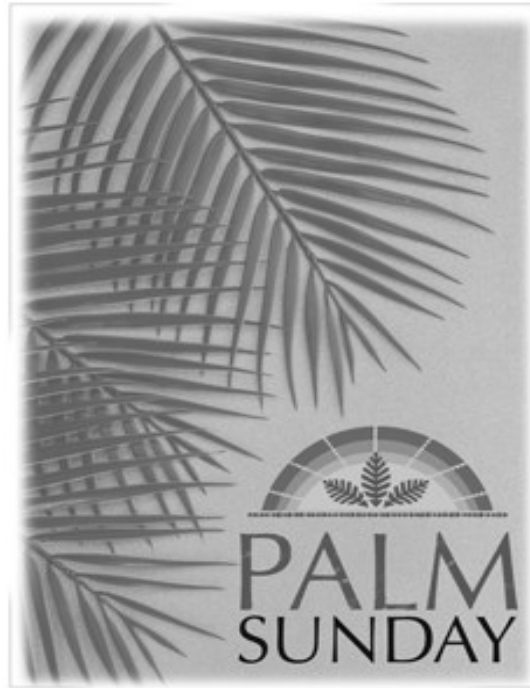


# PROVIDENCE

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**

### **Palm Sunday**

March 29, 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*

**Kat Mandujano**  
Kristin Dickey  
Bob Boeschel

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”  
Bells of Providence

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(From *Call to Worship*, Mar. 29, 2026)

One: What will we lay down as Christ passes by?

**All: We have no cloaks today, but we will lay down our hearts, our hopes, and our lives.**

One: As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

**All: Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

One: Lets us worship almighty God!

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: During Lent, we are invited to draw closer to God.

**All: As we seek Christ’s face, let us remember to love our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

One: God calls us into community so that we may become the body of Christ.

**All: Let us show Christ’s peace and joy as we greet one another in his holy name.**

\*Opening Hymn & Children’s Processional “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

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\*Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship resource*, Mar 29, 2026)

God of all ages, make us real or make us nothing. As we sing “Hosanna!” bring us to the foot of the cross. As we wave palms, show us your tomb. On this day of praise and passion, help us to hold the tension between life and death and to learn the mystery that you are in both. Teach us to turn our faces toward you and help us to bear witness that we might testify always to your faithfulness. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From *Feasting on the Word*, Year A, Vol.1, p. 120–121)

Holy God, sure of your faithfulness even as you head to the cross, comforted by your compassion to your people in every age, we beg your mercy for our imperfect gratitude. We have looked to you for paltry favors when you have given us everything. We have withheld from your people, our neighbors, and from your creation, our Earth, the care and tending they deserve. We have rejected the cornerstone you sent to build a people of righteousness. Forgive our failing. Heal what we have broken, nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision, so that we may know of the peace Christ brings. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

\*Gloria

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty  
(v. 1) Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the  
tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues  
its road with palms and scattered garments strowed.

#198 (verses 1 & 4)

(v.4) Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly  
Pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to  
Mortal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

## Hearing God's Word

Children's Anthem & Entry of the Palm Branches "Always Remember" Angie Killian

Time with Children Bret Myers

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Barbara Kinyon

Second Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"What Makes Christ Great"

Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

### Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

#203

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

Offertory

"A Joyful Ring"

Barbara Kinyon

\*Doxology

#606

Prayer of Dedication

(From *Feasting on the Word*, Year A, Vol 1, p.123)

**God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all creation live in peace. Give us grateful hearts in Jesus' holy name, we pray, Amen.**

### Being Sent Out in God's Name

\*Affirmation of Faith:

(From *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch. 4.3)

**Jesus was God in the flesh. Jesus overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging may time honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf.**  
**Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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## 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

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.1>

Meeting ID: 817 5162 9176

Passcode: 846356

### **Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule:**

#### **Maunder Thursday Dinner & Worship**

April 2 at 6:00 pm | Christian Life Center

A light meal will be served, and we will share communion during worship.

#### **Good Friday Worship**

April 3 | 12:00–12:30 pm | Sanctuary

Following the service, the sanctuary will remain open for silent prayer and reflection from 12:30–3:00 pm.

#### **Easter Sunday**

April 5, 2026

7:00 am – Sunrise Service | Courtyard  
Bring a lawn chair.

8:00 am – Breakfast | Christian Life Center

9:00 am – Worship | Sanctuary  
(Children's Sermon included)

11:00 am – Worship | Sanctuary  
(Children's Sermon included)



We are prayerfully accepting nominations for Elder and Deacon Nominations.

## PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2029

The Nominating Committee will be receiving recommendations for people to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2029. We ask that you prayerfully consider those in our congregation whom you believe would serve well in these capacities. There will be forms available at each Sunday Service through March 29th and ask that you return any nominations by March 31st. If you would like to speak directly to a member of the Nominating Committee to recommend someone to serve, the 2026 Nominating Committee members are: Lynn Finlon, Gayle Kinney, Kat Mandujano, Dave Dickey, and Smokey Wood.

If you would like a form e-mailed to you, please contact Ruth Welch in the church office at [ruth@ppc1767.org](mailto:ruth@ppc1767.org)

PPC Members who want to contribute floral arrangements for worship services in the Sanctuary may contact Phyllis Long, our floral coordinator, to assist with arrangements. Please call or text her at 704-299-9599 or email her at : [longphyllis93@gmail.com](mailto:longphyllis93@gmail.com).

Halfway mark reached!! Our 2026 Stephen Ministry trainees, Mary Good, Charlton Hunley, Ken Reilly and Deb Ridgeway have completed half of their 50 hours of required training. The training has covered essential topics such as confidentiality, listening, the process of caring, assertiveness, maintaining boundaries, crisis theory and more - all with a focus on distinctively Christian caregiving. With their new skills and knowledge, they will be prepared to provide confidential, empathetic care and support to individuals in our congregation and community facing life's challenging circumstances. We are proud of all PPC's Stephen Ministers for their commitment and dedication to this ministry, and we are grateful for the positive impact they make in our church and community. Please continue to pray for Stephen Ministry at Providence and beyond.



### One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

One of the Presbyterian Church (USA) special offerings is the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Providence Presbyterian Church is participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering in 2026. We will have special offering envelopes available in worship on Palm Sunday, March 29. If you are not in worship those two Sundays and wish to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing, please make your checks payable to

Providence Presbyterian Church with OGHS or One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line.

As we give thanks for our blessings during the season of Lent and as we approach Easter, we have an opportunity to take action and share God's love by supporting this offering that advances the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. The One Great Hour of Sharing provides for three vital programs of the Presbyterian Church:

1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which provides help following natural and other disasters.
2. Presbyterian Hunger Program, which helps feed the hungry locally, nationally, and throughout the world.
3. Self-Development of People, which seeks to assist the poor, the oppressed, and the economically disadvantaged.

## Men of Providence

Please consider joining with other men from PPC for a morning of fellowship and food. Mark your calendar to reserve Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 am and meet with us in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a special program followed by lunch. Afterwards, those desiring can join in one of several opportunities to serve on or off the church campus. This will be a great time to have fellowship with other men of the church. More information will be coming in future weeks but for now reserve the date on your calendar. Please contact David Llewellyn if you're interested in helping plan and coordinate this event.

