parks*); **Ed & Lou Penny, Finley Price**, (*Travis Jones*); **Caleb Reese**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Lycia Reese**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Becky Roberts, John Rogers; Mitch Sonderfan**, (*Doug Sonderfan*); **Stephen Southers, Ann K. Stephenson, Wayne Stephenson**, (*Sam Stephenson*); **Charles Tadlock**, (*Pamela Collier*); **Angie Walker**, (*Eunice Newnam*); **Kevin Walton**, (*Kent Walton*); **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: 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month, 1:00 pm

### **Available on the website:**

Church Newsletter "Presbyterians At The Crossroads"

Sunday Worship Messages and other updates also on Facebook

**Congregational Meeting to Elect Elders** - A congregational meeting is called for Sunday Dec. 20, 2020 following Worship for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2023.

**Last Day for Toys for Tots** - Tues, 15 Dec. John Mott will be retrieving the collection box on the 16th. Thanks for your kindness shown towards children in the Greater Raleigh area. Merry Christmas to you!

**Christmas Eve Service** - This year we will be having one Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight Service. The service will be at 7 pm on Thursday, December 24th.

**The Youth are having Youth Group Meetings on Sunday nights.** A small snack is needed for them on the nights that they are meeting at the church. I have been getting prewrapped food and a drink. They will be meeting Jan. through April with an ending get together in May. If you can do a Sunday, check with me for dates needed and any other details (Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149). Thank you for your help in supporting our youth.

**COMING SOON! BLOOD DRIVE** on January 8th, 2 pm to 6:30 pm. Set up your appointment early so you can get the time you want. Call Margie Taylor at 919-207-0149 or email at [margieataylor@aol.com](mailto:margieataylor@aol.com). There is a desperate need for blood now and it is something that most can help with. COVID safety measures are being used at the blood drives.

**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](mailto:vickiefaircloth@yahoo.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 [aefaircloth70@gmail.com](mailto:aefaircloth70@gmail.com), or 919-201-2696 with your needs.

**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.

**Finance** – We are now able to accept electronic giving on our website at [www.providencepresb.org](http://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](mailto: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



