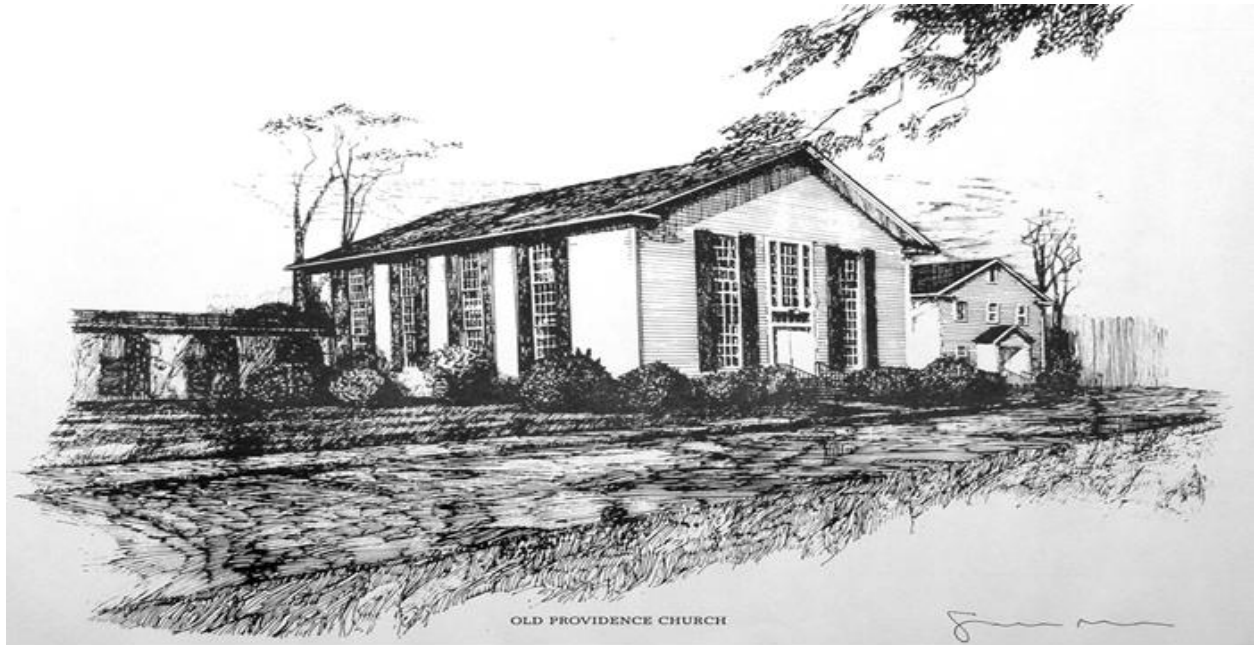


# PROVIDENCE

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 **Pentecost Sunday**

May 31, 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*

**Keeley Etter**

Wenona VanWinkle

Susan Chase

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission:

Anne Wood on Childcare

Prelude

“Come Holy Ghost, Lord God”

J.S. Bach

Gathering as God’s People

**Call to Worship:**

One: Come Holy Spirit; breathe on us this Pentecost day.

**All: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and fill us with the wonder of your creation.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. God’s works are many and in wisdom God has made the entire universe.

**All: Send forth your Spirit upon us and renew us this Pentecost day! May we praise your glorious name.**

One: Let us worship almighty God!

\* Passing of the Peace:

One: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**All: We meet in Christ’s name and share his peace.**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\* Opening Hymn

Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)

#301

\* Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship* resource, Pentecost, 2026)

**God of all creation, we come at last to be united in the Spirit, your gleaming fire among us, setting our hearts ablaze. We praise you with our whole being. Live in us, that we may love with your love, speak with your truth, and serve with your mercy. Keep us faithful until the very end, through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.**

\* Pentecost Litany:

(From *The Book of Common Worship*, p. 345-346)

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters.

**All: From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust. Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

**All: Holy Spirit, power, you came as fire to Jesus’ disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence.

**All: You intercede within us with sighs too deep for words. Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Holy Spirit, giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you created.

**All: You give gifts: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and patience, the spirit of knowledge and faith, the spirit of trusting**

**in the Lord so that all of your creation may be transformed. Come, Holy Spirit!**

### Act of Confession

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession: (From *The Book of Common Worship*, p. 347-348)

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

#581

### Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:

Acts 2:1-8

p.119, NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

"Lord You Gave the Great Commission"

John Wilson

Time with Children:

James Hill

Second Scripture Lesson:

Acts 2:9-19

p.119,NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon:

"The Spirit is Alive"

Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

### Responding to God's Word

\* Hymn of Response

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

#279

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

p.11, *Glory to God*

\* Affirmation of Faith:

(*A Declaration of Faith* Chapter 5.2)

**The Holy Spirit renews the community of faith. Israel did not cease to be God's people. Yet out of Israel a new people formed. The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life. We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again,**

**even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit. Amen.**

Invitation to Giving

Offertory

\* Doxology

#606

\* Prayer of Dedication

*(The Presbyterian Outlook for Pentecost 2026)*

**You give with open hands, Most Generous God, sharing gifts as seed to sow. We gather these offerings, asking only that they might take root and flourish — to tend your Kingdom, to nurture your beloved community. Let our acts be not merely ritual but a commitment: a shaping of the world in your image, one generous gesture at a time. Amen.**

### **Being Sent Out in God's Name**

\* Closing Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#286

\* Charge and Blessing:

Concluding Hymn

We Are One in the Spirit

#300

Congregation is invited to sing as the children play the drums.

Liturgist: Thank you to Charles Humphreys, who is serving as the liturgist for today's worship service.

The Ushers today are Keeley Etter and Jack Randolph.

Pentecost Celebration: Today in celebration of Pentecost, we will invite you to depart from the sanctuary and gather in the courtyard for our concluding hymn, We Are One in the Spirit. The children's ministry program will lead us in a drum circle as we sing. The Fellowship Committee is providing a birthday cake to celebrate Pentecost and our children will be serving lemonade. If you want to make a donation to support our children's ministry program, a basket will be available in the courtyard.

### Providence in Prayer

#### Acute Concerns

Ron Nice, Ron Corley, Laurie Porter, William Dixon, Bruce Robinson, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, 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.

### 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 & family of Joan Ritsema, Daisy Risser's mother, on her passing on March 22, 2026. 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)



Free PPC Summer Concerts are Back !

Our free and fun summer concert series is returning to PPC for another year! This year's first summer concert is scheduled for **Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 4 pm**, featuring **Ethan Uslan**, a highly entertaining ragtime/jazz concert pianist, story-teller and witty narrator.

**Carolina Ridgeline** was a big hit last summer. They'll be back for more great toe-tapping country and bluegrass music on **Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 4 pm**. They'll be sharing their award winning mix of core country and bluegrass vocals and harmonies.

The last summer concert will present "**Broadway Bound**", a cabaret featuring an **ensemble from the Charlotte Singers** performing favorite Broadway songs and melodies. This final concert will be on **Sunday, August 16 at 4 pm**.

Our summer concerts are for sharing and enjoying with our families, friends, and neighbors.

Everyone is welcome! 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 outside afterward!

-PPC Music Committee

### 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.

Moment for Mission at Providence Presbyterian Church

> June 7: Charlotte Culinary School

> June 28: Classroom Central

> July 19: Classroom Central

May 31 | Before & After Service | The Courtyard

## Pet Photo Contest Benefiting the Charlotte Humane Society

Calling all wild, wacky, and wonderful pets! Submit snaps your furry family member at their finest. Send your photo to Laura Randolph by May 13th to enter. Vote for your favorite by making a donation in the courtyard before and after church on 24th, and 31st. All proceeds support the Charlotte Humane Society.

## Summer Choir

9:30am Sundays

Come to prepare a song for worship.


No experience necessary.

[alex@ppc1767.org](mailto:alex@ppc1767.org)

May 31 - Mixed Chorus  
June 14 - Mixed Chorus  
July 5 - Mixed Chorus  
July 12 - Mixed Chorus  
Aug 2 - Mixed Chorus  
Aug 9 - Men's Chorus  
Aug 23 - Mixed Chorus  
Aug 30 - Women's Chorus

Thank you to everyone who donated diapers for Bright Blessings. Because of your generosity, young families have one less thing to purchase. Your donations of diapers and baby wipes were delivered and gladly received!

Outreach Committee



**Guns to Gardens  
Firearm Safe Surrender**

Surrender unwanted firearms safely and anonymously at Guns to Gardens. RAWtools South will dismantle it onsite and reforge the metal into gardening tools.

Saturday, May 30  
10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Outreach Center

Original art by Kelly Latimore

Myers Park Presbyterian Church is partnering with RAWtools South to host a Guns to Gardens safe firearm disposal event on May 30, 2026. Community members can anonymously dispose of unwanted firearms from their cars, where they'll be dismantled and later transformed into garden tools and art.

A family-friendly blacksmith demonstration will follow on May 31 at 11:15 AM, open to all.



**RAINFOREST  
FALLS**

Exploring the Nature of God

June 29- July 2nd  
9:30-12:30

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**ETHAN USLAN IN CONCERT**  
RAGTIME • NEW ORLEANS JAZZ • SWING • HARLEM STRIDE PIANO



**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2006**  
**4PM • PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**10140 PROVIDENCE CHURCH LANE • CHARLOTTE, NC**

### Upcoming PPC Summer Concert

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He is a 3-time winner of the World Championship Old-Time Piano Playing Contest and has performed all over the USA and Europe. "Uslan brings a fresh and playful energy to the genre, blending technical brilliance with a deep appreciation for America's musical past. His playing radiates joy and authenticity."

His concerts are filled with passion, humor, virtuosity, and a deep love for America's rich musical past. His vast repertoire includes original arrangements of New Orleans Jazz, blues, stomps, Harlem stride piano, swing, Cuban rumbas, jazzed-up versions of classical masterpieces, and even a polka or two.

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PPC Music Committee

# We Are One in the Spirit 300

## They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em)  
Fm

(Bm) (Em)  
Cm Fm



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am)  
B<sup>b</sup>m

(Em)  
Fm



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am)  
B<sup>b</sup>m

(Em)  
Fm



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

(C)  
D<sup>b</sup>

(Em)  
Fm



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am)  
B<sup>b</sup>m

(Em)  
Fm

(Am)  
B<sup>b</sup>m

(Bm)  
Cm

(Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.