

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

November 2018



## From the Pastor's Study...

Cold weather has come to stay for a little while. Thinking back on the Novembers of the years past I recall the crisp air at high school football games, the leaves turning color and providing the color palette of orange pumpkins, gold and amber leaves, the smell of fires in the fireplace, the taste of hot chocolate and marshmallows. Our Lord God continues to make each day unique and renew the world around us as life proceeds to unfold in familiar and oh so spectacular ways.

This month's scripture passage offers us a clarion call in verse 2 - "*Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving*". The psalmist calls us to "sing to the LORD", "make a joyful noise", "come into God's presence", "worship and bow down...before...our maker"; for our LORD God is the source from which all that is good in our lives originates! Let us come together in the days and weeks to come and joyfully remember what God has done in our lives. May we reflect on how God has grown us in mind and spirit this past year so that we may be all the more encouraged to invite God even closer in the life and people of Providence Presbyterian Church.

Let us come together as brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate Veterans Day, Harvest Sunday luncheon, Stewardship Sunday, and Thanksgiving. May we remember that giving thanks, reaping the harvest, being blessed with much to be called a steward of, living in a country which places a premium on personal freedoms are all blessings and gifts from God. As we set our clocks back on the 1<sup>st</sup> let us reflect on those who have gone before us, those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, those who braved great challenges and hardship to come to a new world and begin again.

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## November Scripture Passage

<sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. <sup>5</sup> The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. <sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup> For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. O that today you would listen to His voice!

Psalm 95:1-7



## CHURCH OFFICE



### Pastor Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday - 9:00 am -  
12:00 pm and by appointment

Office phone number is 919.894.4063

Rev. Davis may also be reached at  
919.264.4324(m).

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May the God of all possibilities bless you and your family - may the Grace of God fill you so completely that you overflow with laughter and joy that infects hearts and lives of all those you meet.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Rev. Jim Davis



## FELLOWSHIP HALL POLICY

If you request to use either of our Fellowship Halls you will be required to complete a form and the approval will come from the Session.

New requests can be made through the church office (Cindy Lynch) at [ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com) or call 919-894-4063.

If you have questions on this policy please contact:

David Collier at 919-625-3026 or [davidcollier123@yahoo.com](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com).

## Flowers at PPC

**Thank you** everyone for purchasing flowers that adorned our sanctuary in 2018.

The sign-up sheet for 2019 will be available on the "sign-up bulletin board" starting Sunday, 25 Nov 2018.

Contact Beth Pickens at 919-697-5663, or at [<bpickens80@gmail.com>](mailto:bpickens80@gmail.com) for help or information.



## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone that needs to be on the prayer list or someone who needs to be removed please email [ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com) or call the church office at 919-894-4063.



## SECRETARY

Cindy Lynch is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please send your bulletin prayer requests, updates, announcements, email distribution additions/deletions or other messages for broadcast via email: [ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com) or call the office, the number is: 919-894-4063.





**November 4 and November 18  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

LOGOS ("The Word") is a four-part Sunday evening ministry for young people ages 3 years old through grade 12. Every first and third Sunday evening of the month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, we will study the Bible, learn practical skills for leading worship, experience games and recreation, and share a family meal.

To help our volunteer cooks be good stewards of our resources, we ask that you take a minute to RSVP for your family. We've found a simpler way to handle RSVPs. Please click the direct link at the bottom middle of the main Providence Presbyterian Church webpage at <http://www.providencepresb.org>. to let us know whether or not to expect your children for supper.

Please be sure to join us even if you forget to RSVP ~ we always plan for a few friends and new attendees.

We look forward to seeing your children, and as always, thank you for sharing them with us.

### **FELLOWSHIP TIME REMINDER**

David Collier would like to thank the groups who have volunteered for fellowship time and wants to extend an invitation to anyone or group if they would like to volunteer for the fifth Sunday this year to please contact him.

You may contact David Collier at [davidcollier123@yahoo.com](mailto:davidcollier123@yahoo.com) or you can call him at 919-625-3026.



### **HARVEST SUNDAY**

Providence will celebrate Harvest Sunday on November 4, 2018.

Following worship, lunch will be served in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Sam Stephenson, treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, will give a presentation on the financial status of the church and the 2019 budget.

Everyone is invited!



### **Advent Readers Wanted**



We need readers for the four Sundays of Advent, as well as the two services on Christmas Eve. Might you and your family be interested? Singles, couples, families, any combination of readers are desired.

Please sign up on the sheet posted on the "sign-up bulletin board" in "bulletin board alley," located on your left at the beginning of the walk up the hallway to the UFH.

You will receive your reading material prior to the day that you are scheduled to read. Thank you for assisting in worship here at PPC.

## CARD MINISTRY

The next **Card Ministry** meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 am** in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

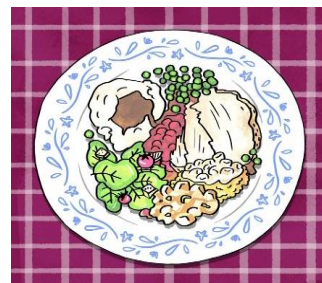
The **Card Ministry Prep Team III** will meet at LaVette Morgan's home on **Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 pm.**



## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The Senior Citizen Luncheon is **Tuesday, November 13, 12:00 (noon)** at **Johnson Memorial Baptist Church.**

If you plan on going, please let Margie Taylor know by November 7 at 919-207-1049 so the cooks know how much food to buy and prepare.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLE

The Women Circles will meet on **Tuesday, November 13**

**Day Circle**  
**10:00 am** Upper Fellowship Hall

**Evening Circle**  
**7:00 pm** Upper Fellowship Hall

**All are invited!**

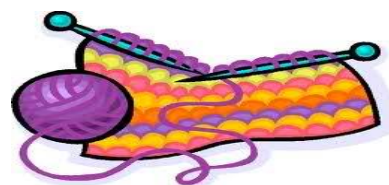


## PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

Please join us on  
**Tuesday, November 27**

Anyone interested in crocheting and/or just meeting together for fellowship is welcome to participate at any time.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Upper Fellowship Hall.



## ADVENT DECORATING

The Providence Presbyterian Women are seeking assistance with decorating our facilities for the upcoming holiday season. All able-bodied volunteers please meet in the Nannie Coates Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am, on Saturday, November 24, 2018. Your help would be greatly appreciated; many hands make light work! Thanks!



## Tree of Warmth



M&O is sponsoring a program to collect new and gently used hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for children. Items collected will be distributed to teachers who attend PPC, to be given to children who are in need of these items. The tree will be set up in the UFH foyer along with the Advent decorations on Saturday, 24 Nov. It will be taken down after worship on Sunday, 9 Dec. Please bring your donations in and hang them on the tree, or place them at the base of the tree. New or gently used jackets will also be accepted. Please place those at the base of the tree. Thank you so much.

## FELLOWSHIP & FITNESS GROUP

The Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group will continue to meet for the Fall. We are so fortunate to be able to walk inside when it rains or is hot. We will be in the Lower Parking Lot or Upper Fellowship Hall. Come join us Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 am. **All are welcome!**



## DECEMBURRRRRR DASH!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 210 5K Decemburrrrr Dash Fundraiser - December 1, 9:00 am.

Please come join Troop 210 at West Johnston High school. Proceeds raised will help Troop pay for summer camp, Scout awards and supplies, and also the West Johnston food pantry. Runners and walkers are welcome.

Register or make donations online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Benson/Decemberrrdash>

Thanks for your support!



## LAY READERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

November 4	Doug Sonderfan
November 11	Eric Faircloth
November 18	Jeff Wood
November 25	Mary Ann Booth



## POINSETTIA SALES

**Poinsettias for Advent – We will be accepting Poinsettia orders starting in November.** The plants are grown by the Horticulture I & II Classes, and the Ag Science Class at West Johnston High School. The net proceeds help buy materials that are used by the students for their horticultural work. The price is the same as last year, \$8 each. The plants are the red variety; they come in 7 inch pots, wrapped in green foil with a red ribbon. All the plants will be delivered to the church on Sat., Nov. 24, where they will be staged to adorn the sanctuary until after services on Christmas Eve. Feel free to take home your purchases after that time. Complete the order form (forms available starting Sunday, Nov. 4th). Supply the “In Honor Of” and “In Memory of” info., include payment and place the form and payment in the offering plate. Checks are to be payable to “Providence Presbyterian Church.” “Poinsettia Sales” should appear on the memo line of the check. Sunday, Nov. 18th will be the last day to accept orders with payment. Thanks for your support.



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that time of year to pack a shoebox! It is simple, easy to do, and life changing, on both the sending and receiving ends. Look in your bulletin on Sunday, November 4 for a “Bow To Pack a Shoebox Gift” envelope.

These directions will facilitate your participation in this worthwhile cause.

We will be accepting shoeboxes on Sundays, November 11 and November 18.

Also this year, Samaritan’s Purse special gift boxes will be provided by our Mission and Outreach Committee. All packed boxes will be delivered to a local receiving center on November 19.

For more information: [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)



## Highlights of Minutes of Stated Session Meeting October 8, 2018

### Correspondence

A thank you note was received from Holden Swanson for the Bible given to him on Graduate Sunday. A thank you letter came from the principle of Swift Creek Middle School expressing thanks for the donated school supplies. Notification was sent to New Hope Presbytery informing them of the passing of Ruling Elder Laura McLamb.

### Open and Actionable Items

**Budget Review and Approval** – Session approved the 2019 budget. A letter to the congregation announcing plans for Harvest Sunday was finalized. The letter will include a pledge card. Harvest Sunday will be celebrated with a lunch and review of the budget on November 4, 2018 following the worship service. Members of the congregation will be asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Copies of the 2019 budget and pledge cards will be placed in the foyer of the Sanctuary.

**Property** – The Session approved a motion to add handicap parking in the upper parking lot. The space nearest the office area will have lines and signage to define the spaces. Lines will be painted to designate no parking in front of the walkway in the middle of the landscaped island to stop people from blocking access to the walkway. Session was informed of ongoing problems with doors not locked and thermostats not reset following events at the church. The Fellowship committee will ensure that a coordinator is on hand for future events to ensure that the church is left in order. Issues with the coffee maker and the dishwasher were brought up. New instructions will be posted to help folks with proper usage.

**Early Service Update** – Plans have been finalized for February 2019 start. Communication plans to inform the congregation about specifics are moving forward.

**Mother's Morning Out** – Session received a report on similar programs at other churches and approved a request from the Children's Christian Education chair to continue exploring the possibility of having some version of a Mother's Morning Out program at Providence. At present we are not in a position financially to move forward.

### Committee Updates

**Worship** – Session approved by consensus a plan to remove the PCUSA logo wherever it currently appears.

**Youth Christian Education** – The youth BBQ netted \$7,614. The chair of Youth Christian Education expressed appreciation for all the support the congregation gave to the event.

**Long Range Planning** – The Elder Nominating Committee has been formed. Members include Johnny Wood (chair), Kent Walton, Atlee Roberts, Eric Faircloth, Ann Benson, Donna Walker and Joan Stuart.

**Finance** – Session reviewed the September 2018 financial report. Giving to general funds was less than what was needed to meet expenses. Giving for the year is down 7.4% verses 2017.

	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>General Fund Expenses</u>
September	\$19,635.01	\$23,607.68
YTD	\$184,678.46	\$216,009.75

**Congregational Care** – A report on members in long term care was received. Members of the committee continue to visit with them each month, taking copies of bulletins and CDs. The card ministry continues to be well attended.

**Children's Christian Education** – Twenty-nine (29) children attended the first LOGOS event. An issue regarding curriculum came up and was dealt with.

**Clerk Report** – An update of the list of active members was made and sent to Rev. Davis and the church secretary. Membership currently stands at 196.



## **Prayer List of Joys and Concerns**

### **Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care:**

**Brack Johnson** at *Classic Care in Smithfield*; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court in Smithfield*; **Pauline Jones**, at *Liberty Commons in Benson*; **Virginia Moore**, *The Laurels in Pineville*; **Bobbie Langdon**, at *Highland Village in Cary*.

### **Persons Living with Cancer, including:**

**Sherry Baker**, friend of *Laura Langdon*; **Priscilla Beckwith**, friend of *Sandy Kopanski*; **Joanne Boyle**, *Bob Zattiero's niece*; **Lisa Bradshaw**, member; **Jerry Hall**, extended family of *Wendy and Sam Stephenson*; **Ann Hargis**, community; **Consuelo Hawkins**, *Joe Hawkins' mother*; **Judy Morris**, community; **Cybil Lamm**, *Wayne Lamm's sister*; **Norman Nelms**, brother of *Tom Nelms*; **Randy Stephenson**, *Jon Nooney's cousin*; **Chad Talley**, friend of *John Pickens*.

### **Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:**

**Nancy Allen**, *Sheila Dupree's mom*; **H. A. Andrews**, father of *Andrea Jones*; **Sara Barber**, *Vickie Faircloth's mother*; **Carolyn Burns**, *Rich Lambert's sister*; **Worth Bowman**, member; **Mary Burke**, *Steve Wolak's mother*; **Elise Corona**, daughter of a friend of *Sue Bryant*; **Joyce Crowson**, friend of *Dick Embry*; **Sandra Dail**, friend of the church; **Wanda Johnson Dupree**, previous member; **Barbara Ellis**, mother of *Georgeanna Phillips*; **Mike Kefauver**, *Brittany Jones' father*; **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; **Sue Nicholson**, *Chris Nooney's sister*; **Jon Nooney**, member; **Lou Penny**, member; **Wanda Presnell**, friend of *Beth Wolak*; **Caleb Reese**, cousin of *Andrea Jones*; **Kathy Rose**, friend of *Kim Schmidt*; **Ann King Stephenson**, member; **Justin Vess**, brother-in-law of *Andrea Jones*; **Barbara Walton**, member; **John Wright**, *Chris Nooney's father*; and **Eva Younts**, *Nadine Reed's Aunt*.

*Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families of:*

*Vern Shissler, Uncle of Arline Mott*





## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries***



### **November Anniversaries**

- 8 Dick and Pat Embrey
- 12 Johnny and Elaine Wood
- 13 Shepherd and Brenda Byrd
- 21 Todd and Barbie Frickman
- 24 Randy and Ann Benson
- 27 Steve and Beth Wolak
- 28 Jonathan and Carole Kershaw

### **November Birthdays**

- 2 Kimsey Bagley  
Joey Crocker
- 3 Gwen Walton
- 6 Nathan Reed
- 7 Ann Benson  
Chloe Frickman  
Audrey Whitley
- 9 Gary Phillips
- 10 Hannah Stephenson
- 11 Virginia Moore
- 12 Rosyval Walton
- 15 Jane Ashley Porter
- 20 Alex Nooney
- 21 Candace Creech
- 22 Darren Stuart
- 23 William Blair
- 24 Elizabeth Annis  
Chris Roberts
- 26 Jeffrey Wood
- 27 Megan Sherrill
- 30 Angie Searcy

### **Pastor**

Rev. Jim Davis

### **Session**

#### *Class of 2018*

Sam Stephenson - Finance  
Kent Walton – Congregational Care  
Russell Wood – Long Range Planning  
Atlee Roberts – Adult Christian Education

#### *Class of 2019*

Mary Ann Booth - Clerk  
Vickie Faircloth – Children C. E.  
John Kopanski – Mission & Outreach  
Donna Stolle – Worship

#### *Class of 2020*

David Collier - Fellowship  
Cathy Simmons - Personnel  
Kevin Creech – Youth C. E.  
Steve Newnam – Property

### **Church Staff**

#### *Secretary*

Cindy Lynch

#### *Accounting Treasurer*

Sam Stephenson

#### *Collections Treasurer*

Ann Benson

#### *Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*

Brittany Jones

#### *Pianist*

Angie Searcy

#### *Website*

David Nelms

#### *Newsletter*

Cindy Lynch

#### *Usher Coordinator*

Russell Wood

# NOVEMBER EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

## November Assisting In Worship

### NURSERY

- 4 Richard and Andrea Jones  
11 Carolyn Stewart and Adam Stewart  
18 Roger Gilbert and Jennifer Crocker  
25 Barri Martin and Mary Wood

### USHERS

- 4 Todd Frickman, Scott Martin & Ryan Nelms  
11 David Nelms, Gary Phillips & Joseph Phillips  
18 Tony Bryant, Atlee Roberts & Rick Taylor  
25 Don Dupree, Jimmy Stuart & Jeff Wood

### ACOLYTE

- 4 Hannibal Langdon  
11 Eva Stephenson  
18 William Stephenson  
25 Kolton Crocker

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- 4 Liz Annis and Alisha Bradley  
11 Barri Martin and Scott Martin  
18 Annah Creech and Kevin Creech  
25 Annah Creech and Kevin Creech

### ELDER

Sam Stephenson

### Safety/Security Assistant

Eric Faircloth

## November Upcoming Events

- Nov 1.** All Saints Day  
**Nov 4.** Harvest Day Sunday  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
LOGOS 5:00 -7:00 pm  
**Nov 5.** Congregational Care Meeting 10:00 am  
**Nov 6.** Card Ministry 10:00am  
Long Range Planning/Worship Comm.  
Joint Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Nov 7.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Nov 9.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
**Nov 11.** Stewardship Sunday  
Veteran's Day  
**Nov 12.** Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Nov 13.** Senior Luncheon Johnson Memorial Baptist Church 12:00 noon  
M&O Universal Health Care Visit 1:00  
PPC Women's Day Circle Meet 10:00 am  
PPC Women's Night Circle Meet 7:00 pm  
Both groups meet in the UFH  
**Nov 14.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Nov 15.** Card Ministry Prep Team III  
1:00 pm at LaVette Morgan's home  
**Nov 16.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
**Nov 18.** Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
Children's Hope Alliance Offering  
Congregational Vote of Elders  
LOGOS 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
**Nov 19.** Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Nov 21.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Nov 22.** Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed  
**Nov 23.** Office Closed  
**Nov 25.** Christ the King Sunday  
**Nov 26.** M&O Committee Meet 11:00 am  
**Nov 27.** Prayer Shawl Circle 10:00 am UFH  
**Nov 28.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am  
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
**Nov 30.** Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am