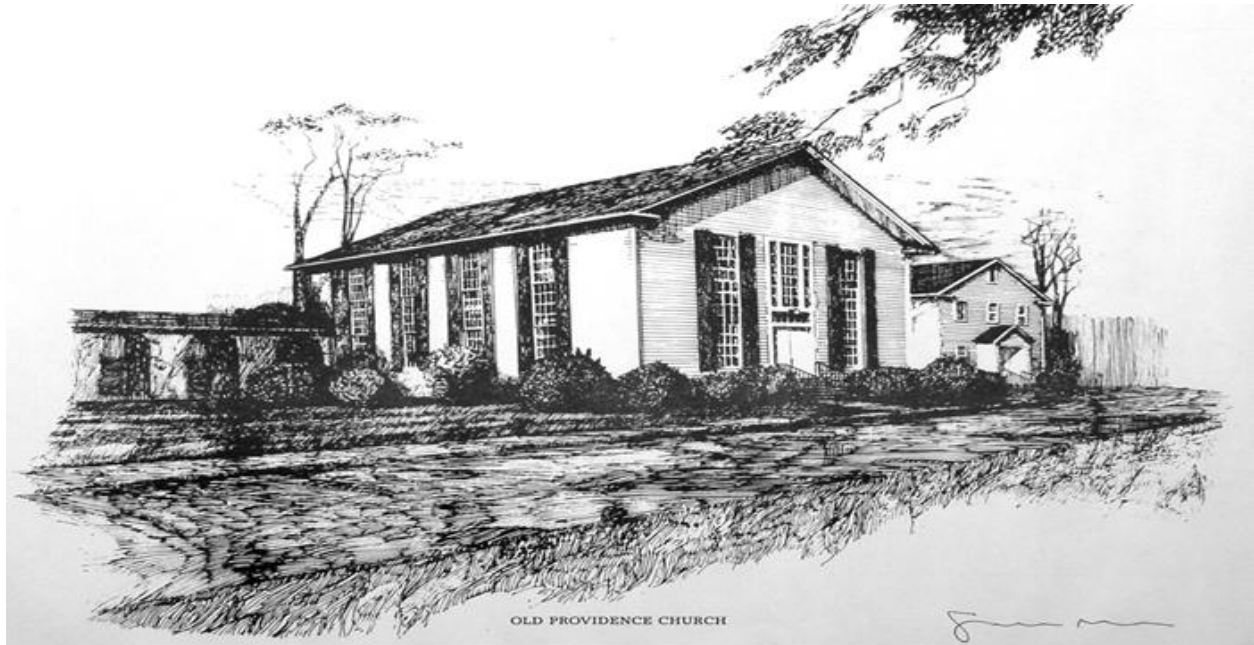


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Our Vision

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 **6th Sunday after Pentecost /**

July 5, 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

Dave Ott

Kristin Dickey

Wenona VanWinkle

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“America The Beautiful”

arr. Flor Peeters

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship:

One: Lord, open unto me—

All: light for my darkness, courage for my fear, hope for my despair.

One: Lord, open unto me—

All: peace for my turmoil, joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.

One: Lord, open unto me—

All: wisdom for my confusion, forgiveness for my sins, and love for my hates. Amen.

* 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

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

#338

* Opening Litany on Prayer

(From *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

One: Why do we pray to God?

All: Because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts. Our hearts long for God, for we need God’s help and guidance every day.

One: What do we do when we pray?

All: When we pray, we adore God, we confess our sins, we give God thanks, and we pray for the needs of others and ourselves.

One: How did Jesus teach his followers to pray?

All: He taught them the words of the Lord’s Prayer.

One: What do we mean when we pray to God as “Our Father”?

All: As Jesus taught us, we call upon God like little children who know that God cares for them and loves them. Because Jesus prayed to God as his Father, we too can pray to God in this way.

One: What do we mean when we pray to God “in heaven”?

All: We mean that God draws near to us from beyond this world, and hears our prayers.

One: What do we ask when we pray “Hallowed be your name”?

All: We pray that God’s name will be honored in all the world and everywhere treated as holy, because God’s name really stands for God.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, July 5, 2026)

Gracious and loving God, forgive us when turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

* Gloria

Just as I Am, without One Plea

#442(verses 1 and 2)

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:

John 15:8-14

p. 109, NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: (Provided by Alex)

Time with Children/Vacation Bible School Recap:

Sarah Clark

Second Scripture Lesson:

Luke 11:1-9

p.72, NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Calling God Our Father”

Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* Communion Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#753

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

The Communion of the People

* As you pass the bread, you may say, “The bread of heaven.”

* As you pass the cup, you may say, “The cup of salvation.”

Prayer after Communion

Being Sent Out in God's Name

Invitation to Giving

Offertory This Is My Song #340

* Doxology #606

* Prayer of Dedication (From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, July 5, 2026)

Accept these gifts we bring, O Lord. Give us the wisdom, courage, and love we need to use them in ways that please you, spread the gospel, and care for our neighbors with the love of Jesus. We thank you for your indescribable gift! Amen.

* Affirmation of Faith (From *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch. 7.5)

The church exists within political communities. Throughout its history the church has struggled to be faithful to God in political situations: under persecution, or as an established arm of the state, or in separation from it. God rules over both political and religious institutions. We must confuse neither with the kingdom of God. We must not equate the Christian faith with any nation's way of life or with opposition to the ideologies of other nations. We hold Christians are to be law-abiding citizens unless the state commands them to disobey God, or claims authority that belongs only to God. We must not allow governments to impose Christian faith by legislation, nor should we demand undue advantages for the church. The church must be free

to speak to civil authorities, neither claiming expert knowledge it does not have, nor remaining silent when God's Word is clear. Amen.

* Closing Hymn God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand #331

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude America, Our Tribute John Williams, Ron Nice

The Ushers today are Gene Gazda and Cindy Howard.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Ron Corley, Laurie Porter, 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, 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.

Grieving

Friends & family of Martha Gilbert's mother, on her passing.

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

Did You Know?

Today, we have a landscaper who keeps our cemetery grounds in shape, but In PPC's early years, things were a little different: Providence's small congregation would meet on the cemetery grounds at least semi-annually with shovels and hoes to, as historian Louise Matthews put it, "clear off this hallowed spot and trim back the encroaching underbrush and weeds."



The Cemetery 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

- > July 12: Classroom Central
- > July 26: Montreat Commissioning
- > August 2: Sardis and PPC Partnership
- > August 9: Endowment
- > August 23: Stephen Ministry



During July and August we are focusing our Outreach efforts on Classroom Central.

Our Presbyterian faith has always placed an emphasis on the ability to read. In fact, John Knox stated our very salvation depends on our ability to read, understand, and interpret the Bible. Our Providence Congregation has always put this faith to practice. Starting with our first pastor William Richardson children were taught the basics. Reverend James Wallis established Providence Academy in 1792. The Providence library was organized by Reverend Cyrus Johnston in 1845. E. C. Kuykendal arrived in 1850 and split the school into the Providence Whitehall Academy and the Providence Female Academy. Over the next 20 years they became recognized as one of the premier institutions of their type in the South.

Throughout July and August we have a collection bin in the narthex church to collect the nine essential school supplies. In lieu of purchasing supplies, you can give cash donations. Through supplier partnerships Classroom Central can turn every donated dollar into nine dollars of school supplies. Donations can be placed in the offering plate and please indicate the donation is for Classroom Central. We need several more volunteers to work at Classroom Central on Tuesday, July 14th from 9:00 until 12:00. Activities include sorting supplies, preparing collection barrels, and die-cutting. Please contact David Llewellyn kedogolfer@hotmail.com to signup or learn more.

Sermons for July/August 2026

Sermon Series on the Lord's Prayer: July and 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.

July 12: Matthew 6:9-13, Micah 6:8, and Luke 4:16-21. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. . ." Jesus invites us to pray for God's kingdom to reign and for God's will to be done, not only in heaven, but also throughout the earth. What does it mean for us to seek God's will for us and for our world? In Luke, Jesus explains what God's Spirit has sent him to accomplish here on earth. Micah 6:8 explains God's will for us "to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God."



FREE CONCERT

**"MORE BLUEGRASS" with
CAROLINA RIDGELINE**



SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026 | 4:00 PM
AT
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CHARLOTTE, NC 28277
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On Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm award-winning, Charlotte-based ensemble and PPC summer concert favorite Carolina Ridgeline will be returning to Providence Presbyterian Church to give a free concert, "More Bluegrass". Carolina Ridgeline loves to showcase a mix of songs while maintaining an acoustic balance of core country and bluegrass vocals and harmonies.

The members of the full five-piece ensemble - Carolyn Munn (Bass), Bruce Keedy (Mandolin), Sam Lapsley (Guitar), Randy DeBruhl (Banjo), and David Woodie (Fiddle) - are good friends, share deep musical roots, and love to perform together. They hail from southern Carolina, Nashville, the Shenandoah Valley, and the Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains. This musically diverse group brings the best influences to their music and always has a blast!

Everyone in the community is invited and welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor, bring the family, and share another memorable afternoon (with complimentary lemonade and cookies) of lively music and good company! Join us!

The Eblast is changing!!! You need to be ready!

- **Monthly Newsletter (new primary communication):** A comprehensive monthly newsletter will go out between the 27th-31st of the preceding month.
 - *The August newsletter will go out on July 27th, September newsletter goes out on August 27th. This will include everything for the month, major events, ministry announcements, registration info, event details, important dates, and ongoing programs.*
- **Weekly Eblast (simplified):** The weekly eblast will continue, but it will only cover what's happening that specific week, mission-critical reminders, urgent updates, and save-the-dates for the following week. It will no longer include new event descriptions, new ministry blurbs, or lengthy announcements — that information now belongs in the monthly newsletter.
- **Bulletin (using Google forms):** The bulletin will more or less remain the same, but to make sure Ruth & Genie are getting the same information, and so you only need to share the same information once, we are moving bulletin announcements to the google form submission process as well.

How to submit content

All content goes through a NEW Google Form. It's the same as our previous google form, just with two added questions about where the submitted blurb will be posted (Monthly Newsletter, or Bulletin)

- **Deadline: the 20th of each month at noon, for the following month's newsletter.**
 - *Example: August content is due July 20. September content is due August 20. October content is due September 20.*
- **This part is important!** Content submitted after the deadline will not be included unless it's mission-critical (e.g., funeral information, weather closures, congregational care concerns, urgent schedule changes). Routine event promotions not planned in advance do not qualify as mission-critical.
 - *Under extreme circumstances, we will include blurbs that missed the monthly deadline as bulletin announcements if staff capacity allows, however this will not be a regular occurrence.*
 - This deadline applies equally to all staff, ministry leaders, committees, and volunteers.
Thank you for your understanding!

What this means for you

- **Plan your ministry's events and communications needs about 5-6 weeks ahead** of when you want announcements to reach the congregation. This is standard across congregations.
- **Finalize event details before requesting promotion** — All content edits, dates, times, set up needs, and calendar approval must be finalized before we can publish the event.
- **Submit through the Google Form rather than emailing requests directly.** Email requests are harder to keep organized, and if you submit via email you are running the risk of your content falling through the cracks.
 - *If you need help using google forms, or have any questions, please come to office hours below and Genie is happy to help.*

Key upcoming dates for your ministry

- **July 20: First monthly newsletter content due by 12pm. All events/announcements for August must be submitted no later than this date!**

- **July 24:** Last weekly eblast using our current process.
- **July 27:** First monthly newsletter is shared with the congregation.
- **July 31:** First weekly reminder eBlast begins July 31 ONLY using content submitted
- **Aug. 20:** September monthly newsletter content due by 12pm. All events/announcements for September must be submitted no later than this date! (Don't forget this is kickoff season!)
- **Aug. 27:** September Monthly Newsletter is shared with the congregation.

Office Hours

If you have questions, want to walk through an upcoming event together, or practice using the google form, we're holding two office hours sessions – come to whichever works for you:

- **VIRTUAL:** Thursday, July 9 at 6:00pm – via Zoom (Call link will be shared in email reminder)
- **IN PERSON:** Sunday, August 9 at 11:45am (after worship) – Youth Room

Thanks for your patience and grace as we move to this new system. We are grateful for your leadership and support as we refine these communications processes.

Best,
PPC Staff

“Fake Jody” is going phishing again!

Staff have received a few notifications that “Fake Jody”, someone posing as our Pastor via email, is back in action. To help stay safe, please follow these guidelines:

1. Always check the email of the sender. If the email address is different from jody@ppc1767.org, then it is not from Pastor Jody. He will reach out to you using only that address.
2. No Pastor or member of staff will ever request that you get them gift cards, cash or other items. As soon as you see that in the email you know that “fake Jody” is phishing again!
3. Neither Pastor will ever expect you to not call the office or try to convince you to “not bother” the office staff. If you receive any emails with this in it, you know it is not the real Jody.

If you receive anything that you suspect may be a “fake Jody” phishing expedition, please call the office and let us know about it. Please DO NOT engage with the scammer. If you give them no response, they are more likely to leave your email address alone.