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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 Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

10:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor

Genie Richards, Director of Youth & Communications

Sarah Clark, Children's Ministry Director

Alex Sims, Music Director

Ron Nice, Pianist/Organist

Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator

Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

Officers of the Week

BRET MYERS, GLENN HOLLADAY, GENE GAZDA

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission:

Frances Hill

Prelude

"There Is A Wideness in God's Mercy"

Paul Manz

Gathering as God's People

Call to Worship

One: Be still!

All: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

One: Be still and know...

All: we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

One: Be still and know that God is

All: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

*Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

#275

*Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship resource*, October 31, 2025)

Sovereign God, Saving Lord, Reforming Spirit, we rejoice that you have guided your church through years of turmoil and change. We pray that you will continue to reform us according to the Word of God, through the Holy Spirit, that in our time and place, we will lead the life that God has assigned, to which God has called us. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(Adapted from *Luther's Prayers* #153)

My Lord Jesus Christ, you are indeed the Good Shepherd, and I, alas, am a lost and straying sheep. I have fear and anxiety. I would gladly belong to your flock and be with you and have peace in my heart. I hear from your Word that you are as anxious for me as I am for you. I am eager to know how I can come to you to be helped. Come to me, O Lord. Seek me and find me. Help me also to come to you and I will praise you and honor you forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Gloria

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" (verse 1&5)

#624

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Hebrew 11:8-16

p.225, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem:

"Come Thou Fount"
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

Time with Children

Jackson Clark

Second Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-7

p.10, Pew Bible OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Blessed to be a Blessing"

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response

"Great God of Every Blessing"

#694

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

All: 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

Offertory

"A Mighty Fortress"

Johann Pachelbel

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From the *Presbyterian Outlook*, Oct.26,2025)

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion, a single slice, of the abundance you've handed to us. Still, we press them into your care, set them down where they might become more. We hand over these gifts, grateful, but also in awe at how you shape small things into good news. Let these gifts find their way into broken places, find the ones carrying heavy burdens. May these humble offerings help relieve those who need it most. Amen.

Being Sent Out in God's Name

*** Reformation Sunday Affirmation of Faith on Grace, Faith, and Jesus Christ:**

(Taken from Scripture, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Belgic Confessions).

Leader: It is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

People: Without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace God grants and credits me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ.

(From the *Heidelberg Catechism*)

Leader: Let us thank God for grace.

People: We thank you, God, for your grace. We thank you that you do not treat us as our sins deserve, that you do not repay us according to our iniquities.

Leader: Let us thank God for faith. All we need to do is accept this gift of God with a believing heart.

People: We thank you, God, for the gift of faith. We thank you for faith that embraces Jesus Christ, with all his merits, and makes him its own, and no longer looks for anything apart from him. (From *the Belgic Confession*)

Leader: The angel said to Joseph, "Give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Let us thank God for Jesus.

People: Jesus saves us from our sins. We thank you, God, for Jesus. We thank you that we have in Jesus all that we need for our salvation. (From *the Heidelberg Catechism*)

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#306

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

"Toccata in D Minor"

J.S.Bach

The Ushers today are Geri Petitt and Keeley Etter.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Amy Sullivan (friend of Tandy Graham), Sharon Starks, Linda Miller, Ricky Lewis, Kathy Cathey, Stef Good, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Maggie, daughter of a friend of Gale Kinney, William Dixon, Morgan Jeffares, Calista Jane, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Joyce Pate, Tim Good's friend, Sean Byrd, Jaiden Dean, Anne Causey, sister to Nancy Burton, Addison Day, Laura Beth, Hampton (newborn), Michele Day.

Chronic Concerns

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

Grieving

Friends & family of Ivan (Jo Hardin's brother), on his passing in early October.

Friends & family of John Sisson (Tim's brother), on his passing early in October.

Friends and family of Mosie Grotophorst on her passing on September 9, 2025

Friends & family of Louise Simpson (Al Yount's Mother in Law) on her passing.

Friends & family of Fielding Scarborough on his passing August 31.

Friends and family of Bill Dickey, Dave's uncle on his passing August 31.

Lal's First Ten Years!

It doesn't seem possible but Lal Rodawla has served ten faithful years at Providence Presbyterian Church. To commemorate this achievement his Pastor Relations Committee is planning a celebration of this significant event on Sunday, December 21st in conjunction with our annual Christmas Brunch.

We are asking for everyone's help creating a lasting memory of his first ten years. Please consider submitting a personal note and/or photo to share of your memories, special thanks, or ways Lal has helped grow your faith. Genie Richards will compile them into an album, but needs you to follow these guidelines:

1. Letters/notes should be one page or less using dark ink. They can be typed and submitted as an email (either as the email body, pdf, or Google document) or submitted as a one page physical note. Submissions can be sent by email to Genie@ppc1767.org or dropped off at the church office.
2. Photos can be dropped off at the church office and be suitable for scanning/digitizing. If you desire the photo be returned please label with your name and address. Photos can be emailed to Genie@ppc1767.org but be in a format that preserves the quality.

All submissions need to be sent no later than November 12th to allow time for preparation and printing of the album. More information regarding the celebration will be forthcoming in the following weeks.

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.

The PPC Endowment helps the church grow, serve, and share God's love, even in uncertain times.

Please consider contributing to The Providence Presbyterian Endowment by putting it in your estate plans. It's easier than you think. And helps more than you know.

Fall Tuesday Pastor's Bible Study

Beginning on September 16th, we will have a Bible Study for six consecutive Tuesdays from September 16th until October 21st. We will miss one week of Bible study for a Charlotte Presbytery meeting on October 28th, but then the Bible study will continue for two more weeks on November 4th and 11th.

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 fall of 2025:

Date	Bible Passage We Are Studying
Oct 28	No Bible Study (Charlotte Presbytery Meeting)
Nov 4	Luke 19:1-10
Nov 11	Luke 12:22-34

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87630215253?pwd=1xa3WhzixMeWzwrER1PvEbRsAeDI6.1>

Meeting ID: 876 3021 5253
Passcode: 914911

Habitat for Humanity - Volunteers Needed

Providence Presbyterian Church is teaming up with Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte's Critical Home Repair Program again this year. We will be repairing the home of Mr. James Mason. This will be PPC's 15th critical home repair.

The Habitat Critical Home Repair Program identifies homes with unsafe and woefully inadequate living conditions. Like Habitat's new home construction projects, sponsors (such as PPC) contribute money, materials and labor for repairs. Mr. Mason is in desperate need of our help to repair the deck, build a handicap ramp and complete kitchen and bathroom repairs that include new flooring, cabinets, etc. We will begin work on November 5 and will follow the schedule listed below. We hope to complete this project within three weeks.

November 5, 6, 7 (Wed, Thurs & Fri)
November 12, 13, 14 (Wed, Thurs & Fri)
November 19, 20, 21 (Wed, Thurs & Fri)



Please use the Signup Genius link provided below if you are interested in volunteering to help with the repairs or to provide lunch for those working. You may contact Dudley Stone at dudleydstone@gmail.com or 704-564-9812 with any questions.

PPC Book Club will read the following books this year. All meetings are held in the church parlor and begin at 7pm. All are welcome! Please contact Leigh Myers at amyers@carolina.rr.co with any questions.

**October 28—The Story She Left Behind by Patti Callahan Henry
December 2—The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali
January 27—American Princess by Stephanie Marie Thornton
February 24—The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts
March 31—Killing Jesus by Bill O'Reilly
April 28—Culpability by Bruce Holsinger
May 26—Theo of Golden by Allen Levi
Summer (date TBD) - The Correspondent by Virginia Evans**

**Dust off your Golf Clubs and sign up for the
TIM LIPKA GOLF CLASSIC !**

In just two weeks we will tee up and enjoy a glorious day of golf at Carolina Lakes Golf Club. We will pause to remember Tim Lipka and then raise money to fund the critical home repair for Mr. James Mason. The tournament committee is hard at work and having success. We have twelve foursomes committed and are still seeking additional golfers. Whether a single, twosome, threesome, or foursome now is the time to enter. We are hoping that last year's hole sponsors will step forward and commit their support for another year. If you haven't done so already click on the link in the eblast to sponsor a hole or sign up to play. We're anticipating another tremendous year for the raffle so start saving your dollars for tickets as the value of prizes has already surpassed \$7500.

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 that have been planned .

Moment for Missions at Providence Presbyterian Church

- * October 26: Hearing how our Stewardship benefits the PPC Preschool
- * November 2: Youth speaks on what our church's support means to our young people (Stewardship related)
- * November 9: Stewardship Message
- *November 23: Pathways to Peace
- *November 30: Matthews Help Center Christmas Store
- *December 7: Endowment—Kathy Dannels

During October the Literary Group is reading "Silas Marner" by the English author

An outwardly simple tale of a linen weaver, the novel (published in 1861) is notable for its strong realism and its sophisticated treatment of a variety of issues ranging from religion to industrialisation to community. **Join us, on zoom, on November 18, 2025 at 11:00 am for discussion.** Contact Adèle Daniels (adanielscs@gmail.com) for information.

Myers Park Presbyterian Church invites you to an event with RAW Tools on November 1, from 11-12:30 .
<https://www.facebook.com/rawtools.south/>

This will be a blacksmithing demonstration along with a conversation around guns and safe surrender events, along with a time for prayer. Please contact John Magnuson at jmagnuson@myersparkpres.org to RSVP or if you'd like more information. **The event will take place at Myers Park Pres. at the Cornerstone House, which is in the parking lot behind the church, right off of Oxford Place.**

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. Last year, we provided funds for over 100 Turkeys & 100 complete boxes with all the sides. 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 approximately 6,000 families.

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 14th at the latest. 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 with 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 11-14 as our Youth will be assembling & packing on 11-16. Please review the available slots through the link below & help us help our neighbors enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you! Laura Grayson 704-904-6861

THE SIGN UP LINK IS CORRECTED!!!!

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



Answer The Call Become A Stephen Minister

We invite you to discover more about Stephen Ministry at Providence by attending one of our upcoming Info Sessions on November 9, 16, or 23, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, Room 102. Whether you feel God calling you to offer compassionate care and support to those in need, or you're simply curious about this meaningful ministry at PPC and beyond, we encourage you to come with an open heart and mind to simply learn with no commitment.

For more information, feel free to reach out to our Stephen Leaders: Lal, Lynn Finlon, Becky Boeschel or Jay Witherspoon. You can also explore the Stephen Ministries website here: <https://www.stephenministries.org/stephenministry/default.cfm/917>.

Participation in one of these Information Sessions is a prerequisite for Stephen Ministry training beginning January 2026.

“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

Meet Our Choral Scholar, Graham Harding

On Sunday we welcome our newest choir member and first choral scholar, Graham Harding. He is a senior at Providence High School and one of Alex Sims', our music director, very talented choral students.

As a baritone, Graham will be a great addition to our choir. He has an impressive resume. He's recently been part of the NC Governors School, the lead/understudy in the PHS musical theatre productions (2023-25), presently the Young Artist in Residence with the Charlotte Master Chorale and vice president of the PHS Chamber Choir. Graham leads the trumpet section within the PHS Marching Band. Quite a singer and musician.

He's an excellent student as well. Alex adds "Graham intends to pursue music as his major at the college level and has been a dedicated member of Providence HS choirs for 4 years. Fun fact - he was also Todd Barnhill's student at South Charlotte MS for 3 years."

We're excited to have Graham join our music ministry each Sunday morning. Please welcome him to PPC.

The Music Committee

Peace & Global Witness Offering

During our celebration of World Communion Sunday we gave to the Peace & Global Witness special offering. The Providence congregation's offering totaled \$1464. Pathways to Peace and the Moore Grace Ministries will receive a check for \$366. The remainder will be used by the Presbytery of Charlotte and PCUSA along with offerings from other churches to together pursue paths to peace here and around the globe. Thank you for your generous support of this special offering.

Dear PPC Family,

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will observe All Saints Sunday, a sacred time to remember those who have gone before us and now rest with God. We will honor both members and non-members who have passed away since last year's All Saints Sunday (November 3, 2024).

Below is the list of names we have recorded from our prayer list since last November. **If you would like to add any additional names for this year's remembrance, please let Lal or Ruth know.**

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| •Fred "Ray" McDevitt – November 23, 2024 | •Lane Minton – April 29, 2025 |
| •Gonzalo Andres "Dre" Jijon – November 29, 2024 | •Margie Parker – May 3, 2025 |
| •Jim Day – December 11, 2024 | •Frances Davis – June 26, 2025 |
| •Elizabeth Hart – December 25, 2024 | •Julia Brammer – |
| •Emily McCormick – January 23, 2025 | •Marilyn Rathbun – August 18, 2025 |
| •Pete Davis – January 27, 2025 | •Louis Milford Pate, Jr. – August 29, 2025 |
| •Roy Lindstedt – March 3, 2025 | •Fielding Scarborough – August 31, 2025 |
| •Brad Smith – March 30, 2025 | •Mosie Grotophrost – September 9, 2025 |
| | •Louise Simpson – |
| | •John Sisson - |

Reformation Sunday:

Reformation is the last Sunday of October each year. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Martin Luther was deeply troubled by the abuses that he saw in the Catholic Church, which he discussed in great detail in his 95 Theses. Luther hoped that the church would be open to reform from within, but Luther was ultimately excommunicated for his dissent, so his followers started the Lutheran Church. Presbyterians, Methodists, Episcopalians, Baptists, and many other denominations were established during the Reformation. On Reformation Sunday, we celebrate our history as part of Protestant Reformation and the continuing work that God is doing through the ministry of the church.