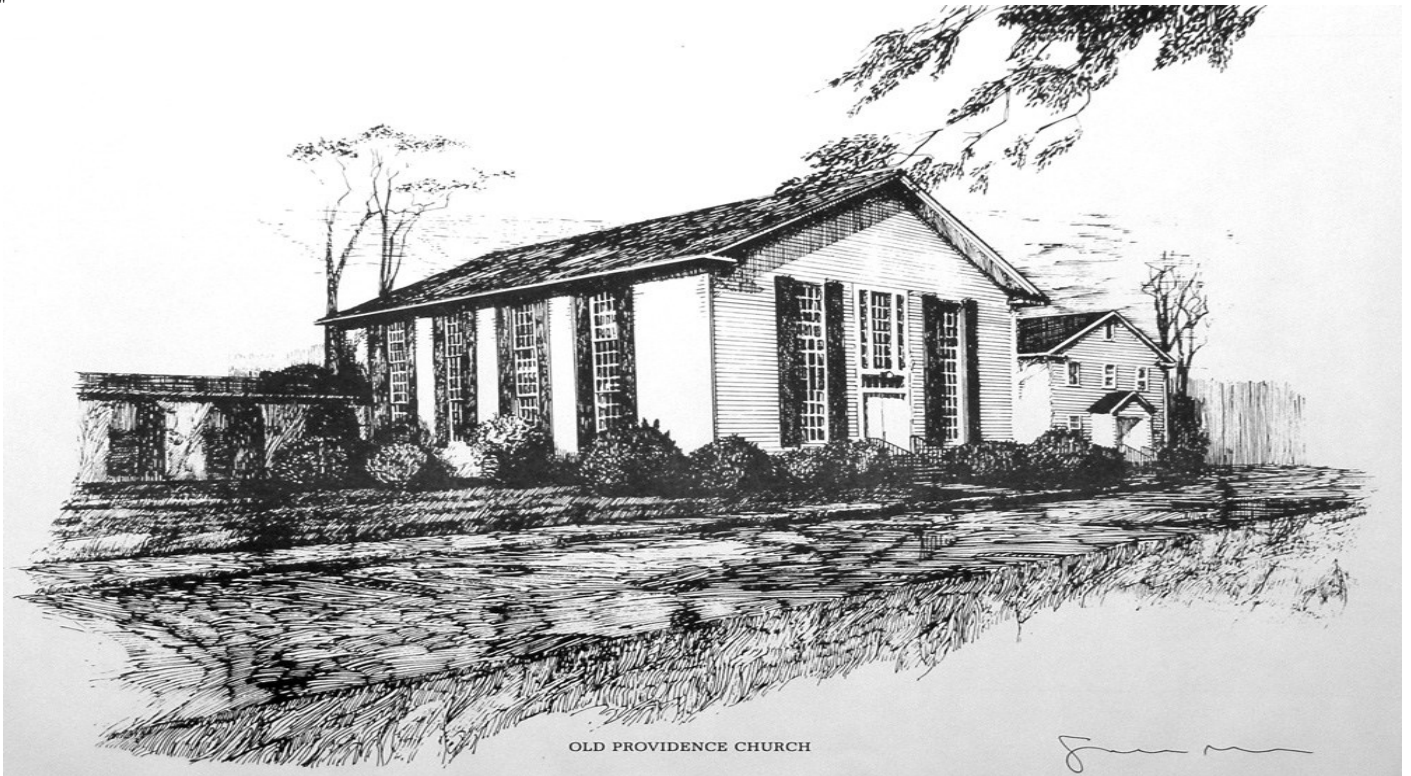


PROVIDENCE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • EST. 1767



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

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor

Sarah Clark, Children's Ministry Director

Jonathan Johnson, Director of Youth Ministry & Communications

Ron Nice, Pianist/Organist

Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator

Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

Officers of the Week

Dave Ott

Jo Hardin

Jack Randolph

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of Jonathan Johnson

Prelude "Lacrymosa (Requiem) W. A. Mozart

Gathering as God's People

Call to Worship

One: Remember the story of our faith.

All: We are the people God has delivered.

One: Rejoice in the hope of our faith

All: God goes with us, step by step.

One: Cling to the promise of our faith.

All: Our God will not abandon us. Let us worship God!

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: During Lent, we are invited to draw closer to God.

All: As we seek Christ's face, let us remember to love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

One: God calls us into community so that we may become the body of Christ.

All: Let us show Christ's peace and joy as we greet one another in his holy name.

*Opening Hymn "Seek Ye First" #175

*Opening Prayer (From *Call to Worship* resource, Mar. 9, 2025)

Mighty God, you heard the cries of your people and rescued them from the hands of their oppressors. You cared for them in the wilderness. In the life of Christ, you experienced that wilderness yourself. As we journey through our own Lenten wilderness, we give thanks that your Spirit sustains us and your love guides us. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty protector and provider, we have sought security in shelters of our own making. Instead of trusting your Word, we have relied upon our own will to overcome evil within and around us. Our will has not been strong enough; when tempted, we have fallen. Forgive us from turning away from the sustaining bread you have so generously provided for us. Give us your Holy Spirit so that we would entrust ourselves fully and completely to your will. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri "To God Be the Glory" #634 (verse 1)

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Question to the Congregation:

Do we, the members of Providence Presbyterian Church promise to support, encourage, pray for, and welcome these individuals as our brother and sister in Christ?

We do.

Prayer for the New Members

Charge and Welcome to the New Members

Being Sent Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn	"Standing on the Promises"	#838
*Charge and Blessing		
* Postlude	"Lift High the Cross"	Paul Manz

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Marilyn Neubert, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Emily McGuire, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Ali Byrum., Mosie Grotophorst, Mike Brians, Ann Arentz, Jaiden Dean, Frank Archer, Lynda Hunley's friend Evan & his family, Julia Brammer, Brenda Rorie's friend, Jen Adkins, Frances Hill's parents-Louis & Joyce Pate, Martha Gilbert's mother, Tim Good's friend, Sean Byrd, and Ann Harkins.

Chronic Concerns

Nell Kilpatrick's daughter, Isabel Kilpatrick, Roy Lindstedt, Bo Hardee, Kim Hintz's mother, Sandy, Zachary Coger, Yo Yee Chacko.

Grieving

Family and friends of Roy Lindstedt, on his passing 03/03/2025

Family and friends of Pete Davis, the son of Francis Davis, on his passing 01/27/2025

Family and friends of Emily McCormick, on her passing 01/23/2025

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

Appreciation For The Life And Voice Of Roy Lindstedt From The Music Committee

Roy Lindstedt was an integral member of our Sanctuary Choir for many years. We are especially grateful for his dedication and commitment to sharing his gift for singing. His beautiful bass voice and faithfulness will be greatly missed at PPC. We extend our prayers to his wife Barbara, daughter Carrie and son Max on his passing. There is an empty spot in the choir loft which holds special memories of and gratitude for Roy.

The Music Committee

Just a reminder about the Lenten Devotionals -- We are using the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Lenten devotionals again this year. It's easy to access these Lenten devotionals. All you have to do is just go to [pts.edu/devotional 1](https://pts.edu/devotional) and it will take you right to the devotionals. You will also see directions for subscribing to the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary if you are interested in receiving the daily devotionals in your email. Some paper copies are available in the Narthex.

Annual Attic Sale

March 15th

Keep an eye out for upcoming details for PPC's Annual Attic Sale on March 15th.

Volunteer opportunities are available all this week. Mark your calendar!!!

Winter Tuesday Pastor's Bible Study

Beginning on January 21 st , we will have a Bible Study for eight consecutive Tuesdays from January 21 st until March 11 th . 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 remaining schedule of what we will be studying for the Bible study class each week:

Date Scripture Passage We are Studying

March 11 Luke 12:22-40

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85080818061?pwd=4Mv1q2a7Nj3oXj3k1Moy0Lbiux9hnD.1>

Meeting ID: 850 8081 8061

Passcode: 573955

All are invited to join the Faith & Justice group in the CLC parlor on Sunday, March 16, at 4:00. Blair Tucker Smith from Myers Park Presbyterian will share information about an upcoming event sponsored by that church. "Guns to Gardens" is a national movement based on Isaiah 2:4, "...Beat their swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks," which gives an opportunity for people to dispose of unwanted guns in a safe and anonymous way. We will learn more about the organization and how PPC can support them through volunteering and promoting the event. Contact Gale Kinney for further information. (gdkinney2@gmail.com)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85196573768?pwd=tj30S5t8X2V4wz5Js9KIA2RYg4gUxA.1>



Colossians 3:16 - With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. (NRSV)

Psalm 98:4-6 - Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; 5 make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, 6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn — shout for joy before the Lord, the King. (NIV)

Psalm 147:7 - Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. (NRSV)

We are prayerfully accepting nominations for Elder and Deacon Nominations.

**PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATION FOR
THE CLASS OF 2028**

The Nominating Committee will be receiving recommendations for persons to serve as Ruling Elders and Deacons in the Class of 2028. We ask that you prayerfully consider those in our congregation whom you believe would serve well in these capacities. There will be forms available at each Sunday Service through March 23rd and ask that you return any nominations by March 25th. If you would like to speak directly to a member of the Nominating Committee to recommend someone to serve, the 2025 Nominating Committee members are: Cathy Lawler, Frances Hill, Geri Petit, Bob Edwards, and Gene Gazda. If you would like a form e-mailed to you, please contact Ruth Welch in the church office at ruth@ppc1767.org



We are pleased to share a significant milestone achieved by our dedicated Stephen Ministry trainees, Becky Boeschel, Dan Brockman, Rachel Jones, Kathy Roberts, and George Wightman. With determination and enthusiasm, they have completed half of their 50 hours of required training. Over the past two months, these dedicated future Stephen Ministers have participated in focused training covering essential topics such as confidentiality, listening, the process of caring, using mental health other community resources, assertiveness, crisis theory and more - all with a focus on distinctively Christian caregiving. They have acquired valuable skills and techniques that will enable them to provide empathetic care and support to individuals in our congregation and community facing challenging circumstances. We are proud of our current and future Stephen Ministers for their commitment and dedication to this ministry, and we are grateful for the positive impact they make in our church and community. Please continue to pray for Stephen Ministry at Providence and beyond.

PPC Book Club will meet Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm in the church parlor. We will discuss North Woods by Daniel Mason. If you need more information or have questions please contact Leigh Myers at amyers@carolina.rr.com

Community Outreach March Focus **Crisis Assistance Ministry**

Background

- Crisis Assistance Ministry is a local nonprofit that has served families in Mecklenburg County since 1975, when a group of local Charlotte churches centralized assistance to neighbors to prevent homelessness and utility disconnection.

- With an investment of less than \$300, Crisis Assistance can help keep a family in their home by assisting with rent or utility expenses for the month. If a family is evicted, it costs an estimated \$30,000 to get that family back into a home.

- They focus in three key areas of support for our neighbors:
 - o **Basic Needs**
Mecklenburg County families receive help with emergency rent and utility assistance, clothing, household goods and appliances.

 - o **Economic Mobility**
One-on-one coaching empowers families to rebuild financial stability and pursue economic opportunity.
Participants set goals and create a plan for their families.

 - o **Community Education**
Our community education efforts increase awareness of the complex issues facing more than 100,000 neighbors in our county living in poverty.

Ways You Can Help

1. Donation Drive

We will collect the following items – barrels can be found in the Narthex and CLC lobby.

- **Hygiene products:** Soap, body wash, shampoo, and conditioner
- **Household items:** Towels, sheets, and blankets (twin, full, and queen sizes only; no king sizes)

2. Group Support Opportunities

- Join us at Crisis Assistance Ministry on March 22, 9-11am to assist with sorting donated items and setting up the Free Store.

- Email Tamera Green at [greentamera@gmail.com](mailto:greenamera@gmail.com) if you would like to participate!

2025 PPC Great Annual Attic Sale | March 15, 2025 | 7am - 2pm



DONATE TO THE Attic Sale

Dos and Don'ts of Attic Sale Donations



Sign Up

WHAT NOT TO DONATE:

- Broken items
- Car seats
- Drop down cribs
- Mattresses
- Televisions manufactured before 2011
- Chemicals (ie cleaning products, paint, fertilizer)
- Stained or damaged clothes
- LARGE furniture (heavy dressers, armoires, cabinets)
- Anything in lower quality than you personally would like

Drop off items in CLC between **10am - 7pm March 8 - 13th**
and 10 am - 12pm on March 14th

Note: No items will be accepted after noon on Friday, March 14th.

PPC Members: Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer through the week!