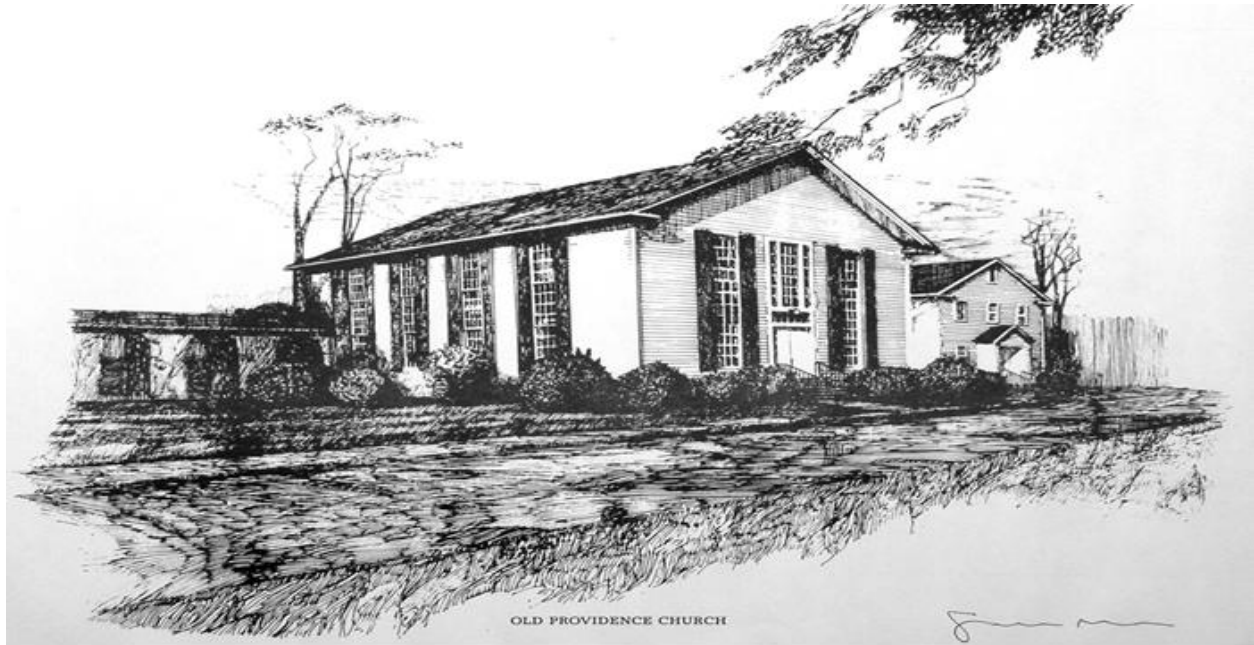


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Our Vision

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

Christian Education Kick Off Sunday

September 13, 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

Brenda Rorie

Martha Gilbert

Cindy Howard

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Apiary / Gleaning Garden

Craig Veazey

Prelude

“Air”

G. F. Handel

Flute: Melinda Davis

Flute: Jeanne Moore

Gathering as God's People

Call to Worship

(From Glory to God resource, Sept 13, 2026)

One: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

All: The Lord is our strength and might, God has become our salvation.

One: Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

All: This is our God, whom we praise; the Lord is God's name.

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

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

#33

* Opening Prayer (Parts from God's People at Prayer, p, 79-80, parts adapted for PPC)

Lord, after Jesus called his disciples, they followed him for years to learn from him. This shows us what we are supposed to do. Following Jesus is not enough. It is also important for us to keep learning about him. We thank you, that with modern Christian education, it is possible for us to do this in many ways through Bible Studies, Sunday School classes, book studies, on-line classes, and much more. We thank you that all believers at any age, from the very young to the elderly all have the opportunity grow in our faith. Recommit ourselves to participating in Christian education opportunities that will deepen our faith. Amen.

* Liturgy in Recognition of our Christian Education Teachers

(From God's People at Prayer, p, 80)

One: Today, O God, we focus on Christian education and its role in our fellowship.

All: We honor great teachers we have had, who have helped make the good news of Jesus more relevant to us and we especially thank you for those

who have agreed to teach in the upcoming year.

One: Bless these teachers, O God, and continue to give them wisdom and insight to share with us.

All: Grant that all of us will be involved in the process of teaching, learning, and growing, which is so vital to a healthy and vibrant faith.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession: (From the Presbyterian Outlook, Sept 13, 2026)

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* Gloria All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1 and 6) #15

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia!
Alleluia! O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam, sing
praise! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, Three in
One! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31 p.61, OT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem: "Adagio (Pathitique)" Beethoven

Time with Children:

Bret Myers

Second Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 14:22-33

p.16, NT, Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Getting Out of the Boat”

Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God’s Word

* Hymn of Response

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy

#435

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; and 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

(Thank you for keeping your giving current.)

Offertory

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Shipley

Flute: Melinda Davis

Flute: Jeanne Moore

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *Presbyterian Outlook*, Sept. 13, 2026)

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen

Being Sent Out in God’s Name

* Affirmation of Faith:

From *A Declaration of Faith* Ch. 2.1

God created and rules in love. God created all the worlds that are and upholds and rules everything. We affirm that the universe exists by the

power of God's Word and Spirit. God has chosen to give it reality out of the love we have come to know in Christ. God still works through the processes that shape and change the earth and the living things upon it. We acknowledge God's care and control in the regularity of the universe as well as in apparently random happenings. There is no event from which God is absent and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving. That purpose embraces our choices and surely will be accomplished. The Creator works in all things toward the new creation that is promised in Christ. Amen.

* Closing Hymn Lift High the Cross #826

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Largo" G.F.Handel

The Ushers today are Dave Dickey and Mike Smith

Announcements:

Recognition of Our Teachers:

Today, September 13 th , we are Kicking Off a new church year. We give thanks for those individuals who have agreed to serve as teachers for our children, youth, and adults for the 2026-27 year. Thank you! Here are our teachers:

Children's Teachers: James Hill, Jeanne Moore, Carmen Bajorski, Melinda Davis, Rachel Jones, Nancy Ott, Gale Kinney, Ed Day, Julie Thomas, Kat Mandujano, and Sarah Clark.

Youth Sunday School Teachers: Rachel Jones, Anne Wood, Luanne Day, Ed Day, E. Lynn Finlon, Beth Sanders, Mary Good, and David Llewellyn.

Youth Advisors: Susan Chase, Rolly Chambers, Brian Sink, Mary Good, Angela Sinnett and Keely Etter.

Adult Teachers: Nick Turkas, Jessica Jacks-Turkas, Bret Myers, David Llewellyn, John Heiskell, Jay Witherspoon, and Anne Wood.

Moment for Missions Schedule

We regularly have Moments for Mission in worship so that the congregation can hear about the opportunities we have to serve. We schedule these in advance. If you are interested in scheduling a Moment for Mission, please contact one of the Pastors.

- >September 20: Habitat for Humanity / Tim Lipka Golf Tournament
- >September 27: Stewardship / World Communion Sunday
- >October 4: Stewardship / Presbyterian Women

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

The family and friends of JoAnn Minton, on her death on September 6, 2026.

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 Haug. 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.

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.

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!

Providence Presbyterian Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 29 at 7pm in the parlor. We will be discussing Trust the Whisper: How Answering Quiet Callings Inspires Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary Grace by Kathy Izzard. Izzard is a Charlotte author and has won awards for her five books. Come Join Us! Contact Leigh Myers@lmeyers0727@gmail.com with any questions.

PPC Joint Leadership Meeting Night:

All elders, deacons, and committee chairpersons are invited to a Joint PPC Leadership Night on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm in the CLC. We will have dinner together and then discuss major priorities and goals for the next year and ways that we can collaborate together. Please mark your calendars!

Today, the flowers so beautifully arranged by Phyllis Long, have been given by the family of Mosie Grotophorst in loving memory of her life and spirit, marking one year since she passed away on September 9, 2025.

2026 OllieTree Community Health Fair

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