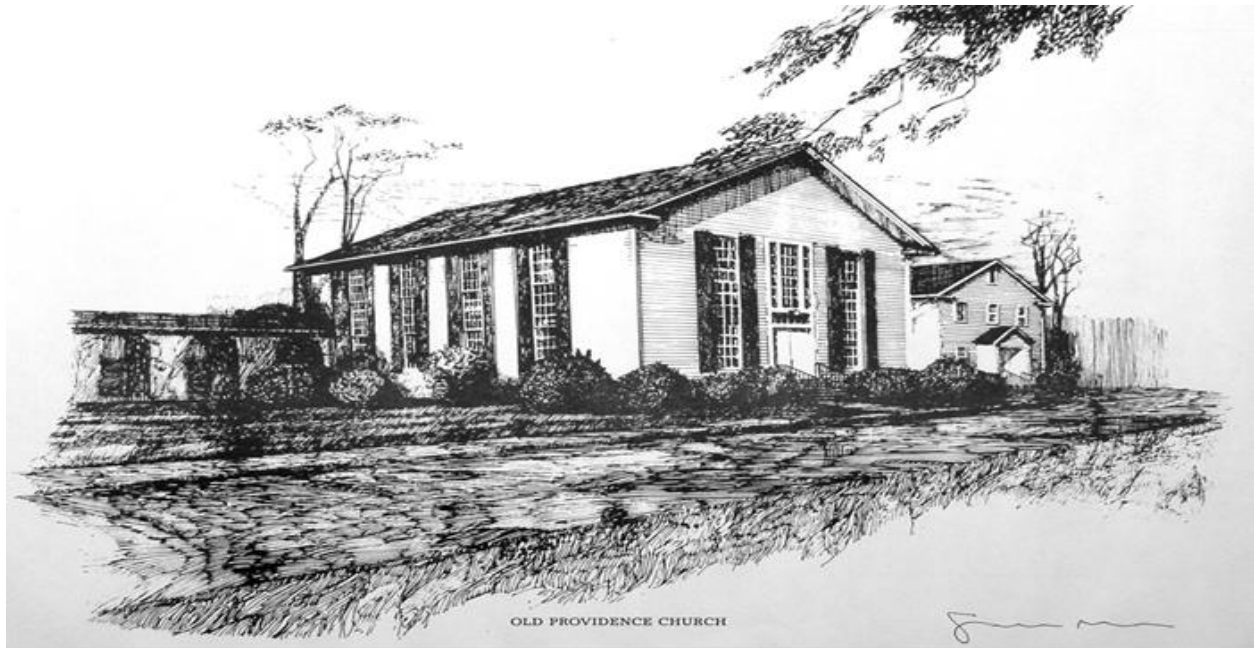


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Our Vision

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 **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

October 25, 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, Organist Emeritus
Nikki Bolton, Communications Director
Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator
Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

Officers of the Week

Dave Dickey
Rolly Chambers

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

“We Gather Together”

arr. Callahan

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

(From *Presbyterian Outlook*, October 25, 2026)

One: We gather here to worship God.

All: We are here, with heart, soul and mind.

One: We gather here as Christ’s body.

All: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

One: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

All: We are here to worship and to be transformed.

One: Let us worship the Triune God!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

(Based on Matthew 22:34–40)

One: Christ calls us to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.

All: We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

One: In Christ, we receive the love that enables us to love one another.

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

“I Danced in the Morning”

#157

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, you loved us first in Jesus Christ. Gather us in your grace and teach us to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbors as ourselves. As we worship, shape our lives in gratitude, generosity, and faithful service. May your love bear fruit through us. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From *Presbyterian Outlook*, October 25, 2026)

Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call

is to please you, above all. You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases.

You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length. You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back.

Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon — heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri	"To God Be the Glory" (Verse 1)	#634
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Hearing God's Word

Handbell Meditation	"Spirit of the Living God"	Bells of Providence
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Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson	<u>Deuteronomy 34:1–12</u> One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!	p.191, Pew Bible OT
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Anthem	"A Festive Peal"	Michael Helman
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Time with Children		Tandy Graham Veda Grace Sims
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Second Scripture Lesson	<u>Matthew 22:34–40</u> One: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!	p.25, Pew Bible NT
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Sermon	"The Measure of Love"	Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla
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Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" #753

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 "Take the World, But Give Me Jesus" arr. Victor Labenske

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication (From *Presbyterian Outlook*, October 25, 2026)

Generous God, we bring our gifts to you. May these gifts yield the fruits of your Spirit, meeting scarcity with your abundance, and fear with your love. Use our offerings and our lives in love and service. We ask this in the name of Jesus, 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 "We Are One in the Spirit" #300

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude "Rondo" James Bull

The Usher today is Bob Boeschel.

All Saints Sunday – November 1, 2026

On Sunday, November 1, we will observe All Saints Sunday, a time to remember those who have gone before us and now rest with God. We will honor both members and non-members who have died since last year's All Saints observance in November 2025.

We will remember the following loved ones: Betty Boeschel, George Hall, Chris Tye, Lois Willetts, Frank Archer, Betty Bullard, Chauncy Kutz, Charles "Chuck" Reilly, Stephen Willetts, James "Jimmy" Rinehardt, and David Patrick Miller.

To add a name or share a correction, please email Ruth Welch at ruth@ppc1767.org or Lal Rodawla at lal@ppc1767.org, or call the church office, by Tuesday, October 27, at noon. Please include the person's full name, pronunciation if helpful, and your relationship to them.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Mae Edwards (mother of Cathy Lawler), Megan Dickerson (niece of Anne Wood), Thomas Joseph, Emily McCanless, Baxter Price, Joyce Pate, Mechele Hill (Tandy's niece), Gary Sikes, William Dixon, Darwin Collins, 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

Julie Thomas and family on the death of her father in India.

Friends and family of David Patrick Miller (brother of Judy Galit) on his passing, September 26.

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.

Join Us Online Beyond Sundays

Follow us on our NEW Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram pages at **@providencepresclt**, the same handle on every platform!

Facebook: Once we reach 100 followers, we can livestream worship there. Your follow helps!

YouTube: Watch worship live or catch up on past services anytime.

Instagram: See photos celebrating the life of our church.

The 3 Gs: Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity Stewardship Update

October 18th was Dedication Sunday. Thank you to all those who have generously committed to supporting PPC in 2027. Thus far we have received 78 Estimates of Giving for a total of \$548,912 for 2027. We are continuing to receive estimates of giving over the next several weeks and hope to exceed last year's total of pledges. There are Estimate of Giving Cards available in the narthex of the sanctuary and in the church office. You may also complete

one online through our website: www.providencepresclt.org

Gratefully, The Stewardship Committee

Empathy Study
Tuesday Evenings October 13 – November 17
Sponsored by PPC Stephen Ministry

Offering empathy to someone who is struggling is like giving a cup of water to a thirsty traveler – similar to the descriptions given by Jesus in Matt 25:35-36. 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.

Beginning October 13 through November 17 PPC's Stephen Leaders will lead a study using The Gift of Empathy (\$15.00). In six weekly Tuesday sessions 6:30 – 8:30pm, two small groups divided into women and men, will explore 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 PPC's Stephen Leaders.

PPC and Habitat for Humanity

This year, PPC is again partnering with Habitat to sponsor a Critical Home Repair project. We will repair Mrs. Abraham's home at 3930 Bearwood Avenue in Charlotte. The work will include replacing flooring systems, making major kitchen and bathroom repairs, installing an accessibility ramp, and completing other needed improvements. We also need volunteers to provide lunches for the repair crews.

We will work on the house on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for three consecutive weeks: November 4-6; November 11-13; November 18-20. Whether you sign up for 1 day or for 9 days we welcome your help. Sign up is a little different this year using the Habitat signup app. To sign up to work on the house or prepare lunches, please go to the Habitat Volunteer Hub using this link <https://vhub.at/providencepresbyterianH4H>.

If you have any questions or have trouble signing up, please call or text Dudley Stone at 704 564 9812 or email dudleydstone@gmail.com.

PPC Churchwide Luncheon — Sunday, November 1

Join us for a churchwide luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 1! Enjoy a meal, good conversation, and time together as a church family. The meal will be provided, so just bring yourself. Everyone is welcome!



We are collecting TOYS and GIFT CARDS (Walmart and Target) for the **Matthews Gives Back Holiday Event**. Clients from the Matthews Help Center are able to obtain toys for their children at this event on Dec. 16. Starting 11/15, ending 12/13 bring toys for any age child-as small as a baby rattle on up and place in collection box in Narthex. (Bikes can be taken to the Matthews Police Dept.) Gift cards are for teen recipients. Thank you for your support of this amazing event.

Also help is needed on Dec.15 sorting the toys and setting up “the store” at the Crews Recreational Center. Contact Mary Lee Hayes mlhayes1446@gmail.com or [7045771700](tel:7045771700) for further information.



PPC's Endowment Fund is a lasting source of support for Providence's mission, ministry, and outreach – ensuring our faith and service will continue for generations.

It helps the church grow, serve, and share God's love - even in uncertain times.

Please consider remembering the Providence Presbyterian Endowment by putting it in your estate plans because it's a meaningful way to leave a legacy and help sustain the church's work for generations to come.

It is easier than you think. And helps more than you know.

Email or call Kathy Daniels...

kathydaniels@gmail.com

Or call [317-331-5495](tel:317-331-5495)