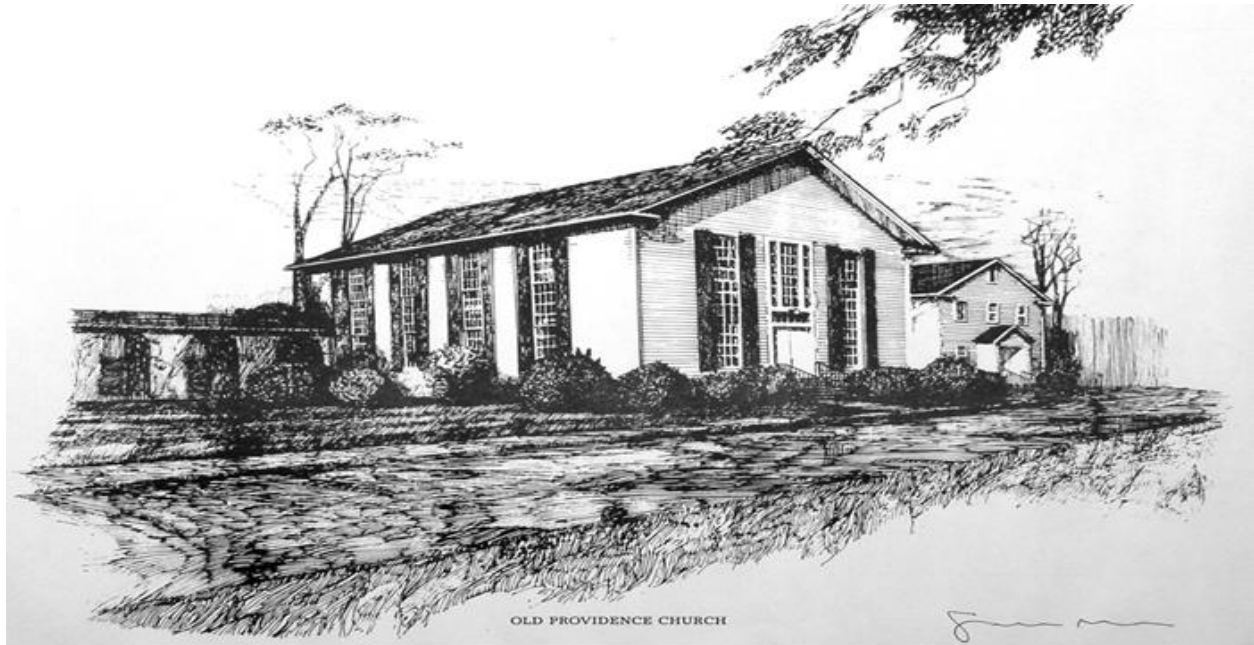


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Our Vision

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 **20th Sunday after Pentecost**

October 11, 2026

10:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Lal Rodawla, Associate Pastor
Genie Richards, Youth Director
Sarah Clark, Children's Ministry Director
Alex Sims, Director of Music
Ron Nice, Organist Emeritus
Nikki Bolton, Communications Director
Roy Phillips, Finance Administrator
Ruth Welch, Office Administrator

Officers of the Week

Jo Hardin
John Garver
Skyler Holden

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission:

Kyle and Gina Nielsen

Prelude

“Praise of the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Phillip Keveren

Gathering as God’s People

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 10, *Presbyterian Outlook*, Oct 11, 2026)

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

All: for God is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.

One: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

All: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

One: Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

All: that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say,

All: Amen. Praise the Lord!

* Sharing of Christ’s Peace:

One: Christ calls us to be a family of faith.

All: We are invited to share Christ’s joy with one another.

One: May the peace of Christ uphold each of you.

All: And may Christ’s love dwell in your hearts.

* Opening Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Opening Prayer

(From *Call to Worship resource*, Oct 11, 2026)

When the path leads nowhere, we become disoriented, and skies darken, how do we find peace, O God? When farewells are too many, tears won’t stop and strength is gone, how do we rest, O God? When hope is hard, love is lost, and light is dim, you give us one more breath, O God. God of Peace, grant us your breath and draw us into stillness, that we may come to know that you are holding onto us, carrying us through the whirlwind and into the bright sun of a magnificent new day. Amen.

Act of Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your

**Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

* Gloria Give Thanks #647

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 100 p.552, OT, Pew Bible
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Know That God is Good" Democratic Republic of Congo
Chancel Choir
Time with Children: Ken Reilly

Second Scripture Lesson: John 12:1-8 p.106, NT, Pew Bible
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Overflowing with Generosity" Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Responding to God's Word

* Hymn of Response "Great God of Every Blessing" #694

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. 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 "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J. S. Bach

* Doxology #606

* Prayer of Dedication

(From *the Presbyterian Outlook*, Oct 26, 2025)

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion, a single slice, of the abundance you've handed to us. Still, we press them into your care, set them down where they might become more. We hand over these gifts, grateful, but also in awe at how you shape small things into good news. Let these gifts find their way into the broken places, find the ones carrying heavy burdens. May these humble offerings help relieve those who need it most. Amen.

Being Sent Out in God's Name

* Affirmation of Faith:

(From *A Declaration of Faith*)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

* Closing Hymn

Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak

#722

* Charge and Blessing

* Postlude

"Recessional"

John Carter

The Ushers today are Gene Gazda and Keeley Etter.

All Saints Sunday – November 1, 2026

On Sunday, November 1, we will observe All Saints Sunday, a time to remember those who have gone before us and now rest with God. We will honor both members and non-members who have died since last year's All Saints observance in November 2025.

We will remember the following loved ones: Betty Boeschel, George Hall, Chris Tye, Lois Willetts, Frank Archer, Betty Bullard, Chauncy Kutz, Charles "Chuck" Reilly, Stephen Willetts, James "Jimmy" Rinehardt, and David Patrick Miller.

To add a name or share a correction, please email Ruth Welch at ruth@ppc1767.org or Lal Rodawla at lal@ppc1767.org, or call the church office, by Tuesday, October 27, at

noon. Please include the person's full name, pronunciation if helpful, and your relationship to them.

Providence in Prayer

Acute Concerns

Megan Dickerson (niece of Anne Wood), Thomas Joseph, Emily McCanless, Baxter Price, Joyce Pate, Mechele Hill (Tandy's niece), Gary Sikes, William Dixon, Darwin Collins, Roger Nussman, Judith Arey, Barbara Conner, Julie Brock, Kathy Cathey, Bob and Yasmin Craig, Willie Rea, Betsy Peace, Jaiden Dean, Morgan Jeffares, Everette, Jenny Gidaro, John Gidaro.

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 David Patrick Miller (brother of Judy Galit) on his passing, September 26.

Patsy Price and family on the death of her brother, James "Jimmy" Rinehardt, on August 4.

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

Join Us October 21: Braver Angels at Sardis

**Wednesday, October 21 | 6:30 PM |
Sardis Fellowship Hall: 6100 Sardis Road,
Charlotte**

Our guests for the evening are Rev. Dick Little and Rev. Carolyn Hayford, local ambassadors for the Braver Angels Charlotte Metro Alliance. They will introduce the work of Braver Angels, share what they have learned about polarization, and offer ways individuals and communities can begin to approach division differently. Co-hosted by Providence and Sardis Presbyterian. All are welcome.

Learn more at braverangels.org.

Being Presbyterian in *Dysvangelical America*

Join the pastors of Providence Presbyterian Church and Sardis Presbyterian Church for a seven-week study of *Being Presbyterian in Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Goodness of God's Grace*. The class begins Wednesday, September 2, and meets at 1:00 p.m. in the church office, with both in-person and Zoom participation available. Everyone is welcome!

The Literary Group is currently reading Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth." It is an historical novel which won the 1932 Pulitzer Prize for fiction and contributed to Buck winning the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1938. The novel dramatizes family life in an early 20th-century Chinese village. Join us, on zoom, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2026 at 11 am for discussion. All are welcome. For more information contact Adèle Daniels (adanielscs@gmail.com).

Special Christian Education Opportunity: Trust the Whisper

On Sunday, October 18, at 9:30 a.m., we will welcome Kathy Izard, Charlotte author, speaker, and community advocate, for a special Christian Education program in the Fellowship Hall.

Kathy is the author of Trust the Whisper: How Answering Quiet Callings Inspires Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary Grace, which our Providence Book Club is reading this fall. Her work has included homelessness, affordable housing, and mental health, while Trust the Whisper explores the broader themes of discernment and calling, paying attention to where God may be leading us and having the courage to respond. This special program also connects with Providence's ongoing Matthew 25 efforts as we consider how God calls us to notice, listen, and respond faithfully to the needs around us.

Empathy Study

Tuesday Evenings October 13 – November 17

Sponsored by PPC Stephen Ministry

Offering empathy to someone who is struggling is like giving a cup of water to a thirsty traveler – similar to the descriptions given by Jesus in Matt 25:35-36. Empathy is a skill with extraordinary potential for increasing care, deepening understanding, strengthening trust, and transforming relationships. Like any other skill, growing in your ability to empathize simply takes practice and deliberate attention.

Beginning October 13 through November 17 PPC's Stephen Leaders will lead a study using The Gift of Empathy (\$15.00). In six weekly Tuesday sessions 6:30 – 8:30pm, two small groups divided into women and men, will explore what empathy is and how to develop this skill. This study is open to anyone who wants to grow in listening, caring, and building stronger relationships at home, at church, and in the community. For more information and/or sign-up please contact one of PPC's Stephen Leaders.

PPC and Habitat for Humanity

This year, PPC is again partnering with Habitat to sponsor a Critical Home Repair project. We will repair Mrs. Abraham's home at 3930 Bearwood Avenue in Charlotte. The work will include replacing flooring systems, making major kitchen and bathroom repairs, installing an accessibility ramp, and completing other needed improvements. We also need volunteers to provide lunches for the repair crews.

We will work on the house on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for three consecutive weeks: November 4-6; November 11-13; November 18-20. Whether you sign up for 1 day or for 9 days we welcome your help. Sign up is a little different this year using the Habitat signup app. To sign up to work on the house or prepare lunches, please go to the Habitat Volunteer Hub using this link <https://vhub.at/providencepresbyterianH4H>.

If you have any questions or have trouble signing up, please call or text Dudley Stone at 704 564 9812 or email dudleystone@gmail.com.

The Three "G"s: Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity

Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign will get down to the basics of what motivates our giving. 1 st John tells us that we love because God first loved us. God's grace, God's free gifts of love, forgiveness, and blessings come before we have done anything to earn God's mercy. As we spiritually reflect on the meaning of God's

grace, it leads us to gratitude. C.S. Lewis once noted that praise seems to be spiritual health made audible. When we prioritize our spiritual life, when we grow closer to God, it leads us to gratitude: not because our lives are perfect or because we get everything we want, but instead because we see God's goodness and are strengthened by God's presence. Generosity is the way that we can express our inner emotion of gratitude. By being generous, we show our trust in God and our belief that God can use the offerings of our time, talent, and financial treasures for the sake of building up God's kingdom here on earth. We will reflect on the meaning of grace, gratitude, and generosity through this year's Stewardship Campaign.

October 18: Dedication Sunday-- John 1:14-18 and Matthew 22:15-22

John 1: blessings received from God are "grace upon grace."

Matthew 22: give unto Caesar what is Caesar's, give unto God, what is God's

We will summarize what we have discussed throughout the previous three weeks: how God has given us grace upon grace, how God's Spirit leads us to be grateful for that grace, and how we are called to be generous in response to all of God's blessings.



2026 OllieTree Community Health Fair
 Caring for Health · Serving the Community · Sharing Hope

OllieTree Foundation | Carolinas Chinese Healthcare Provider Association (CHHPA)

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Charlotte Community Health Fair
 10/10 (Saturday) 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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Services: Health Screenings & Medical Consultations | Time: Saturday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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2026 Tim Lipka Memorial Golf Classic
 25th Anniversary
 November 6, 2026

Proceeds to benefit
 Habitat for Humanity

CAROLINA LAKES Golf Club
 Carolina Lakes Golf Club located in Indian Land, SC

CHARLOTTE COMFORT SYSTEMS, INC.

Friday, November 6, 2026
 10:00 am shotgun start

Carolina Lakes Golf Club
 23012 Kingfisher Drive
 Indian Land, SC 29707

Prizes for the first four winning teams.
 Gross and net scores will apply.
 Plus a chance to win lots of other prizes.

Cost per foursome is \$700
 Cost per person is \$175
 (Cost includes a box lunch and post tournament)

Dedication Sunday 2026

Next Sunday, October 18th is Dedication Sunday. Throughout last month, we have been reflecting as a congregation what it means for us to respond to God's faithfulness to us. The theme of this year's stewardship campaign is the **Three Gs: Grace, Gratitude, and Generosity**. The first week, we focused on God's grace, which comes before we have done anything to deserve it. God reaches out to us in love and mercy. In response, we are grateful for what God has done for us, in our lives and in the world. We then move beyond our grateful feelings into tangible actions, marked by generosity, where we make a difference for the Lord and for God's people.

On Dedication Sunday, we will receive our 2027 Estimate of Giving cards, which we will bring forward to the communion table. You may also mail in your cards to the church office or complete the online giving form on the PPC website. We invite you to be in prayer for how God is calling you to respond with gratitude and generosity for all of God's goodness and grace in 2027.