

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**May 3, 2009**

**Welcome**

**Prelude and Acolyte**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

from Psalm 123

Leader: *To You, O LORD, we lift up our eyes.*

**People:** *O You who are enthroned in the heavens!*

Leader: *As the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their master,*

**People:** *so our eyes look to the LORD our God.*

Leader: *Have mercy upon us, O LORD,*

**People:** *We praise You, O God of grace and mercy.*

**All:** *Let us worship our Lord God.*

**Opening Hymn**

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

**# 656**

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*O Lord our God, Creator of all things; hear our voices as we lift them up to You this day. We do not sing of Your love and grace when we should; we do not reach out to those around us to share the gospel message; we too often focus on the things of this world and ignore those things of heaven. Forgive us Lord and help us to understand the mission and ministry You call us to. O Lord, change our hearts and fill us with Your joy and love so our eyes might be opened to the truth revealed in seeking You.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *The Messiah is come and we are redeemed!*

**People:** *Hosanna in the highest, we are truly forgiven!*

**\*Responsive Hymn**

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

**#480**

**\* Greeting and Rites of Friendship**

**Children’s Message**

David Collier

**Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

*Hymn # 34*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**First Scripture Lesson**

**Luke 24:13-27**

**Anthem**

**“I Hear A Song in the Garden” Providence Choir**

**Musical Interlude**

*(Children exit with Sue Bryant and Carolyn Stuart to Children’s Church)*

**Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer**

**Second Scripture**

**Luke 24:28-35**

**Sermon**

**“On the Road....”**

Rev. Jim Davis

**\*Dedication Hymn**

**“How Great Thou Art”**

**# 51**

**\* Acolyte**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**

*\* Signifies Congregation to Stand*

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**May Scripture Passage**

<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and<sup>1</sup> returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Luke 24:46-53**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROJECT: SOLDIER OUTREACH.** We have received new soldier names to send packages to and we are in need of non-perishable food items to include in these boxes. Please bring your donations and place them in the storage cabinet in the Seeker's Sunday School room.

**RELAY FOR LIFE.** If you would like to purchase a luminary or make a donation to Relay for Life Team #59, please turn that in to Kay Dry or Carolyn Stuart by Sunday, May 10. Relay for Life will hold their next team meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom.

**Rev. Davis will not be in the office May 6-8 in order to attend the Sprunt Lectures at Union Theological Seminary. This is part of our Pastor's continuing education.**

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

**Ushers:** Ronnie Creech & Atlee Roberts      **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Emma Phillips  
**Nursery Workers:** Carlos & Stephanie Bagley, Lindsey Frampton & Jane Pickens

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, May 10:

**Ushers:** Nathan Dry & Don Dupree      **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Mary Elaine Wood  
**Children's Message:** Ann Benson      **Children's Church:** Nancy & Kendall Nelms  
**Nursery Volunteers:** Pam & Lauren Collier, Lauren Langdon & Elaine Wood

### Today at Providence:

9:45 a.m.: Sunday School for Children, Youth and Adults  
10:25 a.m.: Fellowship Time for everyone in the Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m.: Worship  
5:00 p.m.: Youth Group meeting to discuss summer retreats, and to rehearse for Youth Sunday on May 17

### Weekly Events:

**Wednesday, May 6:** Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
**Thursday, May 7:** *Passion of the Christ* Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events:

**May 10.** Mother's Day!  
**May 12.** Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**May 14.** Relay for Life Team meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**May 15.** Men's Fish Fry from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**May 17.** Youth Sunday  
**May 19.** Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Program at Stephenson's BBQ at 6:30 p.m.  
**May 29-30.** Relay for Life event at Johnston Community College.  
**May 31.** Pentecost Sunday celebrated during Worship, followed by a Long-Range Planning Committee luncheon and presentation in the Fellowship Hall  
**June 7.** Old-Time Gospel Sing

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### **JOYS:**

Praise the Lord for answered prayers for Worth & Patsy Bowman, Roxann Porter, Johnathan Reed and Allison Tart.

### **CONCERNS:**

Annie Ruth Barbour, *friend of Kathy Ryals, cancer*  
Kathy Barbour, *member of community, cancer*  
Vanesia Barbour, *friend of Laura Langdon, cancer*  
Sylvia Barbour, *member of community, recovering from a stroke*  
Edward Bernier, *Pam Collier's father, cancer*  
Jean Blalock, *member of community, cancer*  
Eddie Blanks, *Randy Benson's friend, tumor*  
Worth and Patsy Bowman, *members of church family, health concerns*  
Jeannie Byers, *John Pickens' sister, degenerative spine*  
William Collier, *David Collier's brother, health concerns*  
R.T. Critcher, *Kent Walton's uncle, health concerns*  
Larry Ezzelle, *Brandy Weaver's uncle, cancer*  
Kathryn Harris, *Kay Dry's niece, breast cancer*  
Grant Joyner, *Robert Joyner's son, recovering from surgery*  
David Kopanski, *John Kopanski's brother, cancer*  
Jim Lewis, *Beth Pickens' father, health concerns*  
R.Z. McGee, *member of community, health concerns*  
Eloise McLeod, *Chellie Poston's sister, recovering from surgery*  
Carol Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, cancer*  
Olivia Mullis, *Andrea Jones' aunt, health concerns*  
Ina Jean Powell, *Chris Roberts' aunt, cancer*  
Don Pleasant, *Beck McLamb's brother-in-law, heart problems*  
Bud Schmidt, *member of community, health concerns*  
Jay Stephenson, *member of community, cancer*  
Jimmy Stephenson, *member of community, cancer*  
Ida Stewart, *Kathy Wood's grandmother, recovering from heart surgery*  
Allison Tart, *member of church family, reconstructive bone surgery*  
Pete Thompson, *friend of Worth Bowman, cancer*  
Amanda & Atalie Vess, *Andrea Jones' sister & niece, premature baby*  
Chris Wade, *relative of Bob & Nadine Reed, health concerns*  
Nan Walker, *Andrea Jones' grandmother, health concerns*  
Angie Walton, *Barbara Walton's daughter-in-law, health concerns*  
Carmen Watson, *friend of Brandy Weaver, cancer*  
Ann Woodall, *member of church family, migraines*

### **Members of the Providence Family in Long-Term Care**

Alice Honeycutt *at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Angier*  
Brack Johnson *at Classic Care Assisted Living in Smithfield*  
Lacy & Marilyn Johnson *at Britthaven in Smithfield*  
Alice Stephenson *at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Angier*

## Additional Announcements

May 3, 2009

**ALL YOUTH RETREAT MEETING.** On Sunday, May 3 from 5-6 p.m. *ALL YOUTH* who plan on participating in either Montreat or Massanetta Youth Retreats are asked to attend *WITH A PARENT(S) PRESENT* to receive trip packets, complete required forms, and to discuss trip details. This is an important meeting for all involved. If you cannot attend, please contact Rev. Davis at 919.264.4324 or [jimdavis10@hotmail.com](mailto:jimdavis10@hotmail.com) to make alternate arrangements. *\*There will be a Youth Sunday practice following this meeting until 6:45 p.m.*

**MEN'S FISH FRY.** The Men's Fellowship will host their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, May 15 from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. By now each family should have received tickets to sell. If you have not received tickets, or would like additional tickets to sell, please contact Johnny Wood at 639.2926 or 801.1892. All money from tickets sold, or unsold tickets, should be returned to Johnny Wood by Sunday, May 10. The cost is \$7.00 per person, and includes fish, potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies and dessert.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MAY MEETEING.** On Tuesday, May 19 the Presbyterian Women will have their joint circle meetings at 6:30 p.m. at Stephenson's BBQ. The meeting will begin with dinner and will include the celebration of the Birthday Program, Bible Study and fellowship.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (LRPC) LUNCHEON AND PRESENTATION.** The LRPC met with the Session on April 14 and received approval to begin a short-term improvement project for our church building. Details of the project will be presented at a luncheon on May 31 which will be held in the fellowship hall immediately following Worship. The meats will be catered and everyone attending is asked to bring side dishes and desserts. The LRPC looks forward to sharing the details of this exciting project with you – please plan on attending!

## Older Adult Ministries Award Nominations

The Presbytery of New Hope is requesting nominations for an Older Adult Ministries' Outstanding Older Adult Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize an adult 60 years or older who exemplifies positive images of aging personally, in the life of the church and/or the community. To nominate someone from our church, please submit their name and a 50-word summary (one page or less) answering the following questions:

- What contributions has the nominee made in the life of his/her congregation and community since reaching the age of 60?
- How is this person a role model to other generations and his/her own generation as to how to live fully, particularly in one's later years?
- How have his/her gifts and talents been exhibited, particularly in creative ways?
- How does this person's life bear witness to Christ working in him/her?

Provide the above information to Johnny Wood TODAY. The Session will review all nominations and select one person to represent our church for this award. This person will be introduced and honored at the July 21 meeting of the Presbytery in Raleigh.

*Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church*  
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

*Pastor*  
Rev. Jim Davis

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*Session*

	<u><i>Class of 2009</i></u>	
John Kopanski <i>Personnel &amp; Clerk of Session</i>	Steve Nordan <i>Long-Range Planning</i>	Kent Walton <i>Fellowship</i>
	<u><i>Class of 2010</i></u>	
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*Staff*

<i>Secretary</i> DeEtta Wood	<i>Music Director</i> Brittany Kefauver
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<i>Organist</i> Ann Stephenson	<i>Pianist</i> DeEtta Wood
<i>Webmaster</i> David Nelms	

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***OUR MISSION STATEMENT***

*To make new disciples by sharing the gospel through our words and actions,*  
*To nurture existing Christians into a mature faith by worship, fellowship and Christian education,*  
*To serve God by worshiping Him through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,*  
*And to serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us.*



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