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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 Third Sunday after the Epiphany

10:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor
Genie Richards, Youth & Communications 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

Susan Chase
Jo Hardin
Wenona VanWinkle

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Gale Kinney

Prelude

"In The Bleak Midwinter"

arr. Gordon Young

Gathering as God's People

Call to Worship

(From *Glory to God Resources*, Jan 25, 2026)

One: The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?.

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that I shall seek after:

All: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: As we begin a new year, let us commit ourselves anew to what matters most.

All: May we seek to follow Christ in the year ahead.

One: May we also form bonds of friendship with our siblings in Christ.

All: Let us greet one another with joy and peace in our hearts.

*Opening Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#726

*Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship* resource, Jan.25, 2026)

God our light and our rescue, our fortress in times of trouble, when human powers seek to crush us, protect us in the hidden places of your heart. Ease our fears and let us rest in you. When we are safe, but other lives are threatened, fortify our resolve to be your protection for all our kin and all your good creation. When the work is done, we ask only to live in your house and enjoy your beauty forever. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, you call us to follow you, to bear witness in speech and deed to the good news of the Gospel. But we resist your call, persistently pursuing our own desires, fearful of your claims upon us. We prefer to stay where we are comfortable, rather than taking a risk to serve you. We keep silent when we have a chance to speak up and express our faith. We let the opportunities you have given us to make a difference pass us by. Forgive us and fill us with your grace and mercy. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Gloria

“For All the Saints”

#326 (verses 1 and 5)

(v. 1) For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
Thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(v. 5) From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through
Gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearing God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson:

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

p.503, O.T. Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem:

“Be Thou My Vision”
Chancel Choir

Carlton Young

Time with Children:

Bret Myers

Second Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 4:12-23

p.3, N.T. Pew Bible

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Fishing for People”

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God’s Word

*Hymn of Response

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

#721

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

Offertory

“I Waited For The Lord”

Felix Mendelssohn

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

(From *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Jan 25, 2026)

Holy God, we present these offerings to you in faith. We trust that you will bless and use them to further Christ’s ministry and serve those in need. May these gifts bless those we know who are suffering and those known only to you. Amen.

Being Sent Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

#321

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"We Three Kings"

synthesizer, Ron Nice

The Ushers today are Keeley Etter and Jack Clark.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Alex Dickey, William Dixon, Bruce Robinson, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, Jan Hargett, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Sharon Starks, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Joyce Pate, Tim Good's friend, Sean Byrd.

Chronic Concerns

Nell Kilpatrick's daughter, Isabel Kilpatrick, Bo Hardee, Kim Hintz's mother, Sandy, Zachary Coger, Yo Yee Chacko, Martha Gilbert's mother,

Grieving

Friends and family of Lois Willets (Phyllis long's mother) on her passing January 15, 2026

Friends & family of Brian Tye, on his father's passing on January 5, 2026.

Friends and family of George Hall, brother of Mary Lee Hayes, on his passing on December 13, 2025.

Friends and family of Betty Boeschel, Bob's mother, on her passing on November 26, 2025

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

During January the Literary Group is reading "A Gathering of Old Men" by African American author Ernest J. Gaines. Set on a 1970s Louisiana sugarcane farm, the mystery novel, published in 1983, addresses racial discrimination in the post-civil rights era South. Join us on zoom on Tuesday, February 24 at 11am for discussion. Contact Adele Daniels (adanielscs@gmail.com) for

Hello PPC family!

As you may know, we have a small group of dedicated members who lead our kids in the weekly Sunday Children's moment. I want to extend the invitation to everyone at PPC to help in this wonderful ministry.

It's really easy! Lessons typically follow the passages being preached each week. There are online resources available for ideas and guidance. And you can always ask one of us "regulars" too if you need a little help. All that really matters is you're there with the kids (and that you keep it SHORT



Please take a look at the signup and volunteer where you can.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4FAEA929A6FB6-ppctime#/>



Community Outreach for January: Nourish Up

January's Community Outreach Committee focus is on Nourish Up. Nourish Up is a merger of Loaves and Fishes and Friendship Trays, as these two local, stellar organizations have joined forces and are now under one roof and one name. Providence has a long history with both of these organizations. Nourish Up provides a week's worth of groceries to individuals and families experiencing a short-term crisis with a network of pantries throughout Mecklenburg County and home delivery of groceries by volunteers. **They also** deliver nutritious meals to the elderly or infirm individuals who are unable to obtain or prepare their own meals, while also providing a human connection to the isolated and lonely and peace of mind to their families. PPC now has its own route delivering meals to 6-7 individuals who live near our church. Seventeen church members have volunteered and are delivering meals. This means that every weekday for the foreseeable future, a church member will be delivering meals to neighbors in our community who are in need of a nutritious meal.

We all know that we are a caring congregation. It is so great to see that this caring is not just directed towards each other but also outward toward our neighbors.

A big thank you to the following volunteers:

Geri Petitt and Ken Reilly, Elyse Williams, Nancy Chambers, Brenda and Dudley Stone, Tandy and John Graham, Tim Sisson, Nancy and Dave Ott, Wendy Felker, Ron Green, Cindy Howard, Moria Alair, George Wightman, and Jim Goodwill.

Today there are many opportunities to volunteer with **Nourish Up**, and in January, we will focus on three of these opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunity #2

The volunteer opportunity for this week is joining the PPC team, delivering meals to our neighbors. Here is how it works: Meal pick up is at Sardis Presbyterian Church at 10:30 am. Typically, you would have 5-7 meals to deliver which would take about 1.5 hours. The route is within a few miles of the church. All church members are assigned to the same route which makes it easier to switch dates when going out of town or because of illness (though if you can't find someone with whom to switch, you can notify the Nourish Up office, and they will send a sub). Presently we have some open slots. You can sign up for one day or two days a month.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Dudley Stone by email at dudleydstone@gmail.com or by text or phone at 704-564 9812.

New Year, Same Promises January and February Sermon Series

Rev. Dr. Jody Moore at Providence Presbyterian Church

Every time the calendar changes to a new year, we feel we have the opportunity for a fresh start. A number of us will make new year's resolutions, such as changes to our diet, exercise, habits, or lifestyle, but in spite of those resolutions, most things stay the same for us. This may be a cause of disappointment, but there is some constants that we can celebrate. God's promises to us do not change when the calendar moves to a new year. We can depend on God, day by day, year after year. Many of the promises that we read in the Bible are relevant to us today. We will reflect together in the new year on celebrating God's consistent and dependable promises. This sermon series is inspired by the book *A Preacher's Guide to Lectionary Sermon Series* (this section is written by Katherine Willis Pershey).

February 1: Matthew 5:1-12. God's Promise of Blessing. Jesus offers nine Beatitudes, ways that we are spiritually blessed when we face difficulties or adversities. The promise of the Beatitudes is for something good to emerge from the dust of the hardships we face. What does it mean for us to be blessed by God? How can we as a church and as individuals be blessings to others? We will have our annual congregational meeting that morning at 9:15 am.



Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 9:15 a.m.
Christian Life Center (CLC)

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held during the Sunday School hour in the CLC. We will review the 2026 budget, vote on pastors' terms of call, elect the 2026 Nominating Committee, hear brief ministry updates, and remember those who have died in the past year. A written annual report will be available. All members are encouraged to attend.

Winter/Spring 2026 Tuesday Pastor's Bible Study

Beginning on February 3rd, we will have a Bible Study for nine consecutive Tuesdays from February 3rd until March 31st.

We will gather at 11:00 am and plan to meet for an hour. We will meet in person in the conference room in the Administration Building and also provide a Zoom link for those who want to join on-line. We will be studying the same passage on Tuesday that we will hear in worship the following Sunday.

Here is the schedule of classes for the winter and spring of 2026:

Date Bible Passage We Are Studying

Feb 3	Matthew 5:21-30,38-48
Feb 10	Matthew 17:1-27
Feb 17	John 8:1-20
Feb 24	Genesis 3:1-13
Mar 3	John 4:4-42
Mar 10	John 9:1-41
Mar 17	John 11:1-45
Mar 24	Philippians 2:1-13
Mar 31	John 20:1-18

Here's the Zoom link if you want to join these Bible studies on-line:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81751629176?pwd=Cp6IqWfJILMrzMuLS8OxosZoflzXrz.1>

Meeting ID: 817 5162 9176

Passcode: 846356

Providence Presbyterian Church and the Recovery Community

For more than a decade, Providence Presbyterian Church has been honored to host a growing recovery community on our campus, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Al-Anon. Each year, nearly 700 recovery meetings take place here, offering welcome, hope, and support. Even during the COVID pandemic, AA continued meeting nightly—rain or shine.

Providence supports this life-giving work by providing space and prayer for all who seek healing. The AA group *The Way Home* meets every evening at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome.



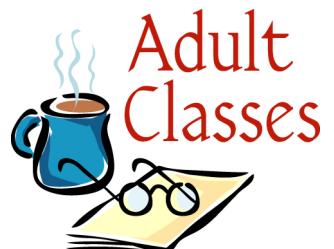
We are currently planning our next youth Confirmation class. If you would like your child or grandchild to participate, please email Genie Richards, Director of Youth Ministry, genie@ppc1767.org, to learn more about this important milestone in our youth's faith journey. All rising 8th graders and unconfirmed high school students are eligible and encouraged to participate.

The final payment for the PPC Women's Retreat is due by Friday, January 30th. Please contact Kat Mandujano at 910-977-8958 or Carol Gabbard at 859-200-3080 with any questions.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

"You're invited to bring in the new year with one of our adult Sunday School classes. New series are coming up this January! All classes meet at 9:30 AM each Sunday.



GEN X & Y—meet in the parlor in the CLC.

Our series is The Theology of Everything (but church. We will start this Sunday and its for 12 weeks. Contact Jessica and Nick Turkas at jacksturkas@gmail.com

Faith Foundations— meet in the Adult Ministries Building, Room 402

This week we are taking a look at Esther, but going forward, we will be reading "What Jesus Meant" by Garry Wills. Contact John Heiskell at jheiskel@ix.netcom.com

Sojourners—meet in Fellowship Hall, Rm 103

We are studying "Bible Stories for Grownups" by Josh Scott. Contact Bret Myers at agmyers4@gmail.com