

Progressive
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Information Packet

Congregational Profile

Our congregation consists of an average of 45 people for our Sunday Morning Worship Service and about 25 for our Wednesday night service and youth classes. Our members range from senior citizens all the way down to babies. Most of us have deeply planted roots while some are newly planted. Our congregation is a very close-knit family that pulls together to support each other and our community through the good and bad. We have truly been blessed by God, even though we have not had a full-time pastor in the last few months. Our church has been able to continue to operate and continue all of our programs and we look forward to the blessings He has for us in the future.

History

Progressive Presbyterian Church was started in 1915 as a mission of the First Presbyterian Church in Smithfield, NC. The first services were held at the Old Progress School. The name of the school was derived from a remark made by Miss Elizabeth Kelly, Johnston County Assistant School Superintendent. Looking at this building, she stated, “This is real progress.” Some of those working on the building suggested that this one be named Progress School, which opened in 1915. In answer to the petition of ten people, Fayetteville Presbytery organized The Progressive Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 9, 1918 with fifteen charter members. The sanctuary was completed in 1928, the manse in 1968 and the fellowship hall in 1975. An addition of two Sunday school rooms, storage area and an additional restroom was completed in 2000.

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Community Profile

Princeton is in Johnston County which is ranked 3rd in the state as one of the fastest growing counties. Our town is still considered a rural agricultural community; however, we have a lot of subdivisions being planned and built, 4 within 5 miles of our church. Our Church is located about 4 miles outside of town. Princeton is a small town located between Smithfield and Goldsboro with a population of 1,300. The Town of Princeton Vision Statement: The vision of the Town of Princeton is to be the desired community to live, work, worship, and raise a family. This community will continue to thrive and grow while maintaining a low crime rate, fostering an attitude of caring for one another, seeking continued community support, implementing smart growth practices and placing an emphasis on quality rather than quantity so that all citizens will proclaim the Town of Princeton to be "Peaceful, Pleasant, Progressive and Proud." We have great schools where our kids stay together, kindergarten through high school graduation with no feeder schools. K-12 were all on the same campus until we ran out of room to expand so in 2008 our new elementary school opened about 1.5 miles from our original school which still houses our middle and high schools. Our schools have implemented a lot of safety measures to keep them safe including staff training, weapons detection systems and school resource officers on each campus.

Goals

Our Mission Statement: Loving, Worshipping and Obeying God in a Caring Community of Growing Believers, Equipping Christians to Reach Others for Christ.

Worship Services

We are traditional in that we still have Sunday Morning Fellowship time, Sunday School, Sunday Morning Worship Service, Sunday Night Bible Study followed by a time of food and fellowship and Wednesday Night Dinner, Bible Study and Youth Programs. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on a quarterly basis.

Sunday Morning Fellowship time at 9:30 am

Assembly 9:45 am

Sunday School at 10:00 am

Worship Service at 11:00am

Sunday Night Bible Study at 6:00pm followed by food (everyone brings a little dish) and fellowship

Wednesday Night:

Dinner at 6:00pm (we have a sign-up for people to volunteer to cook and serve)

Bible Study/Youth Programs at 7:00pm

Major Church Programs and Committees:

Women' Ministry: 3rd Thursday night at 6:30pm

Men's Ministry: 4th Thursday night at 6:00pm

Session meets monthly

Choir practice when announced

Youth Leaders meet quarterly or as needed

Missions Committee meets yearly

Budget Committee meets yearly

Outreach Ministries

We have Vacation Bible School yearly. In October we provide a Christian alternative to Halloween called Hallelujah Night. We are blessed that now there are a lot of Christian alternatives in our local community now, so we try to plan ours to not coincide with the bigger events in town. Our Angel Tree project provides gifts/necessities for the children at our local school and in addition to the presents the kids receive, the family also gets a food box which comes from the food drive collections at the school. Our Deacon's Ministry has a helping hand fund for those in need. We provide Sunday School and special activities for the residents of Hester Home, an assisted living facility located by our church. Every year our kids pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. We have a missions fund that the Mission Committee uses to support local and abroad missionaries.

Session and Diaconate

Brian Pilkington, Ruling Elder

Scott Roll, Ruling Elder

Troy Lawhon, Ruling Elder

Glenn Heath, Deacon

Pastoral Search Committee

Brian Pilkington, Chairman	Angie Roll	Barbara Lewis	Jennifer Massey
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