

# PROVIDENCE

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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**

**Easter Sunday**

April 20, 2025

9:00 & 11:00 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*

**McKinley Johnson**

Susan Chase

Jo Hardin

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Christ is Risen, Alleluia" 9:00am Frederick Maker  
"The Trumpet Shall Sound, Messiah" 11:00am G.F. Handel

### Gathering as God's People

Call to Worship (From *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C*, p.143)

One: People of God, we are witnesses to these things:

**All: that Christ died, hanging on a cross; that God raised him from the dead on the third day; that he is coming again in glory to reign.**

One: This is the good news we tell all the world:

**All: Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*The Peace

One: Christ welcomed everyone he met to come to him and experience his grace. We, as the church, are called to welcome each other in the same spirit.

**All: As we have been forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ, let us be reconciled to one another.**

One: May God's peace be with each of you.

**All: And also with you as we share Christ's peace with one another.**

\*Opening Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" #232

\*Opening Prayer (From *Call to Worship resource*, April 20, 2025)

**Praise be to you, O God of resurrection, for you have defeated the powers of sin and death. In resurrecting Jesus Christ, you displayed your holy power and transformed all of creation. In your steadfast love, you have redeemed us once and for all. Where we once saw pain, scarcity, and despair, we now see wholeness, abundance, and hope. Holy Spirit, inspire us to live as your new creation, working to make things on earth as they are in heaven. Amen.**

\*Litany for Easter (From the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*, p.317–318)

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: At last Christ came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! Amen.**

### Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(From *Call to Worship* resource, p.84)

God of wholeness, we come to you in our brokenness. We find ourselves broken when we have strayed from the path you set before us. We have listened to the voices that seek comforts money can buy instead of your voice that tells us you are all we need. We find ourselves broken when we have turned away from our neighbors. We have chosen to ignore the needs of others. We tell ourselves that there is nothing we can give instead of following your call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and set the captive free. We find ourselves broken because we have not trusted in you. Repair us, O God, and restore us to our true selves so that we might follow you faithfully and trust in the healing power of Christ's resurrection. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

#581

### Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

p.128, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem:

"Rejoice in the Risen Christ"  
Chancel Choir

Alan Pote

Time with Children

Gale Kinney

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

p. 90, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Trusting in the Good News"

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

### Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response

"The Strife is O'er"

#236

\*Affirmation of Faith

(Excerpts from *A Declaration of Faith*, Ch.4.5)

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Easter Prayer 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 "Up From the Grave He Arose" Robert Lowry

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication (From the Presbyterian Outlook, March 31, 2024)

God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.

### Being sent Out in God's Name

\*Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross" #826

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude "Hallelujah Chorus" 9:00am Handel  
"Toccatà" 11:00am Charles Marie Widor

## Providence in Prayer

### Acute Concerns

Rev. Steve & Lori Lindsley, George Wightman, Becky Boeschel, Maggie, daughter of a friend of Gale Kinney, Jan Chandler, 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.

### 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](mailto:elynnfinlon@gmail.com) or

Lal Rodawla, [lal@ppc1767.org](mailto:lal@ppc1767.org)



The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Please come and see us later in the week.

### 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.

### 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.



### Welcome to our new Music Director

Alexandra Sims is originally from Apex, NC and has been directing choirs in the Charlotte area since 2008. She developed her love of choral singing in church choir in high school as well as in the Apex High School choral program, which led her to pursue her career as a choral director. Alex earned her Bachelor of Music and Master of Music in music education at UNCG and has been teaching chorus at the middle school and high school levels since 2008. She served as the music director at Morningstar Presbyterian Church from 2013 until 2024, playing services as well as leading and accompanying the adult choir. She directed the middle school choral program at Northwest School of the Arts, then taught chorus for 10 years at Parkwood High School in Monroe. She was excited to return to CMS in 2022 as the choral director at Providence High School, and enjoys leading such a large and active program. Alex was elected to the executive board of the North Carolina Music Educators' Association in the high school choral section in 2019 and currently serves as chair-elect. She enjoys participating in choral ensembles whenever possible and currently sings with both Caritas A Cappella and Inspirar. She and her husband Winston live in Indian Trail with their two children, Veda Grace (9) and Elliott (5). She is thrilled to join the PPC staff and church family! She joins us on May 8, 2025.

### 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**  
THE CHARLOTTE SINGERS

May 18 June 1

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

...and all that jazz

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm - Providence Presbyterian - 1020 Providence Church Lane  
"Singers June 1<sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm - Spring Lutheran Chapel - 4510 Providence Road  
Helen McCaskey Finch, Director

FREE ADMISSION Donations Welcomed

## 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](mailto:amyers@carolina.rr.com)

### VISITOR INFORMATION SESSION

On Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 we are having a visitor information session. Come join us for good refreshments, friendly fellowship, and information on joining our church. To RSVP call or text Ed Day at 704-488-1271.



### EASTER PROFILE PICTURES

*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.*

**SUNDAY APRIL 27 WE WILL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY IN WORSHIP. PLEASE BRING FLOWERS FROM YOUR YARD TO PLACE IN THE BASKET ON THE ALTER. TAKE THEM HOME AFTER THE SERVICE. FLOWER SEED PACKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT AFTER THE SERVICE.**

Lilies

Given By

Charles & Peggy Humphreys  
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Charles & Peggy Humphreys  
John & Tandy Graham  
John & Tandy Graham  
Kathy Roberts  
Kathy Roberts  
Ginger Capps & family  
Chris & Debbie Yale  
Chris & Debbie Yale  
Geri Pettitt & Ken Reilly  
Geri Pettitt & Ken Reilly  
Jim Goodwill  
Jim Goodwill  
  
Danny Ingle  
Danny Ingle  
  
Danny Ingle  
Brenda & Dudley Stone  
Nellie S. Kilpatrick  
  
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Sherry Robinson  
Cheryl Parsons  
Mike & Mary Anne Seaman  
Mike & Mary Anne Seaman  
Laura & Jack Randolph

In Loving Memory

Mary Ann Humphreys  
Milton & Lucille Humphreys  
William & Margaret Fowler  
Hadley Kate Flournoy  
Elliott & Billie Vurgason  
John & Ann Graham  
Jane Ellen Roberts  
Lavern & Juele D Owens  
William Clay Capps (Bill)  
Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Odom  
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Yale  
Malcolm Pettitt  
Esther Reilly  
CPT. Terry Fuller. U.S. Army  
Chaplain (COL-Ret) James LaMar  
Griffin  
  
Marcia Hrabanek Ingle  
Henry B.& Dorothy Ann  
Hrabanek  
  
Ellen S. Ingle  
Elizabeth Hart  
Emily & David Stewart -mother  
& father  
  
Fannie Bond Anderson  
  
Grandmother  
  
Stacy Robinson  
Grant Parsons—son  
Hazel Williams  
J.B.& Marge Watson  
Edward Hoerning

Given By

Sandy Hintz  
Charles & Cindy Howard  
Charles & Cindy Howard  
Rachel & Jeff Jones  
Donna Franklin

Given By

PPC Music Committee  
Greg & Mary Lee Hayes  
Mike & Mary Anne Seaman  
Kim Hintz  
Sandy Hintz  
Kathy Roberts

Given By

Phil & Gale Kinney  
Phil & Gale Kinney  
Lynne Snider  
Lynne Snider  
Chris Boggs  
Judith Galit  
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Given By

Lynne Snider  
Phil & Gale Kinney  
Glenn & Sandy Holladay  
Glenn & Sandy Holladay

In Loving Memory

Skip Hintz & Chris Hintz  
Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Howard  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Carroll  
Michael Jones  
Gail Diercks (Mom)

In Honor of

Ron Nice  
Ron Nice  
Emerson Mary Cole  
Sandy Hintz  
Kim Hintz, daughter  
"Janie's Angels"

Donations

In Loving Memory

Hobart & Mautile Kinney  
Marson & Kit Dunaway  
Neil A. Snider  
Sigrid O. Jones  
Reed & Carrie Boggs  
Steve Galit  
Elaine Crusan

In Honor of

Betty Scarborough  
Ron Nice  
Jody Moore  
Lal Rodawla