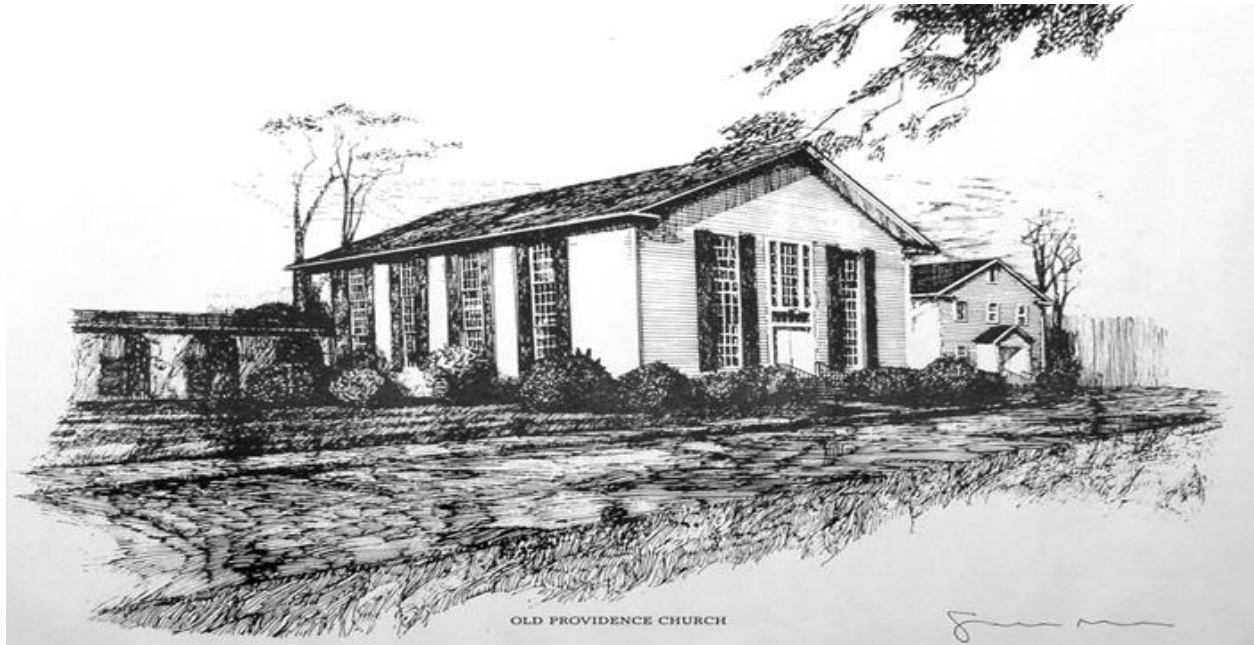


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Our Vision

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 **10th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 9, 2026

10:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor
Genie Richards, Youth 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

Rolly Chambers

Brenda Rorie

Mike Seaman

Prelude

“We Are One In The Spirit”

arr. Ron Nice

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission:

Endowment

Charlie Sinnett

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(From *Glory to God worship resource*, Aug 9, 2026)

One: O give thanks to the Lord and call on God’s name.

All: Proclaim the deeds of the Lord to all the peoples.

One: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God. Tell of all God’s wonderful works.

All: Glory in God’s holy name; seek the presence of the Lord, rejoicing with all your heart.

* Sharing of Christ’s Peace

One: Christ longs for us to share in the joy of his fellowship.

All: We are called to share that friendship with one another in the church.

One: Let us share Christ’s peace with one another.

All: May Christ’s love fill our hearts.

* Opening Hymn

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#35

* Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship resource*, Aug 2, 2026)

Divine Ruler, you reign forever. We exalt you above every struggle and distraction. Fill our hearts with your desires and give us the courage to pursue your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We look to you, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

(From *The Book of Common Worship*, p 60)

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore us, according to your promises offered in Jesus’ name. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* Gloria

There Is a Redeemer

#443

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 6:9-13

p.6 NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

"Thy Word"

arr. Jack Schrader
Summer Men's Choir

Time with Children:

Anne Wood

Second Scripture Lesson:

James 1:12-16

p.228 NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon:

"Rescued from Trials and Temptations"

Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn of Response

Fight the Good Fight

#846

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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.

Choral Response

"Our Father, Which Art in Heaven"

#464

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

"I Believe in Our Youth of the Future " adapted from Whitney Houston

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *Feasting the Word*, Year C, Vol2, p.123)

Lord, you look down from heaven, see all humankind, and long to call us home. Accept these gifts on behalf of your people, that they would increase faith, nurture hope, and that you would consider them righteous in your sight. Amen.

Being Sent Out in God's Name

* Affirmation of Faith:

(From the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s Children's Catechism)

Leader: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: What makes you a child of God?

People: Grace – God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Leader: Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

People: No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

Leader: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

People: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

Leader: How do you love God?

People: By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.

Leader: What do we ask when we pray "Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil"?

People: We ask God to protect us, especially when we most need it. We pray for God to free us from all desires that would lead us to sin, and to shelter us from the powers of evil that may threaten us.

* Closing Hymn

Standing on the Promises

#838

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King

Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. E. Power Biggs

The Ushers today are Keeley Etter and Bob Boeschel.

Update on Moment for Missions

Many of us recognize that Providence Presbyterian Church is very active reaching out to the community and sharing our blessings with those in need. We regularly have Moments for Mission in worship so that the congregation can hear about the opportunities we have to serve. We ask those who are providing a Moment for Mission to speak for three minutes or less. We schedule those Moment for Missions in advance. If you are interested in scheduling a Moment for Mission, please contact one of the pastors. Here is the schedule of the upcoming Moments for Mission.

>August 23: Stephen Ministry

>September 13: Apiary and Garden

>September 20: Habitat for Humanity / Tim Lipka Golf Tournament

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Catherine Howard, Joyce Pate, Michael Helmick, Mechele Hill (Tandy's niece), Gary Sikes, Charles Reilly, William Dixon, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Everette, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro.

Chronic Concerns

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

Grieving

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 or Lal Rodawla, lal@ppc1767.org

Sermons for July/August 2026

Sermon Series on the Lord's Prayer: August 2026

Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer as a helpful way for us to connect with our Heavenly Father. Each week in worship, we say the Lord's Prayer together. What does the prayer really mean? How can we take Jesus' words and this important prayer to heart? For six sermons over a month and a half this summer, we will explore in depth the meaning behind the Lord's Prayer. In addition to reading the Lord's Prayer, we will explore other Scripture passages that help explain its meaning.

Aug 16: Revelation 1:4-8 and Ephesians 1:20-23. "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen." The Lord's Prayer ends with a statement of trust, that God is in control of all things and has the power to accomplish the divine plan. After we have offered our hopes to God, we acknowledge our faith in God's providence and graciousness. What does it mean for us to trust in God's eternal plans?

Matthew 25 Adult Education Series Continues

Join us for our Adult Education series exploring what it means to live out Jesus' call in Matthew 25. Through thoughtful presentations and discussion, we'll consider Christ's call to serve our neighbors, foster reconciliation, and share God's love in practical ways.

The series meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall through August 16. Everyone is welcome as we learn and discern together how God is calling Providence Presbyterian Church to be a faithful Matthew 25 congregation.

Remaining Schedule

August 16 – *Moving from Vision to Action*

Leader: Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Blessing of the Backpacks – August 23

As a new school year begins, we invite all students, teachers, school staff, college students, and anyone beginning a new season of learning to bring their backpacks to worship for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, August 23. Together, we'll pray for God's guidance, protection, and wisdom throughout the year.

PPC Fall Kickoff & Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 13 | 9:00–10:20 a.m. | Christian Life Center (CLC)

Join us for our Fall Kickoff & Ministry Fair as we begin a new season of ministry together! Visit displays from our many ministries, learn about opportunities to grow, serve, and connect, and discover ways to become more involved in the life of Providence. Whether you're new to PPC or have been here for years, we hope you'll join us for this special morning of fellowship, connection, and new beginnings.

The PPC Faith & Justice group will celebrate Charlotte Pride Month at these events.

**Sunday, August 16th. Pride Parade
1 pm – 4 pm on Tryon St.**

**Sunday, August 9th. Interfaith Pride Service
4PM Holt Trinity Lutheran Church. 1900 The Plaza**

Contact Gale Kinney for details gdkinney2@gmail.com

Empathy Study

Sponsored by PPC Stephen Ministry

Empathy is a skill with extraordinary potential for increasing care, deepening understanding, strengthening trust, and transforming relationships. Like any other skill, growing in your ability to empathize simply takes practice and deliberate attention. Starting in October our Stephen Ministry Leaders will lead a study using *The Gift of Empathy*, by Dr. Kenneth Haugk. In six two hour weekly sessions small groups will read and discuss what empathy is and how to develop this skill. This study is open to anyone who wants to grow in listening, caring, and building stronger relationships at home, at church, and in the community.

For more information and/or sign-up please contact one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders.

Next Free Summer Concert

On Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 4:00 pm "Broadway Bound" will light up the CLC stage at Providence Presbyterian Church for the final 2026 summer concert. An ensemble of gifted soloists from The Charlotte Singers will perform favorite Broadway songs and melodies.

The 5-member ensemble includes our own music director, Alex Sims. She will join Gwen McCoy, Corey Bellis Moore, Gretchen Frederick and Ben Matthews from the Charlotte Singers. Accompanying on piano will be Helen McCorkle Finch, director of The Charlotte Singers, Scott Rauschenberg on percussion, and Dave Finch playing on guitar.

The program includes hits from "The Sound of Music," "Wicked," "A Chorus Line," "The King and I," "Fiddler On the Roof," "Pal Joey" and many more popular Broadway tunes.

Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of entertaining live music and good company, not to mention the customary lemonade and cookies reception afterward! Our summer concerts are for sharing and enjoying with our families, friends, and neighbors.

Everyone is welcome!

FREE CONCERT!
A Charlotte Singers Ensemble
Broadway Bound!

Sunday, Aug 16 @ 4pm
Providence Presbyterian
10140 Providence Church Ln
Charlotte, NC
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