

PROVIDENCE
CHURCH

2026 Vision Story



AT PROVIDENCE CHURCH,

we believe that our vision is an inspiring picture of our chosen future. This vision story paints a vivid description of our envisioned future, and “**puts a flag in the sand.**” The flag is a little ways off, but it’s high enough and big enough that we can all see it and head toward it. We may not travel in an exactly straight line (the way we plan to), and we may move the flag (change the vision) a little as time goes on...but we’ll all get there, together, eventually. We wrote the following vision story in 2016, envisioning what Providence Church would be like 10 years later in 2026.

Our vision is a picture of the future we are working toward. It is not a guarantee of what will happen, but a vision of what we hope to see. We are working toward a future where we are all thriving together, and where we are all making a difference in the world.



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AND **SERVES** PEOPLE OF ALL
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AGAINST. IT IS *JOYFUL, GENUINE, POSITIVE, AND*
PASSIONATE, PROVIDING AN **INSPIRING**
NARRATIVE OR **HOPE** THAT
DRAWS PEOPLE TO **JESUS.**

WE SEE COMMUNITIES TRANSFORMED BY LOCAL CHURCHES



PROVIDENCE IS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF THE BEAUTY OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. LOCAL CHURCHES AND CAMPUSES REFLECT OUR COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS AND CULTURE.

Our care and love for our communities drives our desire to be present and engaged in the restorative and transformational process of each local area. We continue to do this through local Providence churches and campus locations. A diverse group of people celebrate each week through inspiring, truth-filled, and passionate worship services held throughout the region. We are a place where authenticity is championed and grace abundant. From that place, people take the healing message of Jesus back to workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. “Go” stories fill our communication channels as young and old realize their unique purpose and influence. The older generations are leveraging their wisdom and resources to lead and move the vision forward.

We continue to bring people to Jesus - forging through all of the clutter, religious expectations, and traditions. Our spirituality is reflective and responsive to the Spirit. *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* has been a bedrock of our assimilation process for Over 10 years, and being a part of our community means embracing the rhythms of living and loving well. People are purposeful in their singleness and marriage. Healthy and restored marriages are a sign of the love of God. People are abandoning old ways of doing life and learning new and loving ways to be in community - being the family of Christ. Newer and older believers are growing in their faith, hope, and love for Jesus through personal discipleship. This continues to connect believers together for growth while also empowering each person to multiply their faith with others in a simple and recognizable way.



WE SEE REGIONAL COLLABORATION, UNITY, & IMPACT



WE PROVIDE INSPIRATION, LEADERSHIP AND TOOLS THAT FOSTER UNITY AND COLLABORATION AMONG CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN THE PHILADELPHIA REGION.

We started locally and God grew our focus and influence regionally. We realized that God had placed us in one of the most populated and unchurched metro regions of the country. This latter part is changing. This is our opportunity. This is our time in God's story. Providence is uniting and leading other churches and organizations in the region with the vision to reach every man, woman, and child with repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the Gospel. We are now a family of churches and organizations committed to local and regional transformation. We say "family" because we care and love one another deeply, we commit financial and human resources to the vision, our leaders connect, train, and support one another, and we gather together for larger worship services and community development projects. We are organized and intentional because we know the power of committed relationships and collaboration towards a common vision. We pray for our local churches and go out of our way to find ways to collaborate with them in ministry.

Our leaders are regional influencers. We continue to lead the region in training and content creation for *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality*. Our successful collaboration with Young Life and CRU has led to articles and books written to spur the local, regional, and global church to collaborate. Our leadership residency has now developed, trained, and sent out many influential leaders into our region.

WE SEE YOUNG ADULTS SHAPING CULTURE FOR JESUS

WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP OF YOUNG ADULTS.

We see young adults between the ages of 16-29 passionate for Jesus and committed to changing culture and serving others. They are committed to prayer, the Word, and worship as the fuel to their faith. We desire to equip them with grace and truth to shape future culture from the inside out. We hire young, are intentional to equip and empower this generation of leaders, and are known regionally for attracting this group to the love and hope found only in Jesus. We preach with them in mind, sing with them in mind, and love with them in mind. Our young adult leadership and mentorship cohorts are thriving as new leaders are being trained to accommodate all those who desire discipleship and equipping.



WE SEE THE ARTS EXPRESSING THE LOVE OF JESUS

WE IMPACT OUR CULTURE THROUGH DIVERSE EXPRESSIONS OF CREATIVITY IN THE ARTS. THIS IS PROMINENT IN OUR MISSION TO LEAD PEOPLE TO JESUS.

Humanity images God and the creative essence of the arts is a vivid explanation of His character. We at Providence embrace and see the arts as a medium to express Jesus and His love. We see the arts as a powerful means to shape and influence culture. Our regional arts studio draws artists from around the country who collaborate and create for the glory of God. Paintings, music, and other artistic expressions are being recognized in and outside of Christian circles. Recognized artists lead this vision and continue to draw other artists into a collaborative effort for the good of this region. Providence Sunday celebrations are known for expressions of creativity and art. We create albums and videos of original music that are distributed globally, providing inspiration to people all over the world. We are now recording our third album and have influenced secular and Christian music with our unique artistry. We celebrate our latest film production released in 2025 as we continue to bring light to social injustices through art.



WE SEE COLLABORATION & DEVELOPMENT LOCALLY & INTERNATIONALLY



WE ARE COMMITTED TO BUILDING LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIPS WITH PARTNERS LOCALLY & AROUND THE WORLD.

When considering Jesus' calling to make disciples of all nations (Matt 28:19-20), we are reminded of two of Providence's own core values: "disciples are made not born" and "we are better together".

We are committed to building long-term relationships with partners in ministry throughout the world. We believe that these partnerships are most effective when we help our partners utilize the knowledge, skills, abilities, relationships and vision that they have for their own communities. We need our brothers and sisters in Kenya, Senegal and Mexico and routinely invite them to speak, share, and pray with and for us.

We are a conduit that draws out the God-given gifts and abilities of community members, equipping and empowering people to join together and meet the unique needs that are present. The Westside Community Center in West Chester, PA has led Providence in this for over 15 years. Now, other community centers have formed with similar purposes and passions.

God's love for the world in John 3:16 motivates us to love and respond to needs in various places around the globe. We pray earnestly for other regions and for the ending of slavery and oppression in all forms. Our devotion to the equipping and empowering of the younger generation has also led us to have committed leaders in various places around the world.



WE SEE STUDENTS AND CHILDREN INSPIRED TO LIVE OUT THEIR YOUNG FAITH



WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO LEADING HIGH SCHOOLERS, MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND CHILDREN TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE FOR JESUS CHRIST.

At Providence, we are a family who wants to see the youngest members thriving in their faith, engaged in the Word of God and intimate prayer. Our students are serving the body faithfully not just on Sunday, but throughout their week and modeling how to joyfully give of their time and worship God through various ways. The older students are spurring on the younger generation of devoted Christ-followers. We are coming alongside parents as they disciple their children at home by equipping parents with vision and practical tools. We are a body who supports families who foster and adopt. Students are introducing their unsaved family members and friends to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The enduring presence of the Holy Spirit is forming and shaping the faith of students and children for lasting influence!

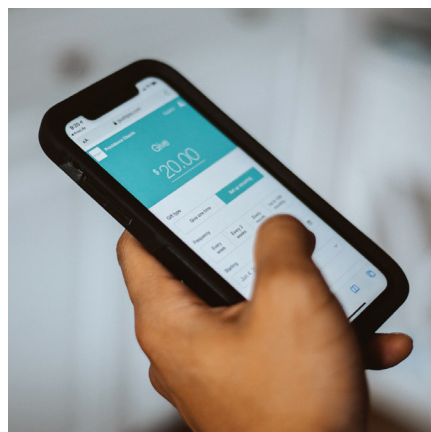


WE SEE THIS VISION FUNDED THROUGH GENEROSITY AND BUSINESS

OUR VISION IS BIG AND SO IS OUR TRUST IN GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH PEOPLE AND BUSINESS.

Our financial model is innovative and entrepreneurial. We rent facilities, coach and consult, start businesses, and produce music to fund the movement. Now launching our third enterprise, we believe that the medium of business can fund the future and sustain the present. We collaborate with business owners and leaders, forging creative ways to meet needs in our church and community.

We are a family where generosity isn't simply talked about, but expressed. People give abundantly and creatively. They give to one another, to the poor, to the orphan and widow, to anyone, as God leads. They give generously and sacrificially to Providence through gifts of cash, stock, vehicles, homes and estates knowing their gifts help bring heart and cultural transformation through the work of the church in this world.





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