

PRESBYTERIANS AT THE CROSSROADS

Providence Presbyterian Church

January 2022



From the Pastor's Study...

**We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.
2 Corinthians 5:20**

"Missio Dei". God sent Jesus to do His will. Jesus sent his disciples out into the world to proclaim the good news of his birth, life, death, and resurrection and we are heirs of the same mission. God sends us to bear witness to the truth; not to be mediators of the reconciliation, but preachers and publishers of it. God sends us and requires our obedience and participation. Simply put, we are sent by God to accomplish God's Mission.

As we recognize God sending us, Paul reminds us what a privilege it is to come to a fresh understanding of our role in bringing God's message to our family, friends, neighbors, community, and the world. We are Christ's ambassadors and God uses us to make His appeal to the world. Salvation comes to all people through Jesus Christ and reconciliation to God is available through Christ alone and we get to find ways to effectively proclaim this incredible message. This year the Holy Spirit will continue to teach us how to do this through 1 John and then we will be jumping into the book of Acts, and character studies in the Old Testament to learn how to live and share our faith in other real life situations.

Let us pray that the Lord of the Harvest will use us in a mighty way here in Johnston County in 2022.

Pastor Roger



JANUARY SCHEDULES AND EVENTS *

ACOLYTE

2
9
16
23
30

Meadow Creech
Madeline Jones
Isabel Roberts

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

2
9
16
23
30

Miriam Lambert
Kristy Stephenson
Annah Creech

ELDER OF THE MONTH TBD

GREETERS Session

LAY LEADER

2
9
16
23
30

TBD
Kevin Creech
Mary Ann Booth
Eric Faircloth
David Collier

NURSERY

2
9
16
23
30

Kristy Stephenson and Phoebe Creech
Carolyn Johnson and Arline Mott
Kristy Stephenson and Eva Stephenson

PRAYER TEAM

2
9
16
23
30

Allison Nelms
Barri Martin
Vickie Faircloth
Allison Nelms
Annah Creech

SECURITY TBD, Kent Walton

USHERS

2
9
16
23
30

Ryan Nelms, John Pickens, and Pete Booth
John Kopanski, Vickie Faircloth, and
Eric Faircloth
Donna Stolle, Kevin Creech, and
David Collier
Tony Bryant, John Kopanski and John Mott
Donna Stolle, Tony Bryant, and Jeff Wood

*Please Note:

Changes to schedules may occur
depending on PPC Policies. Please look
for any special announcements
or updates.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January Anniversaries

3 Carlos and Stephanie Bagley
11 Atlee and Linda Roberts
16 Rick and Margie Taylor

January Birthdays

2 Samantha Nordan
7 Wendy Stephenson
11 Gavin Annis
Matthew Dupree
12 Joy Jones
14 Georgeanna Phillips
15 Ethan Hughes
18 Mary Ann Booth
Waylon Poole
Carolyn Stevenson
19 Justin Wood
21 Chris Stephenson
26 Laura Langdon
Kathy Wood
30 Arline Mott



January Upcoming Events



- Jan 1. New Year's Day
Jan 2. Sunday Worship
Communion Sunday
Worship Service Only

Other Meetings are canceled until January 16th

- Jan 7. PPC Blood Drive, 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm
- Jan 9. Sunday Worship
Worship Service Only
- Jan 16. Sunday Worship
PPC Kidz 4:00 – 5:30
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
- Jan 17. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Session Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan 19. Men's Breakfast 6:00 am
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Room
- Jan 20. Fellowship Comm. Mtg. 11:00 am Choir Rm
- Jan 21. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
- Jan 23. Sunday Worship
Youth Meet 6:00 pm
Praise and Prayer Service 6:30
- Jan 24. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Mission & Outreach Com. Meeting 11:00 am
- Jan 26. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm Choir Room
- Jan 28. Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am
Youth Leave for Beach Mountain Ski Trip
- Jan 29. Men's Breakfast 7:00 am
- Jan 30. Sunday Worship
Youth Return From Ski Trip
- Jan 31. Worship Committee Meeting 10:00 am
Fellowship & Fitness Walking Group 11:00 am

Pastor

Rev. Roger Korsten

Session

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

Class of 2024

Kent Walton - Congregational Care
Jeff Wood – Long Range Planning
Don Sturgis– Financial

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant

Cindy Lynch

Custodial

Elizabeth Stock

Music Director/ Organist/Pianist

Brittany Jones

Pianist

Angie Searcy

Accounting Treasurer

Bob Stolle

Clerk

Rich Lambert

Collections Treasurer

Ann Benson

Newsletter

Cindy Lynch

Sunday School Superintendent

Kristy Stephenson

Technical Support

Travis Jones, Sam & Wendy Stephenson

Website

David Nelms

May God Bless Us
In this New Year *2022*



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Invites you to be part of a lifesaving journey
Donate blood!*



*Mark your calendar for Friday, January 7,
2:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Contact Margie Taylor at margieataylor@aol.com or
919-207-0149 to sign up*



American Red Cross

Youth Ski Trip - The ski trip for the high schoolers is planned for January 28-30th. We are going to Beech Mountain. Any questions, parents can contact Eric Faircloth at 919-201-2696.



Fellowship and Fitness Walking Group

We would like you to walk and fellowship with us
on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 11:00 am
weather permitting in the upper parking lot,
otherwise in the UFH

All are welcome!



Flowers for 2022

Save Your Date
To Honor, Remember or Celebrate!

If you are interested in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary on any given Sunday in 2022, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. At the end of the worship service you provided flowers, you are free to then take them home. Beth Pickens is our Flower Coordinator and she will be glad to help with any questions; she is at 919-697-5663, or <bpickens80@gmail.com> Thank you to all who participate in this ministry that contributes to the beauty of our sanctuary!



Helpful Information on Finance and Donations at PPC



On-Line Donations - We accept electronic checks as well as debit cards and credit cards. Processing costs are lowest with electronic checks. We have added a “GIVE” menu option on the top right of the main page of the church website, <https://www.providencepresb.org>. Selecting this menu option will open a page entitled “ONLINE GIVING.” Pressing the “DONATE” button on this page will open our donation web page. Please consider selecting the option to add 2% to your donation to help the church with processing costs. These processing costs are less when using a debit card compared to a credit card but donations of any type are always greatly appreciated. You can also access the donation web page directly by following this link: <https://pay.xpress-pay.com/?org=B5432DBFE5A94E6>. (You may also copy and paste the link into your browser.) Please contact Sam Stephenson at 919-757-5869 with any questions.

Finance - The finance committee would like to remind the congregation that you can mail your offering to the church: 14664 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501. Mailing your tithes and offerings will allow us to continue paying the mortgage and other monthly bills, like the light bill, without dipping into reserve funds. Providence will pick up mail directly from the post office.

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, Heather Benson, (Christiane Wright); **Joanne Boyle**, (Bob Zattiero); **Lisa Bradshaw, Dede Bumgarner**, (Brittany Davidson); **Shepherd Byrd**, (Brenda Byrd); **Paula Coates**, (A. Benson); **Tabitha Collier**; **Ann Hargis, Jamie Harris**, (A. Jones); **Consuelo Hawkins**, (Sue Bryant); **Sylvia Holbrook**, (C. Johnson); **Nancy Hults**, (Carolyn Stevenson); **John Husuley**, (C. Johnson); **Teresha McChann**, (Bob Reed); **Ryan Newnam, Bill Rice**, (C. Johnson); **Andrew S.**, (Sonderfan); **Carol Sawyer**, (Ray Sawyer); **Thomas Stephenson**, (Haley Jones); **Mike Stropich**, (Shawn & Rev. Nadia).

Persons with Ongoing Health Concerns, including:

Leigh Abbott, (Brenda Abbott); **H. Andrews**, (Andrea Jones); **Sara Barber**, (V. Faircloth); **Debbie Bender and John**, (M. Lambert); **Dean Benson**, (Beck); **Worth Bowman, Ronnie Boyd**, (M. Lambert); **Rufus Brown**, (V. Faircloth); **Evelyn Burdette, Matt and Delaina Faircloth**, (Mott); **Junior Cassidy**, (Eunice Newnam); **JoAnn Creech, Ricky Denning**, Community; **Family of Pat Embrey, Norma and Charles Evans**, (C. Johnson); **Chic and Mary Lou Folkman, Pat Forren**; **Ronda Fullenkamp**, (Rick and Margie Taylor); **David Guss**, (Andrea Jones); **Keith Hamilton**, (Mott); **Willie Hardison**, (Carol Sawyer); **John Harris**, (A. Jones); **Family of Robert P. Holding, Karen Cherry Houston**, (C. Davidson); **Brian Johnson**, (Don Dupree); **Tonya Johnson**, (EPC, Galatia PC); **Family of Patrick Thomas Lynch Jr., Laura Kershaw**, (Jonathan and Carole Kershaw); **Harley Kremer**, (Andrea Jones); **Cathy Maddux, Ray Manuel**, (Nadine Reed); **Bill Massey**, (Bob Reed); **Bill McClandless**, (Bob Zattiero); **Ken McGee**, (A. Benson); **Elsie Nederhoff**, (Linda Roberts); **Daphne Noles**, (Christiane Nooney); **Mary Tyler Nordan**, (Nordans); **Glenwood and Joan Parrish, Ed & Lou Penny, Mary Powell, Caleb Reese**, (A. Jones); **Lycia Reese**, (A. Jones); **Jim Ricker**, (Newnams); **Laeron Roberts**, (Roberts); **John Rogers, Peggy Smith**, (J. Mott); **Mitch Sonderfan**, (D. Sonderfan); **Starr**, (Zattieros); **Stephen Southers, Ann K. Stephenson, Joseph Stewart**, (Kathy Wood); **Charles Tadlock**, (P. Collier); **Family of Sylvia Wood, Jean Yeager**, (Rich Lambert); **Family of Mike Yeager**, (Mott); 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.



**Providence Presbyterian Church
Minutes of Stated Session Meeting November 8, 2021**

Providence Presbyterian Church conducted a Stated Session Meeting on November 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the church. Elders present were: Vickie Faircloth, Kristy Stephenson, Donna Stolle, John Kopanski, John Mott, John Pickens, Sam Stephenson, and Kent Walton. A quorum was declared and the Moderator, Pastor Roger Korsten opened the meeting with prayer. The devotional was presented by John Kopanski.

Review of Minutes and Omnibus Committee Reports

The minutes of the October 11, 2021 Stated Session Meeting and the omnibus committee reports were reviewed by the Session. Committees that provided reports were: Christian Education, Fellowship, Worship, Congregational Care, Mission & Outreach, and Property. John Kopanski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2021 Stated Session Meeting with corrections and the omnibus committee reports. The motion was seconded by John Mott. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

Committee Motions

The following committee motions were presented for Session approval:

Worship Committee

- Worship Committee is requesting that Communion not be served on Christmas Eve (This is a time to celebrate the birth of Christ).
- Approve an offering on Christmas Eve with the sole intent of the donations being given in their entirety to a local mission/outreach organization.

Congregational Care Committee

- Approve church member's request to have a mausoleum placed on their cemetery plot. The request was reviewed by the members of the Cemetery Committee and no opposition to the request was voiced.

Mission & Outreach Committee

- Approve Dolls on Mission to become part of the ministry at Providence. Furthermore, if the motion is approved, the first Dolls on Mission workshop would be conducted on Saturday, January 22, 2022.
- Approve House of Hope Ministry located in Clayton, NC as the recipient of the Christmas Eve service offering.

The Session voted on the committee motions and all motions were approved by the Session.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Roger presented the following:

- Have a designated Bible verse for the year 2022. The verse would be professionally printed with the size equating to that of a postcard. The Bible verse would be available for all church members. The rationale is that the church members can place the Bible verse in a conspicuous location for daily reflection. The suggested Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:20: *We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

By consensus, the Session was in agreement with Pastor Roger's recommendation.

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- Pastor Roger provided the following heading which incorporated the following items:

What is God Leading us to Do and What is God's Timing

Pay off Debt

Pre-School/Day Care/After School Tutoring

New Sanctuary

Family Pastor (Associate)

Evening Praise and Prayer Services

Community Outreach Events

Pastor Roger asked each Elder to consider and be in prayer with regards to the above-mentioned items. He indicated that an evening praise and prayer service could possibly begin the early part of 2022. The service would be presented in a contemporary style of worship.

Team Building

Pastor Roger provided each Elder the opportunity to voice any items they may have with regards to their committees. He indicated that the Session is a team and we are here to be supportive of each other and each committee ministry. The following items were presented by Committee Chairpersons:

Long-Range Planning: Scott Martin said it would be helpful for each committee to convey their ministry activities (current and projected) to the Long-Range Planning Committee ("LRP"). The committee could assist with ministry facilitation and implementation. Pastor Roger asked that Scott convey to the LRP Committee the items previously presented in this text under the heading of What is God Leading us to Do and What is God's Timing. *LRP Committee was removed as a standing Session committee in July of 2021. However, Pastor Roger believes that the committee is an integral component of church vision and achievement. Thus, it is the consensus of the Session that this committee will be reinstated as a standing Session committee.*

Christian Education Committee: Kristy Stephenson conveyed that the committee is in need of volunteers to assist with committee ministries. Session will assist in this effort. As well, Pastor Roger indicated he could express this need during worship service.

Financial Committee Report: Sam Stephenson reviewed the October 2021 financial report and provided the following information:

- The mortgage balance is \$585,150.89. Money Market Savings balance is \$85,973.34. Bank Checking Account balance is \$99,732.40.
- Designated Fund book balance is \$86,219.05. General Fund book balance is \$225.01.
- Remaining 2020 Homecoming Offering balance is \$20,783.30.
- Development Fund balance is \$100.00 (*As previously approved by the Session, the remaining balance in the Development Fund of \$100.00 will be applied to the principle of the mortgage)
- Transfer of \$7,000 was made from Homecoming Fund 2020 to the General Fund.

Summary of Expenses and Receipts

General Fund Receipts
October 2021: \$32,593.89

General Fund Expenses
October 2021: \$35,262.33

Year-to-Date General Fund

Receipts: \$233,036.41

Expenses: \$239,310.85

Sam Stephenson made a motion to approve the financial reports for September and October 2021. The Session voted and the motion was approved. **The financial report for September 2021 was distributed via email and was reviewed by the Session for approval at this Stated Session Meeting.*

Fellowship Committee

Donna Stolle inquired if a meal would be provided on Harvest Sunday. Harvest Sunday is when the church budget for the upcoming year is presented to the congregation. By consensus of the Session, a meal will not be provided at this year's Harvest Sunday. In addition, it was conveyed that copies of the church budget for 2022 will be provided to the congregation via mailing, email, and at the Harvest Sunday meeting.

Congregational Care

The Congregational Chairperson conveyed that they received a request from a relative of Margaret Massengill. The request was to inquire if a plaque could be mounted at the entrance of the historical room in Margaret Massengill's honor. Margaret became a member of the church in 1967 and passed in 2007. She was active in all aspects of church ministry and instrumental in organizing and archiving church history. Kent Walton made a motion to approve for a plaque to be mounted at the entrance of the historical room in honor of Margaret Massengill. John Kopanski seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved. *Kent Walton and the Congregational Care Committee will handle the type of plaque and wording to commemorate Ms. Massengill.*

Old Business

Policy Book

Pastor Roger conveyed that he will be reviewing the policy book with Rich Lambert. Based on that collaborative review, suggested edits will be presented to the Session for approval. The purpose is to eliminate items which are not pertinent to matters of policy.

Accounting Treasurer

Bob Stolle has graciously volunteered to be the church's Accounting Treasurer. By consensus of the Session, Mr. Stolle was approved to be the Accounting Treasurer.

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Church Budget (2022)

There were some minor adjustments to the proposed church budget for 2022. Sam Stephenson conveyed that the budget for 2022 is a 3.5 percent increase (\$11,863.45) over the 2021 budget. With regards to salary for staff, by consensus of the Session the following was determined with regards to the pianist position:

- 2022 salary for the pianist position would remain the same as the amount rendered in 2021.
- In lieu of a salary adjustment, the pianist will be provided with and additional two (2) weeks off in 2022. This includes pianist services for Wednesday night choir practice and Sunday morning worship.

Being no further discussion regarding the budget, Sam Stephenson made a motion to approve the church budget for the year 2022. John Mott seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved. *The church budget for 2022 will be reviewed with the congregation on Harvest Sunday, November 14, 2021.*

Budget Matters for 2021

There were two (2) items of discussion with regards to matters of the budget for 2021. The items were as follows:

- Submit the church's per member financial donations to the Presbytery and General Assembly. The amount equates to around \$8,000.00
- Purchase a used piano for the Upper Fellowship Hall worship space. The piano has been vetted by the music ministry staff and it was deemed to be a quality instrument. The cost of the piano is \$3,500.00. *The piano that was being used has surpassed its useful life.*

Sam Stephenson made a motion to submit the church's per member financial donations to the Presbytery and General Assembly. A rider to the motion was to purchase the used piano for the Upper Fellowship Hall worship space. The funding source for both items will be from the 2020 Homecoming Offering with the remaining balance of that fund being applied to the principle of the mortgage. Vickie Faircloth seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

New Business

Pastor Nominating Committee ("PNC")

In accordance with Book of Order protocol, upon the successful endeavor of calling a Pastor, the PNC will be dissolved. The Providence Presbyterian Church PNC was successful with their task of calling Pastor Roger Korsten to Providence; thus, the committee has served its purpose and is no longer needed. John Mott made a motion to dissolve the Pastor Nominating Committee. Scott Martin seconded the motion. The Session voted and the motion was approved.

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Elder Nominating Committee (“ENC”)

The ENC Chairperson, Scott Martin conveyed that the ENC has received three (3) church members that have graciously consented to serve as Elders. The three (3) members are as follows:

- Don Sturgis
- Jeff Wood
- Kent Walton

By consensus, the Session unanimously approved of Don, Jeff, and Kent to serve as Elders. There will be a congregational vote to elect the three candidates at the congregational meeting on November 28, 2021.

Wayne Stephenson Memorial Donations

Sam Stephenson conveyed that the memorial donations presented to the church in honor of his brother Wayne Stephenson, were approved by Wayne’s family for the purchase of A/V equipment/accessories.

Begin no further business, Pastor Roger closed the meeting with prayer.

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. Roger
Korsten after office hours, please call
440-655-4351.

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: 23rd 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

