

# PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

April 2021



## From the Pastor's Study...

### CHA-Cha-Changes! Turn the World Around!

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- Matthew 6: 33-34

"All change is first perceived as a loss." Dr. Enns told me. *Yeah, right.* I thought....and then I thought again...wait a second, the night before I got married what did I do? I had my friends and family who had been staying with me transfer themselves to a hotel because I wanted to spend the "my last night alone" by myself. Why? Because I knew I would never be alone in "my" own house and bed again...or at least not for a very long time. What I was experiencing was a change that I perceived—while exciting—as a bit of a loss.

Providence, like the changing of the seasons from winter to spring, is beginning to change again. We are entering into another time of transition in our church history and while it's exciting, there's also a bit of a bittersweet note to it. Yes, we're excited about the formation and work of the Pastoral Nominating Committee, but we may be concerned because we don't know who will apply—what if they try to change who we are? We're also starting a capital campaign to match a donor gift of \$42,000 so that we can pay off the PCUSA. That's exciting but then comes the question, "What do we do now that we don't have to worry about the PCUSA?" Both the PNC and capital campaign are exciting but they are both changes and that can bring a sense of loss because it means what we have known is going to be different.

Jesus understood this concern of ours. After all, he came to turn the world right-side up and restore the order which Satan had ruined with sin. We are comfortable with what we know—not with what could come with change. "All changes are first perceived as loss" but Jesus speaks into that feeling of loss with the words, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness...do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." In other words, when we step out on faith and embrace a change, like Peter stepping out of the boat to walk on water, it is easy to get distracted by the waves and become overwhelmed by a sense of loss, but if we focus on God and what he would have us do, we'll find that we get through today quiet well. And the next day. And the next. In fact, we may even find ourselves dancing on the waves with Jesus!

Change does mean that things are going to look different. Change means that there's going to be a sense of loss at first. But change done well—which Session and I are going to do our best with God's help to make sure happens—is going to be good; we don't have to worry—God's got this! How do I know? Because he's done it before and he'll do it again.

April 18<sup>th</sup> we're going to start a new sermon series called "Managing Transitions" which is based on the book of the same title by William Bridges. We're going to look at the story of Moses and how God led him and the Hebrew people through a season of transition so that they could become the people of God who he needed to take the Promise Land. God is calling Providence into new territory and I'm so excited to be entering this transitional time with you!

To God be the glory,  
Pastor Nadia

# APRIL SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

## ACOLYTE

4 William Stephenson  
 11 Madeline Jones  
 18 Meadow Creech  
 25 William Stephenson

## CHILDREN'S TALK

4 Nadia Stropich  
 11 Kay Dry  
 18 Annah Creech  
 25 TBD

## ELDER OF THE MONTH

John Kopanski

## GREETERS

Session

## SECURITY

Eric Faircloth

## USHERS

4 Tony Bryant, Pete Booth and  
 Jeff Wood  
 11 John Kopanski, Donna Stolle and  
 Pete Booth  
 18 Pete Booth, Jeff Wood and  
 Kevin Creech  
 25 Youth

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

4 Kristy Stephenson  
 11 No CSS  
 18 No CSS  
 25 Eva Stephenson/Phoebe Creech

## NURSERY

4 Beth Pickins  
 11 Lily Martin/Lilly Harrison  
 18 Carolyn Johnson  
 25 Kristy Stephenson

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*



## April Anniversaries

4 Pete and Mary Ann Booth  
 17 Travis and Brittany Jones  
 21 John and Beth Pickens  
 23 Hamilton and Debbie Greene  
 24 Wayne and Joyce Lamm  
 25 Shawn and Nadia Stropich

## April Birthdays

3 Carlos Bagley  
 Beverly Martinelli  
 Tate Nordan  
 John Pickens  
 9 Daphne Noles  
 Amy York  
 10 Sharon Stephenson  
 Margie Taylor  
 11 Katlin Faircloth  
 16 Patricia Forren  
 Charlotte Wood  
 17 Steve Newnam  
 19 Will Langdon  
 21 Landon Gilbert  
 23 Joan Stuart  
 24 Joshua Collier  
 Wendy Flesh  
 Leon Parrish  
 25 Avery Gilbert  
 27 Lou Penny



## April Upcoming Events



- Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 pm  
Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 2 PPC Good Friday Reader's Theater 7:00 pm
- Apr 3 PPC Easter Egg Hunt and Boston Butt Pickup
- Apr 4 Easter Sunday Worship Service  
Sunrise Service at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church 6:50 am  
Communion Sunday  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
- Apr 5 Easter Monday, PPC Office Closed  
Rev. Nadia Stropich on vacation
- Apr 6 Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 8 Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 10 Prison Ministries Book Collection 10am-12
- Apr 11 Sunday Worship  
PPC Easter Cantata  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
- Apr 12 Stated Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Apr 13 Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 15 Fellowship Committee Meeting 11:00 am  
Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 17 Prison Ministries Book Collection 10am-12
- Apr 18 Sunday Worship  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
- Apr 19 Tentative Softball Season
- Apr 20 Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 22 Fellowship & Fitness Group 11:00 am
- Apr 23 Newsletter Deadline
- Apr 24 Prison Ministries Book Collection 10am-12
- Apr 25 Sunday Worship  
Youth Sunday  
Youth Meet LFH 6:00 pm
- Apr 26 Mission & Outreach Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am
- Apr 27 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am
- Apr 29 Fellowship & Fitness Group 10:00 am

## **Pastor**

Rev. Nadia Stropich

## **Session**

### ***Class of 2021***

Kent Walton - Congregational Care  
Scott Martin - Long Range Planning  
Sam Stephenson - Financial

### ***Class of 2022***

Vickie Faircloth - Worship  
John Kopanski - Mission & Outreach  
Donna Stolle - Fellowship

### ***Class of 2023***

Kristy Stephenson - Christian Education  
John Pickens - Personnel  
John Mott - Property



## **Church Staff**

### *Custodial*

Ray and Jamone Johnson

### *Music Director/ Organist/Pianist*

Brittany Jones

### *Pianist*

Angie Searcy

### *Secretary*

Cindy Lynch



### *Accounting Treasurer*

Sam Stephenson

### *Clerk*

John Kopanski

### *Collections Treasurer*

Ann Benson

### *Newsletter*

Cindy Lynch

### *Sunday School Superintendent*

Kristy Stephenson

### *Website*

David Nelms

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

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

**Chic (Charles) Folkman** at Avendelle Assisted Living at Garner; **Marilyn Johnson** at *Barbour Court Nursing and Rehab Center, in Smithfield*; **Bobbie Langdon** at *Litchford Falls in Raleigh*.

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

**Scott Barnes, Joanne Boyle**, (*Bob Zattiero*); **Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner**, (*Brittany Davidson*); **Frank Camarda**, (*Nicole Hughes*); **Ann Hargis, Jamie Harris**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Robert Holding, John Husuley**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Karen**, (*Don and Debbie Sturgis*); **Nancy Lange**, (*John Mott*); **Terasha McChann** (*Bob Reed*); **Ken Parker**, (*John Mott*); **Bill Rice**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **David Ryan**, (*John Pickens*); **Tammy Sullivan**, (*Frank Hughes*); and **Abby Stanley**, (*John Pickens*).

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

**Nancy Allen**, (*Sheila Dupree*); **H. Andrews**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Sara Barber**, (*Vickie Faircloth*); **Lauren Bellissimo**, (*David and Pamela Collier*); **Worth Bowman, Elise Corona**, (*Sue Bryant*); **Chris Darden and wife**, (*Cathy Simmons*); **Barbara Ellis**, (*Georgeanna Phillips*); **Pat Embry, Norma and Charles Evans**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Chic and Mary Lou Folkman, Ronda Fullenkamp**, (*Rick and Margie Taylor*); **David Guss**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Willie Hardisen**, (*Carol Sawyer*); **John Harris**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Brian Johnson**, (*Don Dupree*); **Lisa Jones**, (*Atlee and Linda Roberts*); **Harley Kremer**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Derusha Langdon** (*Kevin Creech*); **Glen Langdon**, (*Wayne Langdon*); **Brianna Langreder**, (*John and Arline Mott*); **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*); **Ed & Lou Penny, Page Powers**, (*Lamberts*); **Caleb Reese**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Lycia Reese**, (*Andrea Jones*); **Becky Roberts, John Rogers; Mitch Sonderfan**, (*Doug Sonderfan*); **Stephen Southers, Ann K. Stephenson, Wayne Stephenson and Debbie Jernigan**, (*Sam Stephenson*); **Rob Stormes**, (*John Mott*); **Debbie Sturgis, Charles Tadlock**, (*Pam Collier*); **Angie Walker**, (*Eunice Newnam*); **Austin Williamson**, (*Carolyn Johnson*); **Jean Yeager**, (*Rich Lambert's sister*); and **Eva Younts**, (*Nadine Reed*).

### **For Our Nation and Our World, including:**

The governments of the world, our school and church safety, our military, and first responders.

Our Christian Sympathies are extended to the families and friends  
who lost loved ones this past month including

Dorothy Nesselrodt



## CHURCH OFFICE



Pastor's Office Hours  
Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 am –  
12:00 pm and by appointment.

Office phone number is  
919-894-4063.

If you would like to reach Rev. Nadia  
Stropich after office hours, please call  
937-903-9487.

## 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 or address distribution  
additions/deletions or other messages for  
broadcast via email to the congregation to:  
ppchurchsecretary@gmail.com  
or call the office number, 919-894-4063.*



## The Book of Order of THE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (EPC)

The Book of Government  
The Book of Discipline  
The Book of Worship  
2018-2019



Now Available On PPC Website  
<http://www.providencepresb.org/>  
Look for link "EPC BOOK OF  
ORDER"

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## Donation Option

Providence can accept donations  
of stocks and other securities. To  
make a donation or obtain more  
information, please contact Ann  
Benson, Collections Treasurer.



## Reminder!



### 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:  
Providence Presbyterian Church at McGee's Crossroads, Inc.

## Food Donation Ministries

Please bring your food donations for these worthy ministries  
and place them in the blue bins located in the Upper  
Fellowship Hall foyer.

### Backpack Buddies Most Needed Items:

Individual serving/packets of 100% fruit juice  
Fruit cups (applesauce, peaches, pears)  
Individual serving packets of oatmeal/grits  
Soup, tuna, ravioli (Pop-Top Lids a Plus)  
Granola bars

### West Johnston High School Community Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

Canned fruits, vegetables, meats, and soups (Pop-Top Lids a Plus)  
Whole grain pastas, brown rice, dried beans, cereal  
Peanut butter and other nut butters  
Sugar-free puddings  
Hygiene products

**Thank You For Your Support, Mission & Outreach Committee**

