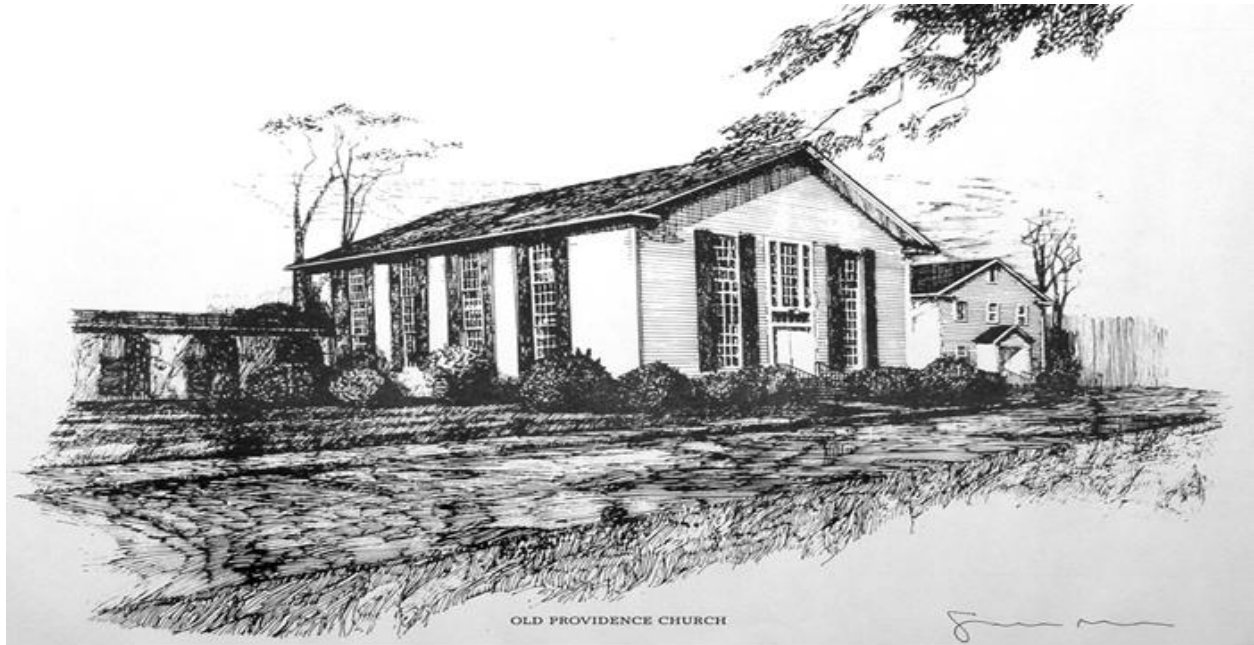


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Our Vision

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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

George Wightman

Mike Seaman

Bob Boeschel

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Habitat for Humanity/Tim Lipka Tournament
Gene Gazda and Charles Humphreys

Prelude

“Etude in E major”

Fredric Chopin

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

All: God’s greatness is unsearchable.

One: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

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

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Based on Philippians 1:21–30)

One: In Christ, we are called to live lives worthy of the gospel.

All: Together, we stand firm in one spirit and strive side by side in faith.

One: Christ joins us together in a life of faith, courage, and love.

All: May our life together reflect the grace and peace of Christ.

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share Christ’s peace with one another.

*Opening Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

#39

*Opening Prayer (From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2*)

Generous God, you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us and gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit, so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways, and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (From *Call to Worship: Lectionary Companion*, Sept. 20, 2026)

God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace. We believe ourselves more deserving than others. We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive, instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show. Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce. Forgive the double standards we hold. Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace, and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy (Down in My Heart)" George W. Cooke

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart!
Down in my heart!

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.
Chorus:

*And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.
And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart!
Down in my heart!

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart (where?)
Down in my heart to stay. [Chorus]

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson	<u>Exodus 16:2-15</u> One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!	p.66, Pew Bible OT
Anthem	"Spirit of the Living God"	Daniel Iverson Chancel Choir
Time with Children		Craig Veazey
Second Scripture Lesson	<u>Matthew 20:1-16</u> One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!	p.21, Pew Bible NT
Sermon	"The God Who Keeps Showing Up"	Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response "In the Garden" C. Austin Miles

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses,

Refrain:

*And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,
and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me with in my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

3. I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
But he bides me go; through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)

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. 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
Larsen

“It Is Well with My Soul”

arr. Lloyd

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *Presbyterian Outlook* – September 20, 2026)

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them.

May they be blessed to do your bidding. May our expectations of what is right and what is wise always be governed by your unruly love. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Being Sent Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

#837

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

“Gigue Fugue in G major”

J.S. Bach

The Ushers today are Gene Gazda and Mike Seaman.

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 27: Stewardship

Special Christian Education Opportunity: Trust the Whisper

On Sunday, October 18, at 9:30 a.m., we will welcome Kathy Izard, Charlotte author, speaker, and community advocate, for a special Christian Education program in the Fellowship Hall.

Kathy is the author of *Trust the Whisper: How Answering Quiet Callings Inspires Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary Grace*, which our Providence Book Club is reading this fall. Her work has included homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health, while *Trust the Whisper* explores the broader themes of discernment and calling, paying attention to where God may be leading us and having the courage to respond.

This special program also connects with Providence's ongoing Matthew 25 efforts as we consider how God calls us to notice, listen, and respond faithfully to the needs around us.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Emily McCanless, Baxter Price, 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.

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@lmyers0727@gmail.com with any questions.

2026 Tim Lipka Memorial Golf Classic
25th Anniversary
November 6, 2026



CAROLINA
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Golf Club

Carolina Lakes Golf Club
located in Indian Land, SC



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Carolina Lakes Golf Club
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Prizes for the first four winning teams.
Gross and net scores will apply.
Plus a chance to win lots of other prizes.

Cost per foursome is \$700
Cost per person is \$175
(Cost includes a box lunch and post tournament

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