



New Providence
Presbyterian Church
Hope around the corner

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To develop a community of committed Christ-followers who are inwardly strong and outwardly focused.

Inwardly Strong. We will celebrate Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord, cultivate spiritual maturity, and collaborate with each other

Outwardly Focused. We will radiate Jesus Christ in all our relationships, replicate our strengths in regional ministry, and resonate Christ's Gospel of hope to the world.

OUR CORE VALUES

Joyfully and humbly modeling Jesus Christ, we:

- **CONNECT THROUGH SERVING TOGETHER**
- **EXPECT GOD TO DO BIG THINGS**
- **PURSUE A THOUGHTFUL FAITH**
- **ENCOURAGE YOUR NEXT STEP**
- **LOVE KIDS & SUPPORT PARENTS**
- **CARE DEEPLY FOR OTHERS, LOCALLY & GLOBALLY**





OUR CHURCH BODY

We are 660 members with an average Sunday worship attendance of about 420. Our Student and Children's Ministries serve over 190 students and 145 children, respectively. Our annual budget is approximately \$2.2 million, directing about 11% towards local and global missions. Session is comprised of 19 elders, and our deacon system includes 5 deacon leaders who help train and lead 39 active deacons. We are a multi-generational body that draws from many surrounding communities. Our congregation joined ECO – A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians in 2015.

MEMBERS:

660

ELDERS:

19

STUDENTS:

190

DEACONS:

39

CHILDREN:

145





OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Both contemporary and traditional worship styles are offered on Sunday mornings, as well as a shorter prayer and worship preparation service. Monthly from September through June, a contemplative “Wholeness Service” is offered on a Saturday evening, reaching many in the community. During the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, the church has offered two online services and since July 2020 has been offering two outdoor worship services while continuing its online services.





OUR LOCATION

Our church is centrally located in the heart of downtown New Providence, NJ. The town was founded in 1720 and has been ranked among the top 10 best places to live in NJ by Niche.com (2020), which also ranked the school district as amongst the top 25 best public schools in NJ for the 2019-20 school year. New Providence has direct train access to New York City and is within an hour's drive from both NJ shore towns and the Pennsylvania Pocono Mountain area. It offers suburban living with easy access to the amenities of New York City while still maintaining a small-town feel. New Providence is also in close proximity to NJ urban communities such as Elizabeth, Jersey City, and Newark.



OUR HISTORY

Our church was founded in 1737, and the property includes a cemetery with graves dating back prior to the Revolutionary War. Sometime in the 1800s, the church's sanctuary roof collapsed and by God's Providence, no one was injured. As a result of that event, the town officially changed its name to New Providence.



OUR STAFF

We have 27 staff members. The full-time staff positions include Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor of Student Ministries, Minister of Pastoral Care, Director of Children's Ministries, Director of Missions, Service Producer and Director of Technology, Director of Finance, Nursery School Director, Office Manager, Property Manager, Administrative Assistant, Production Assistant, and Youth Ministry Assistant.

The part-time positions include Director of Contemporary Worship Service, Director of Traditional Worship Service, Children's Ministry Assistant, Graphic Designer, Missions Coordinator, Director of Weekday Babysitting, Receptionist, and Custodians.





OUR CAMPUS

Our campus includes a sanctuary (seating 450 people), a Ministry Center (seating 300 people), Parish Hall--a meeting space with a full kitchen (with capacity for 350 people), a gymnasium, multiple adult, student and nursery school classrooms, and 10 private offices and main office area. A three-bedroom, two-bath manse also exists on the property. The facilities are used regularly by other Christian community ministries and neighborhood groups.



OUR MINISTRIES - OUR CORE VALUES LIVED OUT

During the pandemic, many programs and groups have continued to meet using virtual platforms.

- **STUDENT MINISTRY**
- **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**
- **NURSERY SCHOOL**
- **ADULTS**
- **MISSIONS**
- **PASTORAL CARE**



● STUDENT MINISTRY

Our Student and Children's Ministries encourage a love for Jesus and the Gospel by offering traditional Sunday school activities as well as weekday activities.



HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL

The high school and middle school student ministry reaches students from both within and outside our church. It sponsors SALT, a weekly high school small group ministry, with two annual retreats, and a summer mission trip. High school seniors often serve as leaders of small group Bible studies and games during the middle school program. Online, the weekly middle school program, includes an annual retreat, mission trip and a monthly Saturday night outreach program hosted for all young teens in our local communities.



● CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Our Children's Ministry sponsors a Weekday Playgroup for young children as well as a weekday afternoon program, Kids' Club and Youth Club, for students in 1st and 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade, respectively. These programs reach many children in the community. The school-age programs connect children to the Lord through Bible study, various classes, sports and crafts, and a shared dinner. Each summer, our Vacation Bible School enrolls about 250 children both from within and outside our church body.



● NURSERY SCHOOL



PRESCHOOL CHILDREN

The Nursery School (ages 2 – Kindergarten) was established in 1964 and is designed to help preschool children grow and thrive in an atmosphere of Christian love. The school serves over 100 children from the local community.



New Providence Presbyterian
Preschool & Kindergarten
You're in good hands here!



ADULTS

In addition to traditional Sunday School classes, more than 35 different Bible study groups involving over 400 members meet on a weekly basis. In addition, an active women's ministry sponsors numerous events including an annual retreat. Our new member "Belong" classes are offered each Fall and Spring.





● MISSIONS

The Missions Ministry sponsors annual mission trips to the Amistad orphanage in Bolivia, as well as biannual family and student mission trips to build houses in Mexico in partnership with Amor Ministries. In addition to our financial support of individual missionaries/mission groups, we sponsor training centers for women in Malawi through African Enterprise and a vocational training center for men and women through YMalawi.

Local outreach to the poor and the marginalized in nearby urban areas occurs through partnerships with Family Promise, Market Street Mission, NYC Relief Bus, Young Lives, and a Prison Ministry at Rahway State Prison. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, we have joined with Boxes of Hope to provide over 560 local families with non-perishable food and supplies.





PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Ministry oversees a flock system in which each church member and family is assigned to a small group cared for by a deacon. The deacons support not only physical needs, but help meet member's prayer and spiritual needs. Other pastoral care ministries include an Emergency Prayer Chain, grief support, hospital and shut-in visitations, short-term spiritual counseling and prayer, and transportation and shopping services. Each month, a First Friday Fellowship luncheon is held, an outreach to senior citizens in the community.





OUR CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

Our hope is that our new Senior Pastor through the compelling message of the gospel will:

- Connect people to God and foster deepened, transformed relationships between members, so that the recent trend of declining church membership and attendance might be reversed, and we as a body of believers, might be a community which is the counterculture to existing social structures.
- Lead us out as a body of Christ to connect with the poor and marginalized through ministries of justice and compassion and help us be a catalyst for a movement of the gospel in our community and beyond as we are within 6 to 16 miles of major NJ cities with diverse populations—that we would be a community of grace serving as advocates for those with less social power.
- Connect people to the time and place God has placed us—the northeast suburban culture-- and spur us on to integrate our faith with work and vocation, encouraging us to be a welcoming place for our secular, non-believing neighbors, and helping us to do our work out of a renewed mindset.
- Facilitate a transition to a more dynamic and streamlined governance structure so as to empower the ministry and administrative teams to coordinate and implement the vision and the goals of the church, fostering improved communication and cooperation among the various ministry efforts.



WHO WE SEEK

We are looking for a Senior Pastor who possesses the experience, gifts, and motivation to lead our congregation as God directs. Specifically, we are seeking a candidate who:

- Pursues a mature and vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a thorough knowledge of and adherence to the authoritative, inspired, infallible Word of God in Scripture.
- Preaches inspiring and challenging messages that proclaim God's Word with enthusiasm, passion and conviction.
- Knows, encourages, and equips members of the congregation to grow in faith, knowledge of the Word of God, and love for Jesus Christ.
- Is willing to address the compelling and challenging subjects of the day without compromise, but with grace, supported by Scripture.
- Plans and leads traditional and contemporary worship services that are motivating and engaging.
- Leads with a clear and compelling plan for the future to be achieved through creating a collaborative culture in the congregation and uniting members toward a common vision.
- Engages with organizations and communities in the broader area to promote the vision, mission and core values of the church.
- Inspires generous stewardship of time, talent, and treasure from the entire congregation.
- Maintains a passion for evangelism in the local community, as well as for cultivating and investing in the next generation of believers.
- Is a wise, enthusiastic, and collaborative leader and manager who is motivated to train, mentor, and supervise a multi-staff organization.
- Is willing to be a servant leader in caring for the congregation.
- Holds theological alignment with and adheres to the Essential Tenets of ECO and will be ordained, if not already, as an ECO pastor.
- Possesses strong interpersonal and communication (oral and written) skills.
- Possesses integrity, vision, discernment, compassion, humor.

Qualifications:

- Master of Divinity or higher from an accredited seminary in a reformed tradition.
- Minimum of 5 years of ministerial experience, in the role of either Senior Pastor or Associate Pastor with major preaching responsibilities.



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**We appreciate your interest and
look forward to hearing from you!**

Please email your cover letter and resume to:
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