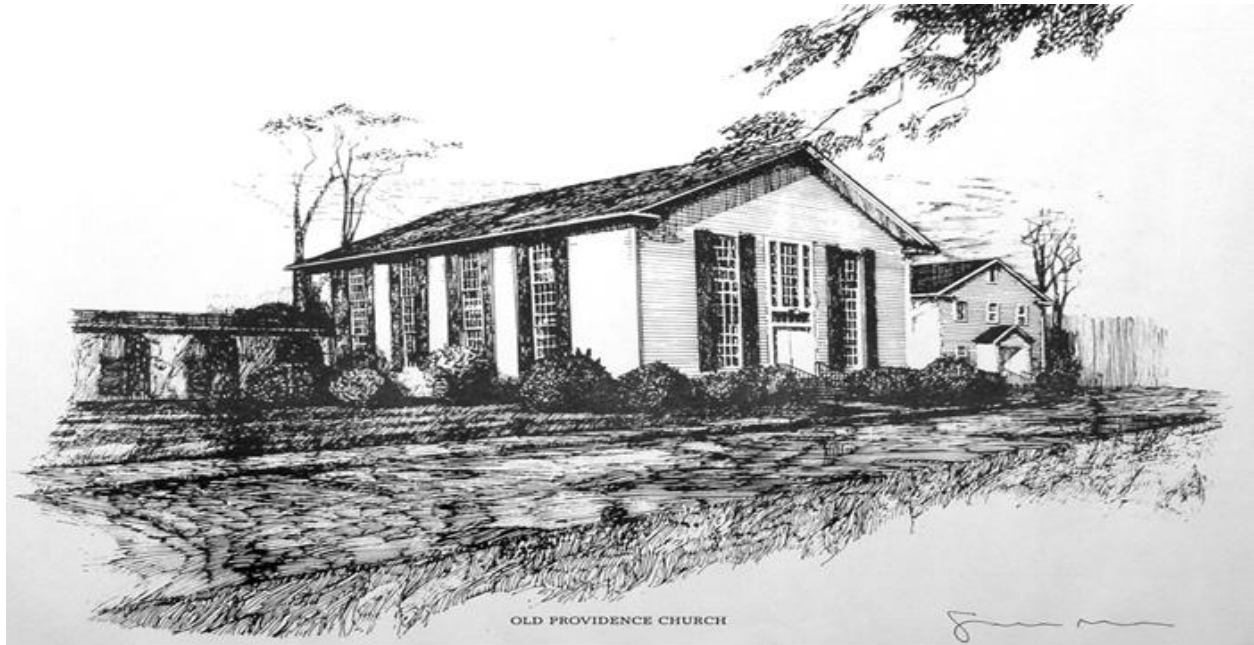


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Our Vision

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
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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

Kathy Roberts
Wendy Felkner
Brenda Rorie

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude
Brahms

“God, Thou Faithful God”

Johannes

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(From Glory to God resource, Sept. 6, 2026)

One: Praise the Lord!

All: Sing to the Lord a new song, sing praise among the faithful.

One: Let the people of God be glad;

All: let us rejoice, dance, and sing.

One: For the Lord rejoices in the people;

All: God gives glory to the humble of heart.

* Sharing of Christ’s Peace

One: We gather here together, not as individuals, but as the body of Christ.

All: God’s intention is for us to come together in community, where we are stronger than we are alone.

One: God created us to find support and strength from one another.

All: Let us share the bonds of peace and kindness as we greet our neighbors.

*Opening Hymn

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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* Opening Prayer

(From Call to Worship resource, Sept. 6, 2026)

God of goodness, when we gather, we are with you. Bind us together in your promise, that our dark nights will soon be over, and the brightness of the day will be near. The hour has come. Salvation is here. Let us be your light. Let us spread your love. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From the Presbyterian Outlook, Sept 6, 2026)

Lord God, we have judged others harshly, unfairly and casually. We tend to focus on the sin, brokenness and foibles of others, rather than on the growth and work we are called to. We’ve made assumptions about what others want and need, robbing them of the freedom to speak for

themselves. We've tuned out the voices bold enough to express views that are different from ours. We've relied upon your grace, time and time again, while hastily denying that you are eager to give it not only to us, but to our enemies, also. Help us to see others as you see them; help us to see you with faith and trust. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* Gloria	"Glory Be to the Father"	#581
<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost</i>		
<i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,</i>		
<i>World without end, Amen, Amen</i>		

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lessons	<u>Genesis 45:1-9, 14-15</u>	p.42, Pew Bible NT
One: This is the Word of the Lord.		
All: Thanks be to God!		

Time with Children	Ken Reilly
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Anthem	"Simple Song (Mass)"	Leonard Bernstein Sung by Quint Hill
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Second Scripture Lesson	<u>Genesis 49:33-50:3 & 50:18-21</u>	47 & p. 48, Pew Bible NT
One: This is the Word of the Lord.		
All: Thanks be to God!		

Sermon	"The Gift of Reconciliation"	Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

* Communion Hymn	"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"	#510
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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; and 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

(Thank you for keeping your giving current.)

Offertory

"Ave Verum"

W.A. Mozart

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *Presbyterian Outlook*, Sept. 6, 2026)

God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.

*Affirmation of faith: The Apostles' Creed

(p. 17—Glory to God hymnal)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church (universal), the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Closing Hymn

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

#250

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place (Requiem)" Johanne Brahms

The Ushers today are Martha Gilbert and Wendy Felker.

Music Program Changes:

At its August meeting, the Session approved, effective October 1 st , making a transition in the music program. Ron Nice will become organist emeritus and will no longer be providing regular musical accompaniment to the worship services. We are planning to recognize Ron's 24 years of devoted service and express gratitude for his dedication to Providence Presbyterian Church by having a reception immediately following worship on Sunday, September 20 th . As a church, we are collecting a Love Offering to give to Ron on September 20 th . There will be a basket at the reception and you may bring a card and you can make your check or gift at the reception directly to Ron Nice. If you want to contribute to the Love Offering in advance you may drop off your contribution to the church office. You can either make your contribution given in advance out to the church or you may make your gift out directly to Ron Nice and it will be passed on to him.

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

>September 13: Apiary and Garden

>September 20: Habitat for Humanity / Tim Lipka Golf Tournament

>September 27: Stewardship

PPC Fall Kickoff Brunch & Ministry Fair
Sunday, September 13 | 9:00–10:20 a.m. | Christian Life Center (CLC)

Join us as we kick off a new season of ministry with a light brunch at 9:00 a.m. and our annual Ministry Fair beginning at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship over brunch, visit displays from our many ministries, and discover opportunities to grow, serve, and connect at Providence. As you enjoy brunch, take time to explore the Ministry Fair, meet ministry leaders, and learn how you can become involved in the life of our church.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Baxter Price, Catherine Howard, Joyce Pate, Mechele Hill (Tandy's niece), Gary Sikes, 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, 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

Ken Reilly and family on the death of his brother, Charles Reilly, on July 29.

Phyllis Long and family on the death of her brother, Stephen Willetts, on July 30.

Patsy Price and family on the death of her brother, James "Jimmy" Rinehardt, on August 4.

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

Empathy Study **Sponsored by PPC Stephen Ministry**

Empathy is a skill with extraordinary potential for increasing care, deepening understanding, strengthening trust, and transforming relationships. Like any other skill, growing in your ability to empathize simply takes practice and deliberate attention. Starting in October our Stephen Ministry Leaders will lead a study using The Gift of Empathy, by Dr. Kenneth Haugk. In six two-hour weekly sessions small groups will read and discuss what empathy is and how to develop this skill. This study is open to anyone who wants to grow in listening, caring, and building stronger relationships at home, at church, and in the community.

For more information and/or sign-up please contact one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders.

THE OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Being Presbyterian in *Dysvangelical America*

Join the pastors of Providence Presbyterian Church and Sardis Presbyterian Church for a seven-week study of *Being Presbyterian in Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Goodness of God's Grace*. The class begins Wednesday, September 2, and meets at 1:00 p.m. in the church office, with both in-person and Zoom participation available. Everyone is welcome!

PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE FOR THE ZOOM LINK.



Please pick up details to participate in the Narthex.

HOW TO PUT ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE BULLETIN

Please submit all announcements for the bulletin to Ruth at ruth@ppc1767.org. They must be received by the office **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY** at 11:00am.

Thank you for cooperating!