

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 24, 2009

Welcome

Prelude and Acolyte

Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: *O Lord; attend to my cry*

People: *give ear to my prayer*

Leader: *I call upon You, for You will answer me,*

People: *O God; incline Your ear to me, hear my words.*

Leader: *Wondrously show Your steadfast love, O savior*

People: *to those who seek refuge from their adversaries*

Leader: *As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness;*

People: *when I awake I shall be satisfied*

All: *Let us worship our Lord God.*

Psalm 17

Opening Hymn

“We Gather Together”

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Confession of Sin (*In Unison*)

O mighty God, against You we have sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom and anoint us with oil, and we shall be clean; wash us in the still waters, and we shall be whiter than snow. O God, create in us a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit, so that we may receive salvation through Jesus Christ.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: *Through the blood of the risen Lord we are redeemed!*

People: *In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

*Responsive Hymn

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

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* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Children’s Message

Wendy Stephenson

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Hymn # 34

Prayer of Dedication

Old Testament Scripture Lesson

Exodus 3:1-12

Anthem “Christ Hath Triumphed, Alleluia! Providence Choir

Musical Interlude

(Children exit with Randy and Ann Benson to Children’s Church)

Morning Prayers and The Lord’s Prayer

New Testament Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:1-8

Sermon

“The Road to Damascus”

Rev. Jim Davis

*Dedication Hymn

“Here I am, Lord”

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* Acolyte

* Benediction

* Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to Stand*

May Scripture Passage

⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Luke 24:46-53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (LRPC) LUNCHEON. The LRPC will host a luncheon next Sunday, May 31 immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of this luncheon is to present details of a short-termed improvement project that has been approved by the Session. Please plan to be a part of this luncheon. The LRPC will provide the meats, bread and drinks, but please bring a side dish and dessert.

NEWSLETTER. If you have information to include in the June newsletter, please send that to Dave Nelms today at davenelms@embarqmail.com.

OLD TIME GOSPEL SING. The church will host an Old Time Gospel Sing on Sunday, June 7. at 6:00 p.m. Please plan to come and be a part of this special service.

SCHEDULES. The Acolyte, Usher, Children's Message, Children's Church & Nursery schedules for June through September is now available online at www.providencepresb.org. Also, copies are available in the vestibule and fellowship hall.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Tony Bryant and Gary Phillips **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Justin Wood
Nursery Workers: Chris & Kristy Stephenson, Sue Bryant & Courtney Walton

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, May 31:

Ushers: Hamilton Greene & Darren Stuart **Acolyte/Bell Ringer:** Hannah S.
Children's Message: Kay Dry
Children's Church: Phil and Christy Cross
Nursery Volunteers: Carolyn Stuart, Joan Stuart, Amanda McLamb & Christina N.

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

Weekly Events:

Wednesday, May 27: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Friday, May 29: Team #59 Relay for Life at Johnston Community College beginning at 4:00 p.m. through Saturday, May 30 at 12noon.
Sunday, May 31: Pentecost Sunday and the collection of the Pentecost Offering during Worship, followed by a Long-Range Planning Committee luncheon in the Fellowship Hall; Youth Group Year-End cookout

Upcoming Events:

June 7. Graduate Recognition during Worship; Old-Time Gospel Sing at 6:00 p.m.
June 9. Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
June 14. Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during Worship
June 21. Father's Day!

Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

JOYS:

Praise the Lord God for all the blessings in our lives. We honor all those who have served our country in the U.S. Armed Forces. We thank God for our country and all those who have given so much to keep us safe!

CONCERNS:

The family of Stacy Stephenson, *Alice Stephenson's nephew*
Pam Aycock-Grimes, *friend of Lisa Weatherly, breast cancer*
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*
Shirley Bledsoe, *member of community, health concerns*
Wyatt Borne, *friend of Lauren Collier, premature baby with punctured lung*
Jeannie Byers, *John Pickens' sister, degenerative spine*
William Collier, *David Collier's brother, health concerns*
Larry Ezzelle, *Brandy Joyner's uncle, cancer*
Kathryn Harris, *Kay Dry's niece, breast cancer*
Timmy Jernigan, *Ann Benson's nephew, recovering from surgery*
Ruth Jernigan, *Ann Benson's aunt, health concerns*
Grant Joyner, *Robert Joyner's son, recovering from surgery*
David Kopanski, *John Kopanski's brother, cancer*
R.Z. McGee, *member of community, health concerns*
Carol Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, cancer*
Wanza Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski's mother, health concerns*
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*
Pete Thompson, *friend of Worth Bowman, cancer*
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 Joyner, 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

Ministers of Providence Presbyterian Church
The People of Providence Presbyterian Church

Pastor
Rev. Jim Davis

Session

	<u><i>Class of 2009</i></u>	
John Kopanski <i>Personnel & 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

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<i>Organist</i> Ann Stephenson	<i>Pianist</i> DeEtta Wood
<i>Webmaster</i> David Nelms	

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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