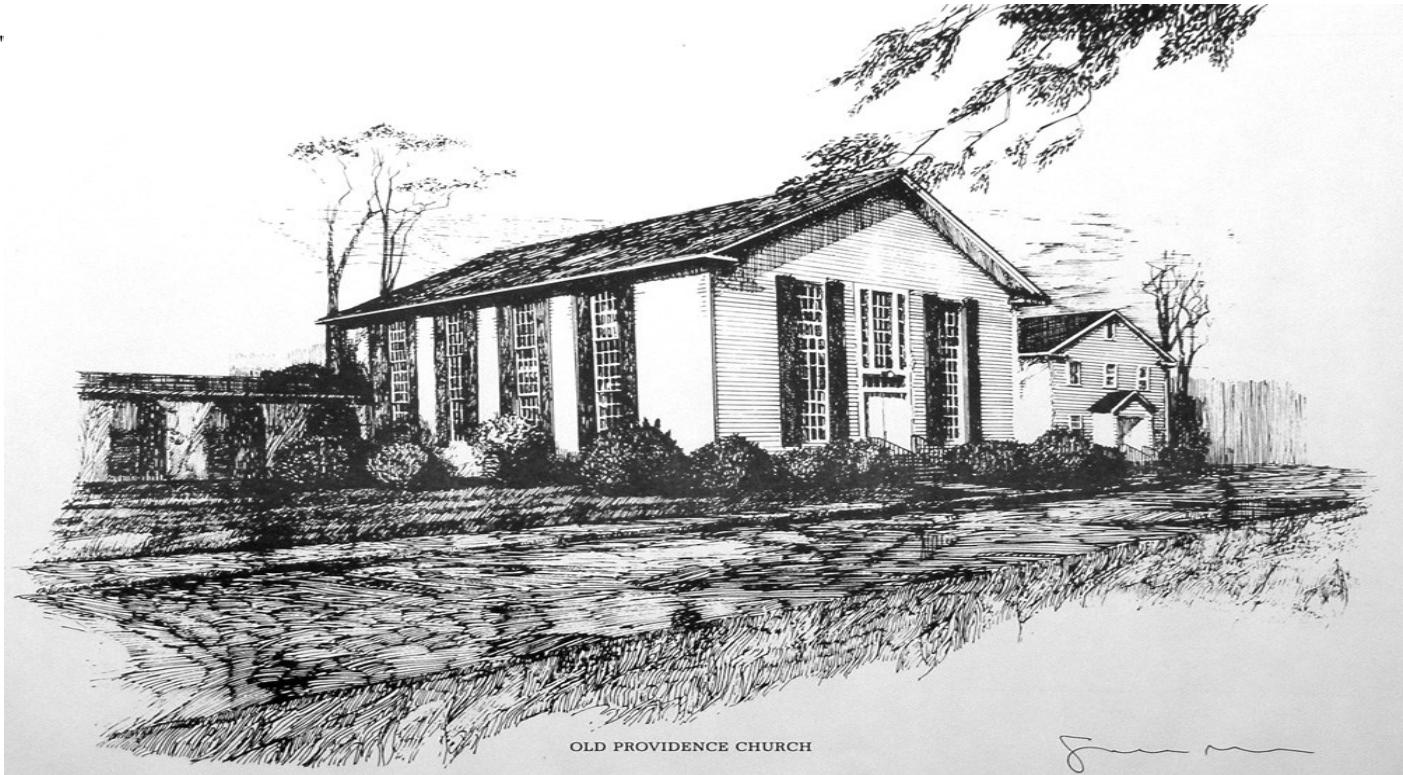


# PROVIDENCE

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## Our Vision

As we boldly proclaim the transformative power of God's word, we will inspire with our past, care for all in our present, and nurture disciples for our future.

**The Church at Worship  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 8, 2026  
10:30 am**

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor  
Genie Richards, Youth & Communications Director  
Sarah Clark, Children's Ministry Director  
Alex Sims, Director of Music  
Ron Nice, Pianist/Organist  
Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator  
Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

*Officers of the Week*  
**Glenn Holladay**  
Dave Dickey  
Kat Mandujano

## Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Gale Kinney

Prelude

“In The Bleak Midwinter”

arr. Gordon Young

**Gathering as God’s People**

Call to Worship

(From *Call to Worship* resource, Feb. 8, 2026)

One: We are the salt for the earth

**All: We are a light for the world.**

One: Just as no one hides a lamp away,

**All: we will offer the world only what we can give.**

One: In shining our lights, we remember:

**All: We are not the only ones with vital wisdom.**

One: Grateful for mutual enlightenment,

**All: we will not drown out another’s beam with ours.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As we begin a new year, let us commit ourselves anew to what matters most.

**All: May we seek to follow Christ in the year ahead.**

One: May we also form bonds of friendship with our siblings in Christ.

**All: Let us greet one another with joy and peace in our hearts.**

*(The congregation will share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

\*Opening Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

\*Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship* resource, Feb. 8, 2026)

God, from whom all blessings flow, help us to embrace the unique gifts your Spirit has instilled in each of us. Give us the wisdom to discern where your world could use our talents most, and grant us humility to recognize where we rely on the strength and insight of others, so that in mutual giving and receiving, all needs are met, according to the way of Jesus through his life and death. Amen.

## Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, you call us to follow you, to bear witness in speech and deed to the good news of the Gospel. But we resist your call, persistently pursuing our own desires, fearful of your claims upon us. We prefer to stay where we are comfortable, rather than taking a risk to serve you. We keep silent when we have a chance to speak up and express our faith. We let the opportunities you have given us to make a difference pass us by. Forgive us and fill us with your grace and mercy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

\*Gloria

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

#475 (verses 1 and 3)

(v. 1) Come thou fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it; mount of God’s unchanging love.

(v. 3) O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here’s my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

### Baptism of Lucy Catherine Komar

Presentation of Lucy Catherine Komar

Parents: Mimi Alexandra Komar & Peter Andrew Komar

Profession of Faith/Questions to the Parents

- ¶ Do you desire that Lucy Catherine be baptized? **I do.**
- ¶ Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith and to teach that faith to your child? **I do.**
- ¶ Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**
- ¶ Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
- ¶ Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? **I will, with God’s help.**

Question to the Congregation:

- ¶ Do you, as the members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Lucy Catherine by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to grow in faith in this church? Do you?

**Congregational Response-We do.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Welcome

Congregational Response:

Jesus Loves Me

#188

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 4:23-25, 5:13-16

p.3-4, N.T. Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem:

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Chancel Choir

Carlton Young

Time with Children:

Charles Humphries

Second Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 4:13-22

p.3, N.T. Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Fishing for People”

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

#721

\*Affirmation of Faith

(From *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch. 8.1)

God sends the church into the world. The Lord has not taken God's people out of the world, but has sent them into the world to worship God there and serve all humankind. We worship God in the world by standing before the Lord in behalf of all people. Our cries for help and our songs of praise are never for ourselves alone. Worship is no retreat from the world; it is part of our mission. We serve humankind by discerning what God is doing in the world and joining Christ in his work. We risk disagreement and error when we try to say what God is doing here and now. But we find guidance in God's deeds in the past and God's promises for the future, as they are witnessed to in Scripture. We affirm that the Lord is at work, especially in events and movements that free people by the gospel and advance justice, compassion, and peace. Amen.

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Feb 8, 2026)

Accept these, our gifts, almighty God, as a statement of our faith. May our offering bring goodness and light wherever it is needed. May our communities of faith be bearers of your light. And may we be sources of that same light to the world in all we say and do. Amen.

### Reception of New Members:

Introduction of the New Members:

¶ Bob and Susan Moore

Question to the Congregation:

Do we, the members of Providence Presbyterian Church promise to support, encourage, pray for, and welcome these individuals as our brother and sister in Christ? We do.

Prayer for the New Members

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Charge and Welcome to the New Members

### Being Sent Out in God's Name

\*Closing Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

#700

\* Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

"We Three Kings"

synthesizer, Ron Nice

The Ushers for today are David Kelbaugh and Kat Mandujano.



On February 3rd, the Session received four new members: Bob and Susan Moore and Tom and Julie Sheehan. Bob and Susan will be introduced to the congregation during worship on February 8th. Please welcome Bob, Susan, Tom, and Julie to our PPC family!

# Baptism

We joyfully celebrate the baptism of Lucy, daughter of Mimi Alexandra Komar and Peter Komar. With gratitude, we offer special recognition to Lucy's family and friends who are celebrating with her today, both here and from afar. May God's grace surround Lucy always, and may she grow in faith, love, and joy.

## Providence in Prayer

### Acute Concerns

Tina, friend of Carleen Clewis, Alex Dickey, William Dixon, Bruce Robinson, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, Jan Hargett, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Sharon Starks, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Joyce Pate, Tim Good's friend, Sean Byrd.

### Chronic Concerns

Nell Kilpatrick's daughter, Isabel Kilpatrick, Bo Hardee, Kim Hintz's mother, Sandy, Zachary Coger, Yo Yee Chacko, Martha Gilbert's mother,

### Grieving

Friends and family of Lois Willets (Phyllis long's mother) on her passing January 15, 2026

Friends & family of Brian Tye, on his father's passing on January 5, 2026.

Friends and family of George Hall, brother of Mary Lee Hayes, on his passing on December 13, 2025.

Friends and family of Betty Boeschel, Bob's mother, on her passing on November 26, 2025

Please don't forget to mention the availability of Stephen Ministers to those who are hurting.

To request a Stephen Minister, contact E. Lynn Finlon, [elynnfinlon@gmail.com](mailto:elynnfinlon@gmail.com) or

Lal Rodawla, [lal@ppc1767.org](mailto:lal@ppc1767.org)

**During February the Literary Group is reading "A Gathering of Old Men" by African American author Ernest J. Gaines. Set on a 1970s Louisiana sugarcane farm, the mystery novel, published in 1983, addresses racial discrimination in the post-civil rights era South. Join us on zoom on Tuesday, February 24 at 11am for discussion. Contact Adele Daniels ([adanielscs@gmail.com](mailto:adanielscs@gmail.com)) for information.**

Hello PPC family!

As you may know, we have a small group of dedicated members who lead our kids in the weekly Sunday Children's moment. I want to extend the invitation to everyone at PPC to help in this wonderful ministry.

It's really easy! Lessons typically follow the passages being preached each week. There are online resources available for ideas and guidance. And you can always ask one of us "regulars" too if you need a little help. All that really

matters is you're there with the kids (and that you keep it SHORT 😊 )

Please take a look at the signup and volunteer where you can.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4FAEA929A6FB6-ppctime#/>

**Our Youth Group is skiing in Sugar Mountain this weekend Please pray for them as a group and as they travel back to Charlotte today.**



**New Year, Same Promises  
January and February Sermon Series**

**Rev. Dr. Jody Moore at Providence Presbyterian Church**

Every time the calendar changes to a new year, we feel we have the opportunity for a fresh start. A number of us will make new year's resolutions, such as changes to our diet, exercise, habits, or lifestyle, but in spite of those resolutions, most things stay the same for us. This may be a cause of disappointment, but there are some constants that we can celebrate. God's promises to us do not change when the calendar moves to a new year. We can depend on God, day by day, year after year. Many of the promises that we read in the Bible are relevant to us today. We will reflect together in the new year on celebrating God's consistent and dependable promises. This sermon series is inspired by the book *A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series* (this section is written by Katherine Willis Pershey).



**Children's Ministry Space Dedication: February 22nd at 11:45 am**

We are so excited that our new Children's Ministry Space is ready to be dedicated. Thanks to Sarah Clark and our Children's Ministry Team for all their hard work and preparations. This space is the result of the gifts you shared with us in the Capital Campaign and will serve our children well for years to come. We invite you to come over to the Children's Ministry Space upstairs in the CLC following worship on February 22nd. We will have a brief prayer and dedication service and you will have the opportunity to tour the new space.



We held our Annual Meeting immediately before worship this morning. A written Annual Report is available in the Narthex or the Church Office if you missed the meeting.

Please join us for worship on February 18, 2026 at 12 noon to Celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.



### Winter/Spring 2026 Tuesday Pastor's Bible Study

Beginning on February 3rd, we will have a Bible Study for nine consecutive Tuesdays from February 3rd until March 31st.

We will gather at 11:00 am and plan to meet for an hour. We will meet in person in the conference room in the Administration Building and also provide a Zoom link for those who want to join on-line. We will be studying the same passage on Tuesday that we will hear in worship the following Sunday.

Here is the schedule of classes for the winter and spring of 2026:

#### Date Bible Passage We Are Studying

Feb 10	Matthew 17:1-27
Feb 17	John 8:1-20
Feb 24	Genesis 3:1-13
Mar 3	John 4:4-42
Mar 10	John 9:1-41
Mar 17	John 11:1-45
Mar 24	Philippians 2:1-13
Mar 31	John 20:1-18

Here's the Zoom link if you want to join these Bible studies on-line:

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751629176?pwd=Cp6lqWfJILMrzMuLS8OxosZoflzXrz.I>

Meeting ID: 817 5162 9176

Passcode: 846356

We are currently planning our next youth Confirmation class. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate, please email Genie Richards, Director of Youth Ministry, [genie@ppc1767.org](mailto:genie@ppc1767.org), to learn more about this important milestone in our youth's faith journey. All rising 8th graders and unconfirmed high school students are eligible and encouraged to participate.

