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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

Palm Sunday

April 13, 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

Smoky Wood

Jay Witherspoon

David Kelbaugh

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission: One Great Hour of Sharing

Anne Wood

Prelude

“The Palms“

J. B. Faure

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: Let all who fear the Lord say,

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever!

One: The Lord has answered our prayer and become our salvation.

All: God’s steadfast love endures forever! Hosanna, hosanna!

One: Let us worship almighty 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 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

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

#197

*Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship resource*, April 13, 2025)

Righteous God, as we celebrate Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, we know where the journey leads. We give thanks that you would willingly give so much of yourself so that we might know hope, love, and salvation. Glory be to you, O God for your loving sacrifice. In the days ahead, as we witness the deep night of your death, help us to remember your presence in its midst and hope for the resurrection dawn to come. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From the *Presbyterian Outlook*, April 13, 2025)

Have mercy on us, O God, for we are broken vessels. You call us to follow you, but we deny, abandon and betray. You call us to pursue justice and righteousness, but we stick to the status quo. You invite us into the hope of your Spirit, but we make despair our daily bread. You lead us to the cross, but in our discomfort, we try to skip to the empty tomb. Transform us, O God. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon all our brokenness, that your grace may fill in the cracks of our broken places and make us whole. Amen.

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

*The Gloria "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" #196 (verse 1 and 4)

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 p.197, Pew Bible NT
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Time with Children John Graham

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 19:28-40 p. 83, Pew Bible NT
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Parade for What Kind of King?" The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross" #223

*Affirmation of Faith (Excerpts from *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch.4.3)
Jesus was God in the flesh. Jesus overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. Amen.

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

Offertory "At The Name of Jesus" Ralph Vaughn Williams

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication (From the Presbyterian Outlook, Apr 13, 2025)

God, giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all that you have graciously poured out on us. As we begin Holy Week and walk the final steps to the cross, we give you thanks for the greatest of all gifts—the gift of yourself to your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Being sent Out in God's Name

*Closing Hymn

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

#198

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

"The Palms"

Bish / Langlais

Called Congregational Meeting

There will be a called congregational meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, April 27th. The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the congregation to serve on the Session and the Diaconate. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for the congregation to approve. Please plan to stay after worship for this important meeting.

Looking ahead...

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship, April 17 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall
A light meal and communion will be served.

Good Friday Worship, April 18 – 12:00 – 12:30
(Sanctuary)

The sanctuary will be open for silent prayer and reflection from 12:30-3:00 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025
7:00 am – Sunrise Service (Courtyard)
Bring a lawn chair.
8:00 am – Breakfast (CLC)
9:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00 am – Worship (Sanctuary)

One Great Hour of Sharing

One of the Presbyterian Church (USA) special offerings is the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Providence Presbyterian Church is participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering in 2025. We will have special offering envelopes available in worship on Palm Sunday, April 13 th . If you are not in worship on April 13 th and wish to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing, please make your checks payable to Providence Presbyterian Church with OGHS or One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line.

As we give thanks for our blessings during the season of Lent and as we approach Easter, we have an opportunity to take action and share God's love by supporting this offering that advances the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

The One Great Hour of Sharing provides for three vital programs of the Presbyterian Church:

1. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, which provides helps following natural and other disasters.
2. Presbyterian Hunger Program, which helps feed the hungry locally, nationally, and throughout the world.
3. Self-Development of People, which seeks to assist the poor, the oppressed, and the economically disadvantaged.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Hazel Palmer, William Dixon, Morgan Jeffares, George Wolbers, Ellen Estes, Calista Jane, Marilyn Neubert, Ava, a friend of Carleen Clewis, Charlie Starks, Emily McGuire, Everette, Richard Dickey, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro, Ali Byrum, 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, Bo Hardee, Kim Hintz's mother, Sandy, Zachary Coger, Yo Yee Chacko.

Grieving

Friends and family of Brad Smith, on his passing 03/30/2025

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

PPC Scholarship for Graduating Seniors

Providence Presbyterian Church is offering scholarships of up to \$1,000 for graduating high school seniors who are active members of PPC and plan to attend a college, university, trade school, or technical school. Applications are due no later than April 15, 2025. Click on the link to access the application.

For more details, contact Jonathan Johnson at jonathan@ppc1767.org.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

While we search for a Childcare assistant to support this ministry, **we need new volunteers!** We regularly have 2-5 little ones who enjoy playing during Sunday School and our worship service. Please consider spending an hour with our littlest members; it makes such a positive impact on them, the parents and grandparents (members and visitors). Sign Up Genius QR code below for Spring 2025.



Have you ever wanted to really help someone get a “step up?”

You can do that this month by joining with the Outreach Committee and supporting The **Community Culinary School of Charlotte!** This 20+ year old training school has graduated over 1200 individuals with culinary skills that result in well-paying jobs and careers. Check out their “grocery list” of supplies and kitchen equipment that will help them reach their goal. The next generation of chefs especially need black chef pants, aprons, socks and shoes.

Watch “What's Coming Up” each week for a bio on one of the graduates and use the link to help! Be inspired by their goals.

Collection bins will be in the narthex and the office. Fill them up!!!

Needs:

Rubber Spatulas	Balloon & Rigid Whisks	Vegetable Peelers
Meat Mallets	Perforated & Slotted Spoons	
Grill Spatula	Straight Tongs	Zesters
Portion Scale	Measuring Spoons	
Ice Cream Scoops (Diff. sizes)	Ladles	
Instant Read Thermometers	Mesh Strainers	
China Cap	Spider	Mandolin

PPC Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 29th at 7pm in the church parlor to discuss How to Read a Book by Monica Wood. Please contact Leigh Myers at amyers@carolina.rr.com

A Spring Gift For You

Providence Presbyterian Church and the Membership Committee have a new, handsome, long lasting and easy to use NAME TAG for all PPC members.

One tag per member, green with white letters and a magnetic back.

Please respond by Friday, April 18, 2025.

Name Tags will be delivered at Homecoming on

May 4, 2025.

HOW TO ORDER: Contact: Ruth@ppc1767.org

Or Text: E. Lynn Finlon at 704-236-0628

Or Place a note in the Sunday collection plate to the ATTN: Membership Committee.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED: your name as you wish it to be on the tag and your phone number in case we have a question regarding your order.

ANNOUNCING.....

New on-line giving platform! (yes, another change).

PPC is changing to Servant Keeper Online Giving. The letter below explains how to transition, with an instructional video link included. This change should allow for better record keeping, financial savings, and new giving features in the future. We appreciate your support through this transition.

Dear PPC Members,

We are excited to announce that Providence is upgrading our giving platform to better serve our congregation and community. As part of this upgrade, we are transitioning from our current giving platform to the new Servant Keeper Online Giving Platform. Servant Keeper is the computer system we use at Providence to provide a database for our members and financial records.

What you Need to Know:

1. Transition Dates: The transition to Servant Keeper Online Giving will take place on 5/31/2025. After this date, our previous giving platform will no longer be available.

2. How to Transition:

Step 1: Visit our church website **www.providencepresclt.org**

Step 2: Look for the “Give” tab

Step 3: Click on the link to access our new Servant Keeper Online Giving platform.

Step 4: Follow the instructions on the screen to create your account or login

if you already have a Servant Keeper account via our online Church directory. A new password is required for new and existing accounts.

For step-by-step video guide:

Video Guide: <https://connect.servantkeeper.com/Z4u9o2E9>

3. Benefits of Servant Keeper Online Giving:

- Secure and convenient online giving options
- Accessible from desktops, tablets, or mobile devices
- Recurring giving options to simplify your donations
- Option to pay your individual transaction charges. PPC has been paying all transaction charges since the inception of online giving which total \$700 annually.

4. Support and Assistance: We understand that transitioning to a new platform may raise questions. Our support team is ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. Please reach out to Roy Phillips at roy@ppc1767.org, or Christy Smith at 816-797-3361 for support.

5. Your Support Matters: Your continued support through online giving is crucial for sustaining the ministry and outreach efforts of our church. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to Providence Presbyterian Church. As always, your contribution is welcome in our worship offering plates or to the church office.

Thank you for being part of our church family and for your understanding during this transition. We look forward to serving you better through our new Servant Keeper Online Giving Platform.

Blessings,

Dave Finlon

Finance Committee, Chairman

VISITOR INFORMATION SESSION

On Sunday May 4th @ 9:30 we are having a visitor information session. Come join us for good refreshments, friendly fellowship, and information

EASTER PROFILE PICTURE

The membership team is creating a new directory to be printed and on-line this fall. However, we need your help to confirm contact information and upload a new profile picture. To help with this, On Easter Sunday we will be available to take your profile picture and confirm contact information.

Charlotte Singers Spring Concert May 18 at PPC!

The Charlotte Singers and their musicians invite everyone at Providence Presbyterian Church to a fun and FREE spring concert on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in our CLC. The performance will last an hour and includes pop, jazz, and country tunes.

The Singers are a community chorus of 85 amateur, professional and semi-professional voices under the direction of Helen Finch. They have rehearsed and performed at Providence for many years. Friends of all ages at Providence are especially welcome to enjoy an afternoon of great songs and choral music in celebration of springtime!

CONCERT

May 18 THE CHARLOTTE SINGERS June 1

A Little Country...
A Little Pop...

...and all that jazz

FREE ADMISSION

Donations Welcomed

Sunday, May 18th 4:00 pm - Providence Presbyterian - 1000 Providence Church Lane
Spartanburg, June 1st 4:00 pm - Central Lutheran Chapel - 4000 Providence Road
Helen McCaskey Finch, Director