

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 6, 2009**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and in loving memory of G. Valmond King's birthday, by David and Lisa Nelms*

**Welcome, Prelude and Acolyte**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

from Psalm 16

Leader: *Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.*

**People:** *You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.*

Leader: *The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup*

**People:** *I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*

Leader: *I keep the LORD always before me;*

**People:** *because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

Leader: *Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices*

**People:** *You show me the path of life.*

Leader: *In your presence there is fullness of joy*

**People:** *in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**All:** *Let us worship the Lord God, Amen.*

**Opening Hymn**

**“God of Grace and God of Glory”**

**# 569**

**Confession of Sin (In Unison)**

*Dear God, whose compassion is never ending, we confess our sin this day and recognize there is no good apart from You. O Lord, forgive our sins and restore us into a right relationship with You. We quench true love and salvation of those around us; our desires lead us astray. We make others struggle in the darkness due to our selfish ways. Let Your mercy and grace light the path for all to follow Your will in our lives. Through Your Son Jesus Christ we are called as the church to bear witness of Your gospel to the world. Have mercy upon us and may we take refuge in Your counsel.*

**Silence for Personal Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: *O give thanks to the LORD, for his steadfast love endures forever.*

**People:** *Through the blood of Christ, we are forgiven.*

**\*Responsive Hymn**

**“O God, You Are My God”**

**#494**

**\* Greeting and Rites of Friendship**

**Children's Message**

**David Collier**

**Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory

**\*Doxology**

*Hymn # 34*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Old Testament Scripture Lesson**

**Jeremiah 1:1-9**

**Anthem**

**“Here Am I, Send Me”**

**Providence Choir**

**Musical Interlude**

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

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

**New Testament Scripture Lesson**

**Romans 12:9-21**

**Sermon “In Relationship with God: Service”** Rev. Jim Davis

**\*Dedication Hymn “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” # 440**

**\* Acolyte**

**\* Benediction and Postlude**

*\* Signifies Congregation to Stand*

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**September Scripture Passage**

<sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Luke 6:35-38**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.** The Session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, September 13 immediately following Worship. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the approval of the Incorporation Bylaws for the Articles of Incorporation for Providence Presbyterian Church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY.** The Christian Education Committee will recognize all 2008/2009 Sunday School teachers during the Worship Service on Sunday, September 27, and will host the Fellowship Time in appreciation of our teachers. Anyone who has taught in the children, youth or adult classes will be honored during this special service.

**YOUTH CHOIR.** The Youth Choir will continue to have Wednesday night choir rehearsal but only on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** Wednesday nights of the month. Rehearsal will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will end by 7:15 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Brittany Kefauver.

### Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

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

### Assisting in Worship next Sunday, Sept 13:

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

### Weekly Events:

**Monday, Sept 7:** Labor Day – Church Office Closed  
**Monday, Sept 7:** LRP Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Sept 8:** Stated Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Sept 9:** Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.; Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### Upcoming Events:

**September 13.** Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship  
**September 14.** Christian Education Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
**September 18.** Church-wide Retreat to Fort Fisher returning Sunday, September 20  
**September 20.** Middle and High School Youth Group meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Manse; Men's Fellowship Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Classroom  
**September 22.** Presbyterian Women Combined Circle meeting and Installation of Officers at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
**September 23.** Youth Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

## Prayer List of Joys and Concerns

### **JOYS:**

Praise the Lord for answered prayers!

### **CONCERNS:**

Regan Abernathy, *1-year old suffering from severe burns*  
Elaine Andrews, *Andrea Jones' mother, health concerns*  
Pam Aycock-Grimes, *Robin Grimes' wife, breast cancer*  
Sylvia Barbour, *member of community, recovering from a stroke*  
Jerry Batchelor, *Linda Roberts' nephew-in-law, cancer*  
Edward Bernier, *Pam Collier's father, cancer*  
Jean Blalock, *member of community, cancer*  
Eddie Blanks, *Randy Benson's friend, tumor*  
Jeannie Byers, *John Pickens' sister, degenerative spine*  
Peggy Campbell, *Lisa Nelms' mom, back problems*  
Betty Carroll, *Linda Roberts' sister, health concerns*  
Shelby Clifton, *member of community, health concerns*  
Larry Ezzelle, *Brandy Joyner's uncle, cancer*  
Kathryn Harris, *Kay Dry's niece, breast cancer*  
David Kopanski, *John Kopanski's brother, cancer*  
Norbert Kopanski, *John Kopanski's dad, health concerns*  
Graham Langdon, *member of community, heart problems*  
Carol Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski's sister-in-law, cancer*  
Wanza Mayben, *Sandy Kopanski's mother, health concerns*  
Joan Morris, *friend of Pat Embrey, complications from car accident*  
Olivia Mullis, *Andrea Jones' aunt, health concerns*  
Ray Nooney, *Jon Nooney's father, health concerns*  
Shavonna Owen, *friend of Pam Collier, recovering from burns*  
Carter Pepper, *2-year old awaiting bone marrow transplant*  
Charles Powell, *Brandy Joyner's uncle, cancer*  
Ina Jean Powell, *Chris Roberts' aunt, cancer*  
James Ryals, *friend of Kathy Ryals, heart attack*  
Bud Schmidt, *member of community, health concerns*  
Don Shumaker, *Brittany Kefauver's granddad, cancer*  
Pete and Brenda Skinner, *friends of Sue Bryant, health concerns*  
Jimmy Stephenson, *member of community, cancer*  
Vaughn Stephenson, *member of community, health concerns*  
Michael Tillis, *Chris Nooney's nephew, deployed to Iraq*  
Nan Walker, *Andrea Jones' grandmother, health concerns*  
Angie Walton, *Barbara Walton's daughter-in-law, health concerns*  
Kathy Ward, *friend of Ann Stephenson, lung cancer*  
Carmen Watson, *friend of Brandy Joyner, cancer*  
Ann Woodall, *member of church family, health concerns*  
**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

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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>	
Sandra Lordi <i>Finance</i>	Mark Nelms <i>Worship</i>	Atlee Roberts <i>Property &amp; Facilities</i>
	<u><i>Class of 2011</i></u>	
Gary Phillips <i>Christian Education</i>	Carolyn Stevenson <i>Mission &amp; Outreach</i>	Russell Wood <i>Congregational Care</i>

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*Staff*

<i>Secretary</i> DeEtta Wood	<i>Music Director</i> Brittany Kefauver
<i>Treasurer - Accounting</i> Joan Littleton	<i>Treasurer - Collections</i> Ann Benson
<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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