



Providence Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2023

Dear Providence Family and Friends:

Homecoming 2023 is upon us! I am looking forward to seeing everyone on October 8th. Worship will begin at 11:00am; we will break bread together (aka eat some great food, especially desserts) right after worship. It is my hope that you will make it a priority to attend and participate.

This year's theme is "Partnership." What makes a good partnership? Honesty, trust, respect, good communication, and common goals. What makes a Godly partnership? All the above plus a clear understanding of the gospel, the ability to discern God's will, and joy in giving God all the glory. We recognize that God has saved us, is helping us to follow His word, and commands us to partner together to do His work. By the power of the Holy Spirit and God's grace, mercy, and love inspiring us, we will complete the work he has for us to do.

God continues to bless us with the resources we need to go forward with our long-range plans, but we will need everyone to participate to complete our goals. Each year gets us closer to retiring our remaining mortgage debt, and with God's help we will soon be breaking ground on our new sanctuary.

First, our 2023 Homecoming offering will fund the planning of our architectural designs of the new sanctuary and help us prepare for the total cost of the project. Second, it will help fund the installation of a security camera system for the entire church. Third, it will be used to help retire the mortgage debt. These are exciting times here at Providence! Let us partner together to do God's incredible work.

Philippians 1:3-11 (NIV)

³I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

This Homecoming is my second anniversary as Pastor of Providence. Wow, time flies! Thank you for all the prayers and good wishes with my health issues this summer. Heather and I are so blessed to be here. We look forward to many more years of ministry together here in beautiful North Carolina.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Roger J. Korsten

Our Mission Statement: Providence Presbyterian Church is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church. We are a welcoming, nurturing church that shares Christ's Word through local outreach and global missions.