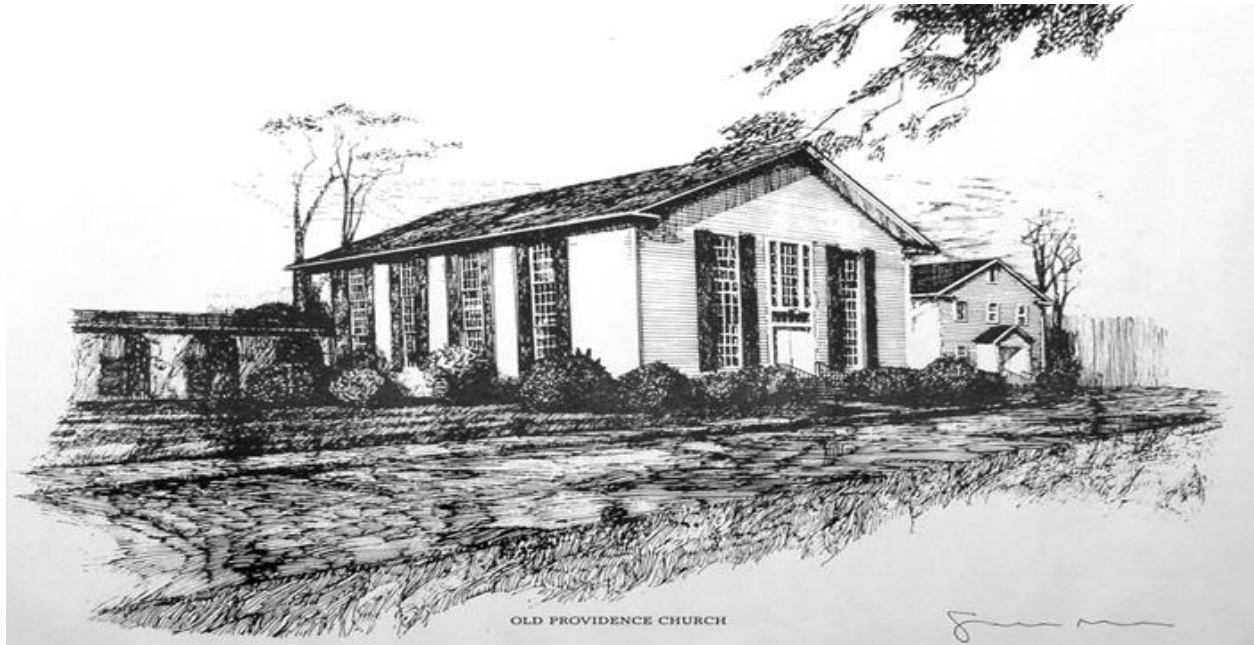


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Our Vision

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 **10th Sunday after Pentecost**

August 2, 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

Gale Kinney

Janice Rea

Gene Gazda

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Sardis and PPC Partnership

Prelude

“Break Thou The Bread of Life”

Seth Bingham

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(Based on Psalm 145:8-9, 14-18)

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all, and God’s compassion is over all that God has made. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

One: The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

All: The Lord is just in all God’s ways, and kind in all God’s doings. The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Based on Ephesians 2:13–19)

One: In Christ Jesus, we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

All: Christ is our peace. He has broken down the dividing walls that separate us.

One: Through Christ, God is making us one household, built together into a dwelling place for the Holy Spirit.

All: As sisters and brothers in Christ, we receive one another with gratitude and joy.

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Opening Hymn

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

#309 (Verses 1-3)

*Opening Prayer

(Prayer adapted from Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal Online)

Loving God, you know our deepest griefs and our highest hopes. Meet us in this moment and help us to open ourselves to your work of healing and transformation. Let your Spirit move freely, not only in this space but in every corner of our lives, and equip us to embody your grace and courage, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From *Presbyterian Outlook* – August 2, 2026)

Holy God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ. Everything we need to know about you has been shown. Your goodness, mercy, healing and renewal are on full display. But sometimes we do not see what is right before us. Sometimes we miss the miracle. We misunderstand you, and so we misunderstand the world. Forgive us, we pray. Restore to us the ability to see you as you reveal yourself. Renew within us the capacity to perceive your way in the world, for this life, and in the life that is to come. We pray it in Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

(2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

One: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see: everything has become new.

All: All this is from God, who reconciled us to God's self through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

One: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

#581

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Genesis 2:4b–9, 15–22

p.2 , Pew Bible OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

"May I Be Filled"

Mark Miller
Summer Choir

Time with Children

Gale Kinney

Second Scripture Lesson

John 19:16b–27

p.113, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Partners"

Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

*Hymn of Response

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

#761

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Invitation to Giving

(Thank you for keeping your giving current.)

Offertory

"Lord I Want To Be a Christian"

Lloyd Larson

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, August 02, 2026)

Holy God, the world and all that is within it was made at your Word. You have blessed us with countless gifts of love. Receive then, our offerings as commitments of our intention to see the world through the eyes of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Being Sent Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#306

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

Dave Brubeck
Ron Nice

The Ushers today are Dave Dickey and Martha Gilbert.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Joyce Pate, Michael Helmick, Mechele Hill (Tandy's niece), Gary Sikes, Charles Reilly, 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, 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 & 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

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

> August 9: Endowment

>August 23: Stephen Ministry

Pulpit Exchange with Sardis Presbyterian Church

This morning, we welcome the Rev. Joe B. Martin, Senior Pastor of Sardis Presbyterian Church, as our guest preacher as we continue to celebrate and strengthen the growing partnership between our two congregations. At the same time, our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, is preaching at Sardis Presbyterian Church as part of this pulpit exchange. We give thanks for this opportunity to share in worship and deepen the bonds of Christian fellowship between our churches.

Many thanks to all for your support of our Classroom Central outreach this month. We continue to receive monetary and physical donations and will announce a final tally of our efforts in early August. On Wednesday a group of volunteers worked in the Classroom Central warehouse packing backpacks with school supplies. The backpacks were shipped to Second Harvest to be distributed along with a supply of food to needy families before the start of the school year.

Sermons for July/August 2026

Sermon Series on the Lord's Prayer: 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.

Aug 9: Matthew 6:9-13 and James 1:12-16. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. . ." The Lord's Prayer acknowledges that temptation is a part of life and that each one of us must battle against evil. We daily need to depend on God to give us strength when temptations come our way.

Matthew 25 Adult Education Series Continues

Join us for our Adult Education series exploring what it means to live out Jesus' call in Matthew 25. Through thoughtful presentations and discussion, we'll consider Christ's call to serve our neighbors, foster reconciliation, and share God's love in practical ways.

The series meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall through August 16. Everyone is welcome as we learn and discern together how God is calling Providence Presbyterian Church to be a faithful Matthew 25 congregation.

Remaining Schedule

August 2 – *Why Become a Matthew 25 Congregation?*

Leaders: Tamera Green and Laura Grayson, with special guests

August 9 – *Young Adults, Youth, and the Future of the Church*

Leader: Genie Richards

August 16 – *Moving from Vision to Action*

Leader: Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Green Team Update

The Green Team is no longer operating as a separate committee. Over the past few years, due to fewer volunteers and changing levels of participation, its ministry has become part of the Faith and Justice Ministry.

Rather than functioning as a standing committee, the Faith and Justice Ministry emphasizes education, advocacy, and opportunities for faithful action. Caring for God's creation remains an important part of its mission and ministry.

If you have a passion for environmental stewardship, we invite you to prayerfully consider serving as the point person for creation care and justice within the Faith and Justice Ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to help encourage and coordinate our congregation's efforts to care for God's creation. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Gale Kinney (gdkinney2@gmail.com) or Lal Rodawla (lal@ppc1767.org).

We are grateful for everyone who has supported the Green Team over the years and look forward to continuing this important ministry through the Faith and Justice Ministry.

Blessing of the Backpacks – August 23

As a new school year begins, we invite all students, teachers, school staff, college students, and anyone beginning a new season of learning to bring their backpacks to worship for a special Blessing of the Backpacks during our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, August 23. Together, we'll pray for God's guidance, protection, and wisdom throughout the year.

PPC Fall Kickoff & Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 13 | 9:30–10:20 a.m. | Christian Life Center (CLC)

Join us for our Fall Kickoff & Ministry Fair as we begin a new season of ministry together! Visit displays from our many ministries, learn about opportunities to grow, serve, and connect, and discover ways to become more involved in the life of Providence. Whether you're new to PPC or have been here for years, we hope you'll join us for this special morning of fellowship, connection, and new beginnings.

The PPC Faith & Justice group will celebrate Charlotte Pride Month at these events.

**Sunday, August 16th. Pride Parade
1 pm – 4 pm on Tryon St.**

**Sunday, August 9th. Interfaith Pride Service
4PM Holt Trinity Lutheran Church. 1900 The Plaza**

Contact Gale Kinney for details gdkinney2@gmail.com