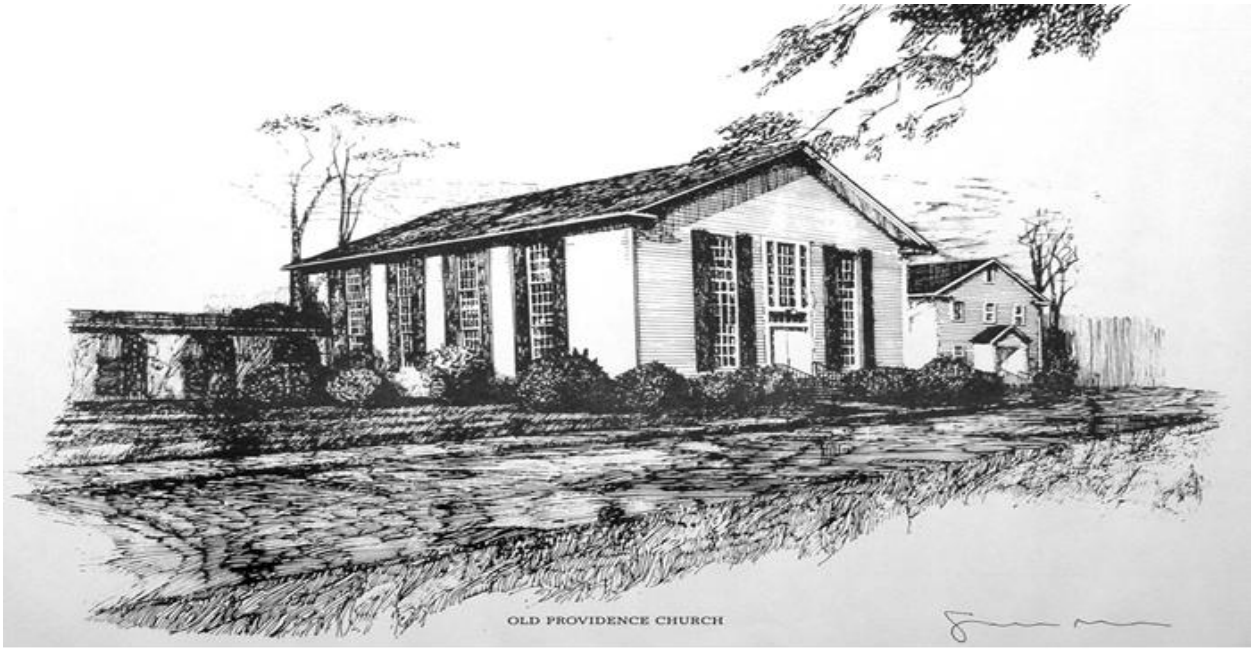
PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH · EST. 1767



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

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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, Organist Emeritus
Nikki Bolton, Communications Director
Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator
Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

Officers of the Week

Wendy Felker

George Wightman

Cindy Howard

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "On Eagle's Wings" arr. John Carter

Gathering as God's People

Call to Worship (From Glory to God resources, 11/8/26)

One: Give ear, O people, to my teachings. Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
All: We open our lips in parables; we utter dark sayings from of old.
One: These are things we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
All: We will not hide them from our children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord.

* Sharing of Christ's Peace:

One: Christ calls us to be a family of faith.
All: We are invited to share Christ's joy with one another.
One: May the peace of Christ uphold each of you.
All: And may Christ's love dwell in your hearts.

* Opening Hymn We Gather Together #336

* Opening Prayer (Call to Worship resource, Nov 15, 2026)

Spirit of power, you call us your children of light. Wake us up and prepare us for all that is coming. Clothe us with your faithfulness and love. Wrap us with your hope and salvation. Bind us together with your wisdom and strength. Encourage us and build us up, that we might do the same for others. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Giving God, you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts and talents. But so often we fail to use them, saving them up for a better time or refusing to believe that we can really use them. We squander the gifts you give us. We are careless with the earth, even though you have entrusted the earth's keeping to us. We are careless with each other, failing to see your face in the faces in each one of your children. Forgive us, Lord, and restore us to the new life you promised. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* Gloria	Give Thanks	#647

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	p.803, OT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem	"Amazing Grace"	arr. Jerry Ray
Time with Children:		Bret Myers
Second Scripture Lesson:	Matthew 25:14-30	p.28, NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon	"Our Trustworthy Master"	Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn of Response	I Love to Tell the Story	#462

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.

Invitation to Giving
(Thank you for keeping your gifts to PPC current)

Offertory	Minuet in G	J.S.Bach
* Doxology		#606

* Prayer of Dedication (From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Nov 8, 2026)

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. Receive these gifts as symbols of the dedication of our very lives and signs of trust in your coming reign of justice and peace. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

* Affirmation of Faith: *A Declaration of Faith* (Chapter 5.5)

The Holy Spirit equips the Christian community. The early Christians recognized a diversity of abilities as gifts of the Spirit. Some were tempted to use these gifts to serve their own needs and ambitions, to form elite groups who looked down on others. But the gifts were given for the common good, to build up the community in love and to equip it for its mission in the world. We are convinced that the Holy Spirit still gives diverse gifts to believers. No gift is of value without love. Amen.

Reception of New Members:

Introduction of the New Members:

Reid and Cindy Carter

Alice Collier

Question to the Congregation:

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

Prayer for the New Members

Charge and Welcome to the New Members

Being Sent Out in God's Name

* Closing Hymn Called as Partners in Christ's Service #761

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Trumpet Tune in D" Henry Purcell

The Ushers today are Jo Hardin and Cindy Howard.

Today's flowers honor all our Veterans both past and present. We thank you for your service to the nation.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Megan Dickerson (niece of Anne Wood), Thomas Joseph, Emily McCanless, Baxter Price, Joyce Pate, Mechele Hill (Tandy's niece), Gary Sikes, William Dixon, Darwin Collins, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, 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

Friends and family of Mae Edwards, Kathy Lawler's mother), on her passing on October 21, 2026.

Julie Thomas and family on the death of her father in India.

Friends and family of David Patrick Miller (brother of Judy Galit) on his passing, September 26.

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.

The 3 Gs: Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity Stewardship Update

October 18th was Dedication Sunday. Thank you to all those who have generously committed to supporting PPC in 2027. Thus far we have received 95 Estimates of Giving for a total of $611,952 for 2027. We are continuing to receive estimates of giving over the next several weeks and hope to exceed last year's total of pledges. There are Estimate of Giving Cards available in the narthex of the sanctuary and in the church office. You may also complete one online through our website: www.providencepresclt.org

Gratefully, The Stewardship Committee

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PPC and Habitat for Humanity

This year, PPC is again partnering with Habitat to sponsor a Critical Home Repair project. We will repair Mrs. Abraham's home at 3930 Bearwood Avenue in Charlotte. The work will include replacing flooring systems, making major kitchen and bathroom repairs, installing an accessibility ramp, and completing other needed improvements. We also need volunteers to provide lunches for the repair crews.

We will work on the house on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for three consecutive weeks: November 4-6; November 11-13; November 18-20. Whether you sign up for 1 day or for 9 days we welcome your help. Sign up is a little different this year using the Habitat signup app. To sign up to work on the house or prepare lunches, please go to the Habitat Volunteer Hub using this link **https://vhub.at/providencepresbyterianH4H**.

If you have any questions or have trouble signing up, please call or text Dudley Stone at 704 564 9812 or email **dudleydstone@gmail.com**.

ONE WEEK LEFT TO CONTRIBUTE!!!!

Charlotte Rescue Mission
Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

It's our favorite time of year - time to support our neighbors with a Thanksgiving Dinner to feed four. Our giving congregation saw the need last year and responded by providing over $3500 to purchase turkeys plus 98 complete boxes. Our PPC Youth helped to pack the boxes that will assist in feeding 6000 neighboring families that might not have a Thanksgiving meal otherwise. Our goal this year is to meet & exceed last year! Through our partnership with Charlotte Rescue mission, we help provide a Thanksgiving meal for those who might not otherwise have one. Collectively, we will help CRM to support 21 non-profit agencies and eight (8) Title 1 schools, providing meals to many at hunger risk.

We have streamlined our process over the years, making it easy & more efficient to participate. Instead of creating a complete box, we suggest bringing sets of 10 individual items. Items can be brought in anytime once registered with the sign-up genius link below but by Friday, November 13th at the latest. If you drop it off after this date, it will not go to our families. Also, this year, we are suggesting a $25 check/cash offering per turkey. CRM will use these funds to buy in bulk from their vendor. Online payments through our website can be done but must have "turkeys" in the Gift note. Checks can also be done made out to PPC with turkeys in the memo line. Checks or cash envelopes may be placed in the Outreach box in the church office, given to Ruth, our office manager, or given to me personally. Products can be placed in the foyer of the CLC. Again, last day to contribute is 11-13 as our Youth will be assembling & packing during the Sunday School hour on 11-15. Please review the available slots through the link below & help us help our neighbors enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you! Laura Grayson 704-904-6861.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C49A8AC283-59734060-charlotte



We are collecting TOYS and GIFT CARDS (Walmart and Target) for the **Matthews Gives Back Holiday Event**. Clients from the Matthews Help Center are able to obtain toys for their children at this event on Dec. 16. Starting 11/15, ending 12/13 bring toys for any age child-as small as a baby rattle on up and place in collection box in Narthex. (Bikes can be taken to the Matthews Police Dept.) Gift cards are for teen recipients. Thank you for your support of this amazing event.

Also help is needed on Dec.15 sorting the toys and setting up "the store" at the Crews Recreational Center. Contact Mary Lee Hayes mlhayes1446@gmail.com or 7045771700 for further information.



PPC's Endowment Fund is a lasting source of support for Providence's mission, ministry, and outreach – ensuring our faith and service will continue for generations.

It helps the church grow, serve, and share God's love - even in uncertain times.

Please consider remembering the Providence Presbyterian Endowment by putting it in your estate plans because it's a meaningful way to leave a legacy and help sustain the church's work for generations to come.

It is easier than you think. And helps more than you know.

Email or call Kathy Dannels at kathydannels@gmail.com

Or call 317-331-5495