

We exist to help people know Jesus, not just about Him!

Our purpose is to make Christ known by developing prayerful disciples.

Our values are faith, hope and love.

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Gratitude is a matter of the heart. How often we spend time speaking to God of our concerns, needs, and wants with little thought to speaking words of gratitude for all of the blessings God gives us each day.

As November arrives, we find ourselves surrounded by reminders of gratitude — the golden leaves that crunch under our feet, the warmth of gathering around tables, and the quiet moments when we pause to give thanks for all that God has done. Thanksgiving invites us to remember that gratitude is not just a holiday practice, but a way of life for God's people.

Scripture reminds us, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18). That little phrase, *in all circumstances*, challenges us. Gratitude is easy when life is smooth, but more difficult when we face uncertainty or pain. Yet it's in those very moments that gratitude becomes an act of faith — a declaration that God's goodness is greater than our present troubles.

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, gratitude helps us see the world through the eyes of hope. We look back with thanksgiving for what God has done, and we look forward with expectation to what God is yet doing.

This November, I encourage you to take time to name your blessings — big and small. I hope you have or will put a leaf on the "tree" in the sanctuary to reflect your gratitude for God's blessings. Thank God for the people who have walked with you this year. Reach out to someone who might need encouragement.

And come, as we gather for worship, to give thanks together — for in Christ, we have received grace upon grace.

With a heart full of gratitude, Pastor Patti Sue

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SAVE THE DATES:

- ✝ 11/1: All Saints Day
- ✝ 11/2: Daylight Savings Ends
- ✝ 11/7-9: Annual Women's Retreat
- ✝ 11/11: Veterans' Day
- ✝ 11/12: PLCP Committee meeting
- ✝ 11/13: PLCP Art Show (11:00 a.m.)
- ✝ 11/21-30: PPS on vacation
- ✝ 11/27: Thanksgiving
- ✝ 11/29: Super Saturday (9:00 a.m.)
- ✝ 11/30: 1st Sunday of Advent
- ✝ 12/6: PLCP Holiday Market (10:00 a.m.)
- ✝ 12/14: Annual Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

GROWING IN FAITH WITH BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is on Wednesdays. We meet in the bible study room in the education building at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. each week. We'd love to have you with us!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Thank you to our outgoing council members: Duane Hall, Adam Hall and Russell Oswald. We appreciate your faithful leadership to our church in serving on Church Council. Our new church council will be elected at our annual meeting and installed during the worship service on Sunday, December 14th.

VETERAN'S DAY: NOVEMBER 11TH

As we pause to remember and honor our veterans, let us remember how they gave their best when called upon to serve and protect our country. Let us pray:

God of peace,
we pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedom.
We pray for those who have fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,
whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.
We pray for those who serve us now,
especially for those in harm's way.
Shield them from danger
and bring them home.
Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and peace.
May your holy peace sustain us.
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!
Amen.



PLC PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October has been an incredibly eventful month for the preschool! We kicked off the month with a camping theme, discussing various camping activities and learning all about fire safety. The highlight was a visit from firefighters who taught us valuable safety tips.

Next, we dived into farm week, where we explored different farm animals. Odom's mobile petting zoo delighted us with their precious animals. We concluded the month by focusing on pumpkins, engaging in activities like painting and carving. Our 4th annual Trunk or Treat event was a resounding success, thanks to everyone who decorated trunks and volunteered their time.

We wrapped up October with Halloween week, featuring a costume parade with the kids. We truly love October!

Blessings, Betsy and Amber

NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

Altar Flowers:

11/2 The Oswalds
11/9 *Open Availability*
11/16 The Carmeans
11/23 Eva Jimenez
11/30 Judi Harmon
12/7 The Ronans

Lay Readers:

11/2 Judy Meetze
11/9 Duane Hall
11/16 Tanya Thomas
11/23 Deb Kopitskie
11/30 John Scott
12/7 Glenda Oswald

Greeter:

Val Nash

Offering Counter:

Lee Thomas

Worship Assistant:

11/2 Trudy Scurry
11/9 Deb Kopitskie
11/16 Kathy Hendrix
11/23 Trudy Scurry
11/30 Deb Kopitskie
12/7 Kathy Hendrix

Altar Guild:

11/2 Kathy Hendrix
11/9 Mona Nash
11/16 Judi Harmon
11/23 Glenda Oswald
11/30 Trudy Scurry
12/7 Mona Nash

Ushers:

Russell Pye &
Jimmy Scurry

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

11/10 Daisy Lawhorn
11/11 Finn Lawhorn &
Phyllis Huffman
11/16 France Cox
11/17 Deborah DuPree &
Richard Shealy
11/20 John Scott & Cathy Yonce
11/23 Marisa Holloway



*Did we forget your birthday? Please contact
Steph in the church office!*

SUPER SATURDAY: NOVEMBER 29TH

Super Saturday is a 2-hour program for children in our congregation and preschool. We meet on the last Saturday of the month from 9–11 a.m. for a time of learning, fun and fellowship.

If you can help, please call Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755) or email Steph at the church. We need 3-5 helpers for each event.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Please keep our women in your prayers for safety and spiritual renewal during the annual Women's Retreat
November 7-9.

This year's theme is *God can overcome any obstacle*. The guiding scripture verse is Matthew 19:26 -- "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Place: Serenity House, Mill Springs, NC

Date: November 7-9, 2025

Cost: \$80

If you have not given Pastor Patti Sue your retreat fee, please do so by the weekend retreat.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

The financial summary for Sept. is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider your financial commitment to our congregational ministry and staff. Donations are tax deductible and can be made online, via mail, or in person.

PROVIDENCE MEMBERS

Joyce Bixler, Gail Caldwell, Rosemary Carmean, Noah Carvajal, Betsy Culler, Debbie & Jamie Edwards, Donna Florio, Duane & Ellen Hall, Judi Harmon, Eva Jimenez, Kaleigh, Ryder and Rebecca Kameese, Eddie Kopitskie, Mike Mancino, John Martin, Judy Meetze, Rachel Moore, Peyton Nash, Ken Peacock, Sarah Beth Pye, Cass Ronan, John Scott, Jeanette Swygert, and Conner Violette

FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Virginia Aebischer, Judy Barnes, Stephen Barrett, Jerry Bundy, Donna Burton, Adrianna Calderon, Amanda Carnavale, Minerva Castro, Craig DeMunbrun, Kay Elliott, Rachel Ellis, Hellen Farrell, Colleen and Richard Fennessy, The Florio Family, David Godwin, Taylor Hayes, Kimberly Howard, Luis Jimenez, Caroline and Hunter Jones, Bobbi Labreque, Brice Minick, Emma Morris, Kaitlyn Osteen, Greg Ring, Amy Jo Rodziewicz, Luz Roman, Sue Ruff, Maryanne Seyfert, Evelyn Sheffield, Chris & Ginny Smith, Greg Smith, Suzie Starkey, Haidee Stith, Mario Trejo, Lora Ullery and Leo Vila

Prayers & Praises

EMPTY WATER JAR PRAYER

BY: MACRINA WIEDERKEHR

Jesus, I come to the warmth of your
Presence
knowing that You are
the very emptiness of God.
I come before You
holding the water jar of my life.
Your eyes meet mine
and I know what I'd rather not know.

I came to be filled
but I am already full.
I am too full.
This is my sickness:
I am full of things that crowd out
Your healing Presence.

A holy knowing steals inside my heart
and I see the painful truth.
I don't need more. I need less.
I am too full.

I am full of things that block out
Your golden grace.
I am smothered by God's of my own
creation.
I am lost in the forest of my false self.
I am full of my own opinions and narrow
attitudes
full of fear, resentment, control;
full of self pity, and arrogance.
Slowly this terrible truth pierces my
heart;
I am so full, there is no room for You.

Contemplatively, and with compassion,
You ask me to reach into my water jar.
One by one, Jesus, you enable me
to lift out the things
that are a hindrance to my wholeness.
I take each on to my heart.
I hear You asking me,
"Why is this so important to you?"

Like the murmur of a gentle stream
I hear You calling,
"Let go, let go, let go!"
I pray with each obstacle,
tasting the bitterness and grief
it has caused.

Finally, I sit with my empty water jar.
I hear you whisper,
"You have become a space for God;
Now there is hope.
Now you are ready to be a channel of
Life.
You have given up your own agenda.
There is nothing left but God."



SAVE THE DATE

The Providence Lutheran Church Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, December 14th at 9:30 a.m.** during the Sunday School hour with donuts and coffee served.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Patti Sue (803-403-7755).
Thank you.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Don't forget to set your clocks **back** one hour on **November 2nd** at 2:00 a.m. as Daylight Saving Time ends.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY

Please help us set up the Crismon Tree and Outdoor Nativity after worship on November 30th since the first Sunday of Advent is November 30th.



OYSTER ROAST FOR A REASON

When: November 14th, 2025 6 PM.

Where: Icehouse Amphitheater Pavilion - 107 W Main St



Join us for an evening of fresh oysters, southern sides, live music, and a silent auction. All proceeds will benefit Mission Lexington and go towards assisting Lexington County residents in need.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: DECEMBER 21ST

The choir needs your help. Please consider lending your voice to the choir for a Christmas Cantata to be held during worship on December 21st. We will rehearse Sunday mornings and a few evenings/Saturdays (dates to be determined). Please let Rhett know if you can participate. Thank you.



HOLIDAY Market



DECEMBER 6, 2025
10 AM-1 PM

840 OLD CHAPIN RD
LEXINGTON, SC 29072



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 All Saints Day
2 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Potluck Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Worship	3 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool PPS Sabbath	4 Election Day 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool	5 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	6 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool	7 11:30 a.m. Reunion Group Women's Retreat	8 Women's Retreat
9 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Women's Retreat	10 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool PPS Sabbath	11 Veterans' Day 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool 10:00 a.m. Congregational Vitality Meeting	12 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. PLCP Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	13 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool 10:00 a.m. PPS Colleague Group 11:00 a.m. PLCP Art Show!	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. PLC Council Meeting	17 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool PPS Sabbath	18 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool	19 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	20 8:30 a.m. PLC Preschool 12:00 p.m. Saxe Gotha Conference Lunch 4:30 p.m. LaVie Board Meeting	21 11:30 a.m. Reunion Group PPS Vacation	22 PPS Vacation
23 Christ the King 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Sun. School 11 am Worship Advent 1 9 am Choir Practice 10 am Sun. School 11 am Worship	24 PLCP Thanksgiving Break PPS Vacation	25 PLCP Thanksgiving Break PPS Vacation	26 PLCP Thanksgiving Break PPS Vacation	27 PLCP Thanksgiving Break Thanksgiving-Office Closed PPS Vacation	28 Office Closed PPS Vacation	29 9:00 a.m. Super Saturday PPS Vacation

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