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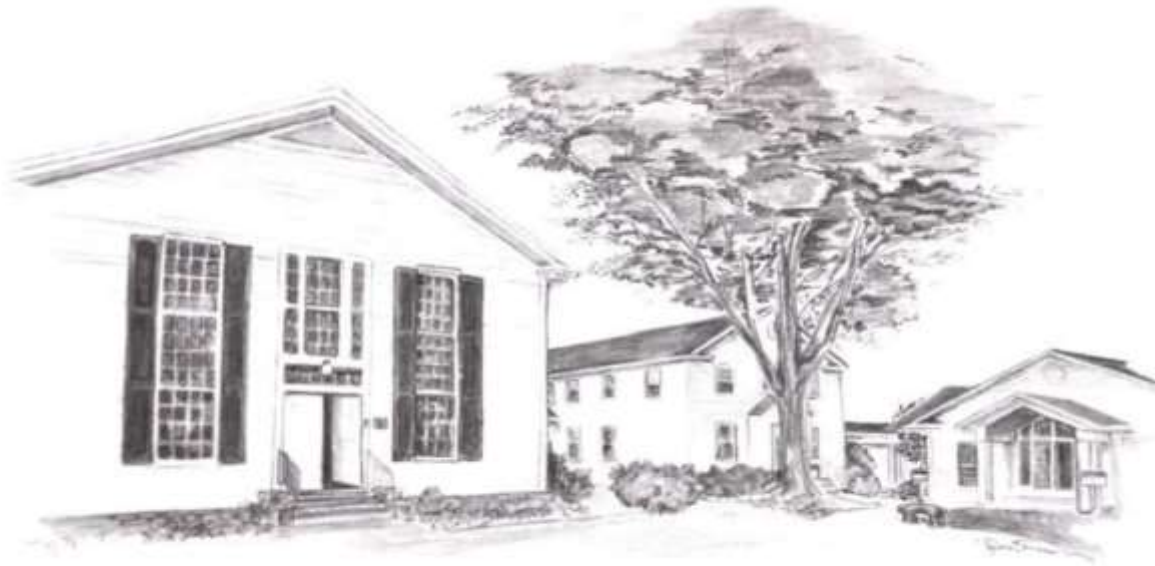
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH · EST. 1767

Connect & Grow

Woven together in our faith



Christian Education Offerings
2024 – 2025



GROWING THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST SINCE 1767

Providence Presbyterian Church came to life from the influx of Ulster Scots to the American ‘promised land’ in the 1700s, a group of people shaped by faith and the idea of a new frontier. They migrated south, took part in the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, and established deep roots in Mecklenburg County. It’s no surprise that Providence Road – one of Charlotte’s main thoroughfares – takes its name from our church while other roads, such as Rea Road and McKee Road, are named for members of the PPC congregation over the past 250+ years. ‘Providence’ expresses the founders’ firm trust in the faithfulness of God to work all things for God’s purpose, which is a bedrock tenet of our Presbyterian faith. One of the original seven colonial Presbyterian churches in the county, PPC served as the center of the Providence Community. Though that community has grown exponentially over the years as Charlotte has become more and more populated, the same could also be said of the church today: it still sits at the center of many of our community member’s lives.

Starting with our first minister Rev. William Richardson 1767, to today’s Pastor, Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, our church has had its fair share of servant leaders. Many worked to grow our congregation from one generation to the next— through times of want and times of wealth. Among those were enslaved communicants who, though denied full membership in the church, contributed much to it during the time prior to the Emancipation Proclamation. They were instrumental in building the “new” sanctuary of 1858. This is the historic building where we continue to meet for worship today.

We welcome members and visitors alike to share in worship and connect to God's people and purpose. A wonderful side benefit of visiting us is the opportunity to stroll a property rich in history. Our first 'pulpit,' also known as Preaching Rock is at the entrance to the cemetery, where markers pre-date the Revolutionary War. Continue through the back gate, and visit the historic enslaved cemetery, a sad reminder of a dark period of our history. This path leads to the nearby spring that first drew worshipers to this spot and provided water for baptisms, as well as drinking water for people and their horses.

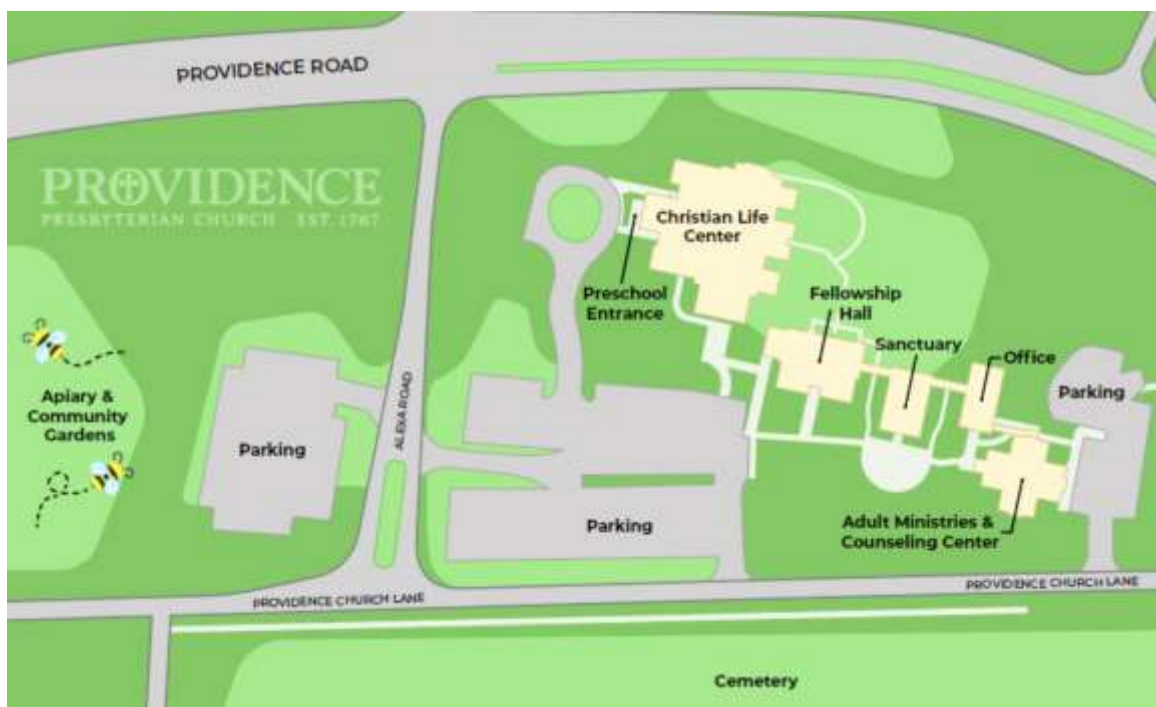
History is too valuable a teacher to be forgotten. We seek to learn and grow from the lived faith of Providence's fathers and mothers, sisters, and brothers. And where their lived experiences were less than consistent with the gospel, reflecting instead their cultural milieu, we seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

CAMPUS MAP

AMC – Adult Ministries & Counseling Center

CLC – Christian Life Center (Gymnasium)

FH – Fellowship Hall



Share. Learn. Support. Grow.

Whether on Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, or throughout the week, adults of all ages and stages gather to live into faith together.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 AM

Faith Foundations

AMC, Room 402

CONTACT: John Heiskell, jheiskel@ix.netcom.com

We learn and support each other as we study the foundations of our Presbyterian faith in Scripture and the writings of Christian theologians and teachers.

Gen X & Y

CLC, Parlor

CONTACT: Jessica & Nick Turkas, jacksturkas@gmail.com

We offer engaging conversations around parenting, relationships, and self-care with core Christian values as our foundation. Our class serves parents, partners, and young-ish adults.

Providence Class

FH, Room 104

CONTACTS: Barbara Bissell, barbarabissell43@gmail.com (or)
Phyllis Edwards, phyllis2000@bellsouth.net (or)

Each Sunday, a class member volunteers to read one of the chapters of our study aloud and we have in-depth discussions.

Sojourners

FH, Room 103

CONTACT: Bret Myers, agmyers4@carolina.rr.com

A class open to all ages and stages. Each class begins with a prayer and contains a lot of discussion, using the Bible, lesson plans, and books as a base.

WEEKDAY SMALL GROUPS

Adelphi

2nd Tuesdays, 7pm

CONTACT: Brenda Stone, brendaruthstone@gmail.com

We are a service-oriented circle and are involved in, and even provide leadership for, many of PPC's outreach programs.

Agape

2nd Tuesdays, 10:30am

CONTACT: Wendy Felker, wld5610@hotmail.com

The word "agape" is the highest form of love and members of this group. We practice 'agape' through fellowship and Bible study.

Book Club

Last Tuesdays, 7pm

CONTACT: Leigh Myers, amyers@carolina.rr.com

We meet once a month to discuss a novel chosen by the group. Members take turns facilitating discussions. We are open to all book lovers – men and women.

Care Team

Weekly via e-mail

CONTACT: Anne Wood, anniebduck@windstream.net

We call and visit those who cannot get to church or who are recovering from illness or dealing with urgent situations. This is a personal, pastoral ministry.

Esther

Third Thursdays, 6pm

CONTACT: Leigh Myers, amyers@carolina.rr.com

Join us for fellowship, prayer, plenty of laughter, and meaningful book discussions relevant to our faith journey. We support one another as we face the joys and worries of aging parents and young adult children.

Faith & Justice

Monthly on Sundays

CONTACT: Gale Kinney, gdkinney2@gmail.com

Our group seeks to fulfill God's will for us to seek Justice for God's creation and all God's children. We encourage and inform each other and the congregation on ways we can respond in our community through advocacy and action.

Like Naomi

3rd Tuesdays, 11:30am

CONTACT: Christy Smith, christyks@att.net

We are a group of widowed and single ladies who meet for lunch to share, support, and enjoy fellowship together.

Literary Group

Tuesdays via Zoom, 11am

CONTACT: Adèle Daniels, adanielscs@gmail.com

Our focus is on the literary classics, and we enjoy lively discussion and camaraderie. Book selections are made as a group. Tuesdays change throughout the year; contact Adele for exact dates.

Men's Fellowship**Bimonthly on Fridays, 7am**

CONTACT: Bret Myers, agmyers4@carolina.rr.com

*A men's Bible study group where current topics and discussions lift our hearts and minds toward loving God and neighbor, near and far, for a world of good.***Monday Manna****Weekly via Zoom, 10:30am**

CONTACT: Anne Wood, anniebduck@windstream.net

*A men's and women's Bible study group that takes a deep look into biblical history, research and understanding.***Prayer Shawl Ministry****Monthly**

CONTACTS: Daisy Risser, daisyaday96@gmail.com (or)

Martha Gilbert, marthabg@carolina.rr.com

*We knit beautiful shawls for our members and friends who are experiencing illness or trauma as well as prayer blankets for small children when they are baptized.***Presbyterian Women****Seasonally**

CONTACTS: Susan Chase, sbchase61@aol.com (or)

Kristin Dickey, kristin.dickey@windstream.net

*We are an inclusive, caring community of women, committed to working toward God's promise of wholeness for all people.***Sisters****Bimonthly on Tuesdays, 9:30am**

CONTACT: Kim Sumrell, ksumrell@icloud.com (or)

Elizabeth Gill, eligill@me.com

*Join us for fellowship, faithful conversations, and prayer as we study God's message for our lives through the Bible and other faith related literature.***Stephen Ministers****Monthly, 7pm**

CONTACTS: Jane Bauer (or)

Lynn Finlon (or)

Jay Witherspoon

*Lay caregivers who complete training to serve those experiencing difficult times. If you ever have an urgent need, call 704-779-9795.***Thank God I'm Forgiven for Men****Monthly**

CONTACT: Bret Myers, agmyers4@carolina.rr.com

*We celebrate the joy of God's forgiveness through fellowship and serving those in need.***Thank God It's Monday for Men****4th Mondays, 7pm**

CONTACT: Phil Kinney, pdkinney1@gmail.com

A group of senior men who share a monthly meal, discuss a wide range of topics, keep up with personal health issues and make donations to serve community outreach organizations.

Trinity Prayer Group

3rd Tuesdays, 10am via Zoom

CONTACT: Anne Wood, anniebduck@windstream.net

We meet monthly to update the church prayer list and help others with needs they may have.

Wednesday Night Circle

Monthly, 7pm

CONTACT: Mary Lee Hayes, maryhayes14@icloud.net

We are a little older, but welcome younger women to join this group of faith-filled, servants' hearts. We have fun and take care of one another as a support group. We also have discussions about the books we're reading.

Part of growing deeper in Christ is committing to personal study and spiritual conversations with others.

For detailed information and descriptions of this year's Sunday School Classes, Circles, Small Groups or to learn how to join these groups, find contact information for each group at the end of this booklet.



The Session

The Session is the governing body in a church. It is made up of elected 'elders' and the pastor who serves as a moderator. They seek to provide for the mission and ministry of Providence through a variety of programs, learning experiences, small groups, worship, fellowship activities, and learning opportunities for people of all ages. Through prayer, study, and reliance upon God's Word and Spirit, the Session works diligently to equip members for their work of ministry in the world and to build up the church in the love of Christ.

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Frances Hill	Susan Chase	Dave Ott
Cathy Lawler	Lynn Finlon	Kristin Dickey
Glenn Holladay	Glenn Holladay	Lynda Hunley
Jay Witherspoon	Nick Turkas	John Garver
McKinley Johnson, Youth		

The Diaconate

The Diaconate is a group of officers who are elected to serve as Deacons. Their ministry is one of compassion, care, and service. Our deacons minister to those in need, the sick, the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. (That's from the Book of Order.) They review and recommend the ministries which we support through our benevolent budget, they oversee the Deacon's Fund which aids those in the Charlotte community who find themselves in dire circumstances and need emergency assistance. We have a very active group of deacons who lead us to become a more caring, compassionate church.

CLASS OF 2025	CLASS OF 2026	CLASS OF 2027
Tom Kutz	Jack Randolph	Cindy Howard
Bret Myers	Kathryn Mandujano	David Kelbaugh
Lesley Post	Geri Petitt	Jo Hardin
Dudley Stone	Phyllis Edwards	Bob Boeschel
Smoky Wood		
Cannon Turkas, Youth		

Music Ministry

At Providence we want everyone to be involved in music-making, whether in a choir, as instrumentalists, or simply as a member of our most significant musical ensemble – the congregation!

THURSDAY EVENINGS

Providence Handbells

AMC, Room 405, 5:45pm

We play bells in worship a few times each quarter. Instruction is provided as we learn about God through song.

Adult Choir

AMC, Room 407, 7:00pm

For high school and up, no prior singing experience is necessary, and we are open to all. We sing for the 10:30am worship service on Sunday and throughout the summer.

Children's & Youth Choirs

AMC Room 407, 4:00pm

For children age-3 through 5th grade – come dance, learn, and sing about God's love through song. We meet on Sunday afternoons in the fall and early spring.

CONTACT: **Music Committee Co-Chairs:** Rolly Chambers, rolly.chambers@gmail.com
Adèle Daniels, adanielscs@gmail.com
Organist and Senior Choir, Ron Nice, niceronleigh@gmail.com
Children's Choir, Sarah Clark, sarah@ppc1767.org

Community Concerts

CONTACT: Adèle Daniels, adanielscs@gmail.com

We partner with city-wide music and arts organizations such as the Charlotte Singers and C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian to offer seasonal concert to our neighborhood and community.



Children's Ministry

Where the Word of God is taught with affection so that children may seek and find God in their own lives.

CHILDREN'S NURSERY 9:30 – 10:30 AM & 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Ages 6 months to TK

ADULT MINISTRY BUILDING
Nursery

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 AM

Ages K to 5th Grade

CLC SECOND FLOOR
Room 216

The Children's Library is open in the Lower Level of the Christian Life Center (CLC) in Room 11.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ADULT MINISTRY BUILDING

Children enjoy prayer, music, drama, games, snacks, crafts, and lessons during this time. We learn how to praise God and share the love of Jesus through our actions and our daily life. Children will follow an adult out of the Sanctuary directly following the "Time with Children" during worship. We encourage children to become acquainted with sitting in the sanctuary through a service, but there is no age limit to joining us. You know your child best! We want them to have the absolute best experience here at PPC. We welcome all children/youth to join us!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM

On the first Sunday of every month, we have a program for the children and parents! Members of our church and community lead our children in a Christian-based craft, activity, and a light meal. We focus on mini-missions, fellowship, community, and ways we can share the love Jesus has for all.

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP and JUNIOR YOUTH

Children in 4th and 5th grade gather several times throughout the year to learn how they can make a positive impact in this world through play, activities, fellowship, and service to others. Throughout the year, 4th and 5th graders are invited to participate in both day and overnight opportunities centered around growing in leadership, service, and fellowship both locally in Charlotte and around North Carolina.

CHILDREN'S MUSIC MINISTRY

Children's Choir and Drumming Circle will meet two/three times each month to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. The Children's Music Ministry will perform in front of the congregation bi-monthly and at special holidays. No previous musical experience is necessary; all are welcome!

LITTLE HANDS MINISTRY

Once a month, children ages 2-4 and their families are invited to come together for an organized Christian play-based event. This is a great way for families with small children to connect at PPC. We hope that you will join us!

CONTACT: Sarah Clark, sarah@PPC1767.org



Youth Ministry

PPC's Youth Ministry walks alongside Middle and High School Youth on their spiritual journey. Through a combination of scripture study, service, and fellowship, we want all Youth to understand how their story fits into God's story and know they are loved by God. All Youth are welcome – period.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 AM

All Middle and High School Youth meet on the second Sunday of every month for a time to dive deep into the stories of the Bible, explore the different liturgical seasons of the church, and be in community together. While every morning looks a little different, you will always find friends, snacks, and laughter!

Small Group for 6-12th Grade

CLC SECOND FLOOR
Room 206

CONFIRMATION

PPC Youth in 7th and 8th grade are invited to take part in the journey of Confirmation. Through a combination of Sunday morning activities, retreats, service projects, and off-campus excursions, Confirmands learn about their Christian faith, the PCUSA tradition, and the world around them. We want youth to be confident in God's love for them, our love for them, and to know that they belong at PPC.

CONTACT: Emily Hall, Emily@PPC1767.org





BIG YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is a time for Middle and High School (6-12) to bring their whole selves to fellowship with others. We have fun, serve our community, and learn what it means to be disciples of Christ. Join us!

Sunday Evenings in the CLC

4-4:30pm Open Gym
4:30-5:30pm Programming
5:30-6pm Dinner

CONTACT: **Emily Hall, emily@ppc1767.org**

CONTACTS

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Anne Wood, *Care Team & Trinity Prayer Group*.....anniebduck@windstream.net

WORSHIP

As a congregation, Providence seeks to embody a generous, welcoming spirit in all aspects of church life, including our worship. We hope you will join us!

SUNDAYS

Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am

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