

# 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 Mother's Day and 4th Sunday of Easter**

May 11, 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  
**Alex Sims**, Music Director  
**Ron Nice**, Pianist/Organist  
**Roy Phillips**, Finance Administrator  
**Ruth Welch**, Office Administrator

## *Officers of the Week*

**Kat Mandujano**

Nick Turkas

Cathy Lawler

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Capital Campaign

Laura & Jack Randolph

Introduction of Alex Sims

Keith Templin

Prelude

“Bless This House”

arr. Ron Nice

### Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 148—From Call to Worship resource, p.102)

One: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God on high!

**All: Praise God, sun and moon. Praise God, all you shining stars!**

One: Praise God from the earth, you creatures of sea and ocean depths!

**All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, praise the Lord!**

One: Kings and all peoples of the earth, princes and all rulers of the earth, praise the Lord!

**All: Old and young join together; let all of us, as God’s people, praise the Lord!**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

**All: We meet in Christ’s name and share his peace.**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

\*Opening Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

#14

\*Opening Prayer

(From Call to Worship resource, May 11, 2025)

Merciful God, you have told us who you are, and we still struggle to believe. In Jesus Christ, you reveal your unending care for us, and we give thanks. Grant us the vision of the world you see, a world without hunger, thirst or tears. We thank you for our mothers and grandmothers and celebrate them on Mother’s Day. Lead us into the future you are preparing, O God, as we follow with grateful hearts. Amen.

### Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of hope and safety, like sheep who go astray, we have wandered from your paths of life and light. We have heard the Shepherd’s voice calling us by name, but we have turned instead to our own way. Show us your tender mercy; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy that has been revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

\*Gloria Patri

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

#582 (verse 1)

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness

## Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 19:1-9

p.65, Pew Bible OT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem:

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”:  
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

Time with Children

Charles Humphreys

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:39-46

p. 87, Pew Bible NT

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“Saying Yes to God in Prayer”

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

## Responding to God's Word

\*Hymn of Response

“Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

#234

Pastoral 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

“Happy the Home Where God is There”

John B. Dykes

\*Doxology

#606

\*Prayer of Dedication

(From *the Presbyterian Outlook*, May11,2025)

**Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.**

## Being Sent Out in God's Name

\*Affirmation of Faith

( From the Iona Abbey Community)

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor,**

tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn

“Great God of Every Blessing”

#694

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Postlude

“The Heavens Are Telling” (Creation)

Franz Joseph Haydn

### HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY !!!!

The church wants to honor and recognize ALL the mom’s of our congregation. We truly appreciate how hard you all work, showering others with patience, honesty, kindness, understanding, reality and compassion You definitely make this world a much better place for the rest of us!

Please accept the flower as a small token of our sincere gratitude!



### Providence in Prayer

#### Acute Concerns

Ray Ball, Nancy Chambers, Robert & Yasmin Craig, 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 Margie Parker , on her passing 05/04/2025

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

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)

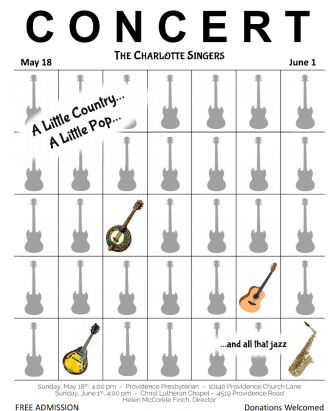
## Welcome to our new Music Director

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!



The Literary Group is now reading "My Antonia" by Willa Cather. The novel has been described as a classic pioneer novel, "fusing two stories to produce a powerful literary work that details nineteenth-century pioneer life in Nebraska, with all its hardships and beauties, and explores traditional American pioneer values, such as hard work, self-reliance, and the refusal to submit to adversity."

Like Naomi Lunch

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

11:30 am

Community Culinary School of Charlotte

9315-D Monroe Rd. Charlotte, NC 28270

We would like to join the outreach efforts by PPC to support CCSC. Several members have enjoyed delicious lunches and given great reviews. This will be our last lunch before we break for the summer. Leslie Post will be doing coordination for the next year. Thanks, Leslie! Please RSVP to Christy Smith

816-797-3361

**Providence Presbyterian Church Women's Luncheon is in the CLC on June 8th after  
Worship Services. Please put it on your calendar!**

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are to honor All Mothers—and especially Mosie Grotophorst who will celebrate her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday tomorrow (with love from her four children, six grandchildren, and five great grandchildren). Happy Birthday, Mosie!!!!

**The flowers in the Narthex are given in memory of Patsy Byrum  
by her family.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!**

The Capital Campaign Committee invites you to an informational meeting to ask questions about the capital campaign that Providence has underway. The theme of "**More Than a Building: A Place to Belong, A Place for Transformation**" is to help us reach our goal to make much needed repairs, upgrade restrooms and other things to make Providence a welcoming and accessible place of worship and fellowship in our community. The meeting will be on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 in the church parlor. Light refreshments will be served. Please let Ruth Welch in the office know if you plan on attending. [Ruth@ppc1767.org](mailto:Ruth@ppc1767.org).

We hope you can come!

Come join us on Zoom for a lively discussion on Tuesday, June 3 at 11 am. For more information contact Adèle Daniels ([adanielscs@gmail.com](mailto:adanielscs@gmail.com)).

**BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS**

**BRING YOUR PETS FOR A BLESSING, PHOTO  
AND A TREAT!**

ON THE LAWN @ PROVIDENCE  
PRESBYTERIAN

Hosted by the Children's Ministry

**6/1 @ 3pm**



Email: [sarah@ppc1767.org](mailto:sarah@ppc1767.org)



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**SUMMER SIGN-  
UP**

Please scan the code to signup!

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## DEACONS and ELDERS

### **Gene Gazda**

Kathie and I joined Providence in December of 1988. We are both enjoying retirement. We have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. I have worked on the property committee off and on since we joined the church. I have changed so many different light bulbs at church, more than I knew existed. I have served on various committees such as New Members, Diaconate and Usage. I really enjoy our monthly Habitat projects and the Critical Home repairs we do each fall. I am honored to serve as a Deacon for the next couple of years

### **Dave Dickey**

Dave Dickey - Dave and his wife Kristin have been coming to PPC for more than twenty years. Married for 36 years, they have three grown kids (Alex, Patrick and Sarah) all of whom still live in Charlotte. Dave's Mother-In-Law, Elna Hanly, also lives in Charlotte and is a member of PPC. Dave has served in a variety of roles over the years at PPC - first as a Sunday School teacher, then Confirmation Class teacher. Later he served as a Deacon and Elder. Dave is also a member of the Finance and Property committees.

### **Wenona Van Winkle**

Although I am not sure how much help I have been, I have sat through Preschool committee meetings, Faith and Justice meetings, Pathways to Peace, Charlotte Presbytery, 2024 Task Force, Worship Committee, Historical Preservation and participated in Green Team, Community Outreach, and Fellowship. I play sanctioned bridge at SMPC and workout at the Calvary Church and since a church has not built a golf course I golf at Raintree Country Club. I am committed to family and recently received a certificate from the Matthews Help Center for 25 years of service. Since I have sat Session in the past, you may wonder why I would do it again. I think the future of PPC looks exciting, and God willing, this is something I can do!

### **Rolly Chambers**

Nancy and I have been members of PPC since 1985 shortly after we moved to Charlotte. I've served previously as an Elder and a member of several PPC committees and task forces. Currently I'm a co-chair of the Music Committee and a member of the Personnel Committee, Endowment Committee, Pastor Relations Committee, the handbell choir, and the Friday men's bible study group. In the past I've served on the Presbytery of Charlotte's Permanent Judicial Commission and Administrative Commission for Dismissals. I'm a retired (i.e. recovering) attorney. Nancy and I have four grown sons, who grew up at PPC, and six grandchildren. I believe God's spirit is active within our congregation, that PPC's future is full of opportunity, and that the faith and Christian love within our church family will continue to bring us hope and joy.

### **Gale Kinney**

Phil and I have been members of Providence for 35 years. We have two adult children and four grandchildren. I currently serve as church librarian and as a member of the Community Outreach committee and chair of Christian Ed. I participate in the handbell choir, book club, literary group, and Faith and Justice group. I'm a member of the Sojourners Sunday School Class and the Care Team. I am also one of the leader advocates for the Pathways to Peace project to memorialize the enslaved cemetery. It is an honor to serve as an elder. I love our church family and am committed to working, praying, and listening for God's guidance for Providence.