

PRAYER & PRAISE

2025 PASSAGE OF THE YEAR:

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. -1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (ESV)

Mon. 3/10: Flourishing in God's Grace in your personal life

Morning: Ex. 21, Luke 24, **Eve:** Job 39, 2 Cor. 9

1. Look back through the *Order of Worship* and pick a song to pray through as you begin a new week. Ask for the Lord to show you how to flourish in Him.
2. Use Psalm 25:1-10 (opposite side) as a prayer of confession and renewal of assurance.

Tues. 3/11: Flourishing in God's Grace in your home

Morning: Ex. 22, John 1 **Eve:** Job 40, 2 Cor. 10

1. Pray for the Father to be active in your home, leading, guiding, and nurturing everyone into a closer relationship with Him and each other through Christ Jesus.
2. Pray for our children and youth to be growing in Christ Jesus, and to learn how to be self-controlled in managing their screen time on phones and computers.
3. Pray for those in your family who are not walking with the Lord nor living lives that are pleasing to Him. Pray for His Spirit to pursue them and call them to Himself.

Wed. 3/12: Flourishing in Grace in our church family

Morning: Ex. 23, John 2 **Eve:** Job 41, 2 Cor. 11

1. Ask the Spirit of Christ to enable us to love one another as He commands us, and that we would be led to pursue unity and peace.
2. Praise the Lord for a new covenant child born to Natosha & Joe Downing. Pray for rest and recovery as the family welcomes a new daughter.
3. Pray also for those in our church who desire to grow their families through birth or adoption.
4. Thank the Lord who has given Katy Klutz joy through the midst of serious health trials, and that she has completed all her radiation treatments. Pray for discernment as Katy & Andy discuss with doctors about the next steps in moving forward.
5. Thinking of our church ministry teams, pray for our *Safety Team* and the SOD's (servants of the day) who oversee the safety of our gatherings.

Thurs. 3/13: Flourishing in God's Grace in the community

Morning: Ex. 24, John 3 **Eve:** Job 42, 2 Cor. 12

1. Pray for Lori Milo and her family as they seek the Lord's wisdom and grace in caring for Lori's aging mother, Betty.
2. Look to the panel to the right which lists our coming events. Pray for the Holy Spirit to use these opportunities to advance the message of the Gospel.
3. Thinking of our ministry partners in North America, let us remember George Saylor who is the new Minister to State for NC. Pray for the Lord to bless his support raising efforts.
4. Pray for the Lord to give us His vision of church planting within us and within our Presbytery.
5. Remembering the churches of our Presbytery, let us pray for Back Creek Pres. Church in Mount Ulla, and for their search committee in seeking a new pastor to shepherd the congregation.

Fri. 3/14: Flourishing in God's Grace in the nation

Morning: Ex. 25, John 4 **Eve:** Prov. 1, 2 Cor. 13

1. Pray for our leaders following 1 Tim. 2:1-2: *...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*
2. Let us pray for peace and unity in our nation as new policies and orders are being implemented and many lives are being disrupted. Pray too for the Spirit of Christ to bring revival to our nation.

Sat 3/15: Flourishing in God's Grace in the World

Morning: Ex. 26, John 5 **Eve:** Prov. 2, Gal. 1

1. Thinking of our global missions partners, let us pray for Josh & Kristi serving with Serge in East Africa. They have requested that the Lord provides them with wisdom and joy in their call to lead the missions team there.
2. Pray for Mission to the World, The PCA's world mission agency.

Sun. 3/16: Flourishing in God's Grace on the Lord's Day

Morning: Ex. 27, John 6 **Eve:** Prov. 3, Gal. 2

1. Pray for those leading worship along with those who will be preaching and teaching.
2. Pray for the world-wide church as many Christians gather in the midst of persecution, poverty, and tribulation.
3. Pray for all attending church this morning, that God would prepare hearts to hear the Gospel.

Gather + Grow + Extend

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US TODAY...

Welcome to Providence where our vision is to be a healthy church (not a perfect one) that's flourishing in God's grace. This happens as we *gather, grow, and extend God's grace* to those around us. To get to know you better, please take some time to fill out a visitors card (you'll find one in the pews) and place it in the offering bag during the *Worship in Giving* or in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

TODAY (MARCH 9)

9:05 AM Prayer in the Library

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Christian Education (CE)

- **Infants/Kindergarten:** in the Toddler Nursery
- **1st-5th grade:** in the Café
- **Middle & High School:** Education Room
- **Adults:** 2 electives to choose from:
 - *Study of Luke's Gospel* (Library)
 - *Art of Sharing the Gospel* (Sanctuary)

12:00 PM Communicants Classes in the Café.

Missing a ladle? We have ladles in the Café from Souper Sunday that need to be reclaimed.

Ministry Trip with 1st Presbyterian of Stanly to Rome, Georgia: March 26-29

- \$125 per person (covers gas, food & lodging)
- Clean-up/building at the MNA warehouse
- Contact Tracy Withers for more info at tmmw6218@yahoo.com

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS (3/9)

Servants of the Day (SOD): Clay Smith, Rudy King

Greeters: TBD

Video: Emerson Hassenfritz

Sound: Gene Starnes

Infants & Toddlers: Joanna Hudson, Nita Whitaker

Children's Worship: R. Klevenhagen, SP Weathers

Infant-K CE: Andrea Larson, Judy Elmore

1st-5th Grade CE: Jesse Larson, Sheryl Troutman

Middle & High CE: Benjamin Ressler

Crescent Heights: J & L Haynes, Tim Troutman

Note: all care-givers and volunteers with our children are required to be active members or attendees for at least six months and also to have undergone background checks.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Mark Weathers

Associate Pastor: Benjamin Ressler

THIS WEEK

Women's Bible Study. Wed, 9:30 AM (Café).

Men's Evening Bible Study. Thurs, 6:30 PM at Ben Ressler's.

Men's Morning Bible Study. Fri, 6:00 AM starting a new study on The Apostles' Creed.

First Aid Class: *Stop the Bleed.* Sat, 9 AM (Café).

COMING EVENTS

From Gospel Seeds to Godly Fruit. New sermon series starting today in 1 Timothy.

Warehouse 551. Sun, Mar. 16, 6:00 PM for all middle & high school youth (gym).

Understanding Church Technology. Mar. 23 during CE (taught by Benjamin).

Sunday Evening Worship. Sun, April 6, 6-7 PM.

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS (3/16)

Servants of the Day (SOD): James Polk, Craig Poplin

Greeters: The Klutz Family

Video: Finley Hassenfritz

Sound: Sheryl Troutman

Infants & Toddlers: Annie Baker, L. Klevenhagen

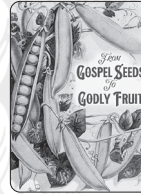
Children's Worship: *Community Sunday*

Infant-K CE: Andrea Larson, Michelle Kurtz

1st-5th Grade CE: Adam Klevenhagen, Jason Dove

Middle & High CE: Benjamin Ressler

Crescent Heights: Mark & Tara Weathers



The Lord's Day, Sunday — March 9th, 2025



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*The righteous... are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.*

-Psalm 92:12-13

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, Sunday, March 9th, 2025



PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Adam Klevenhagen

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" —John 1:29 (ESV)

Wonderful Merciful Savior †

Wonderful, merciful, Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way

*You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for!*

Almighty, infinite, Father, faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne

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PRAYER OF ADORATION † Based on Psalm 18:1-3

IN UNISON: We love you, O LORD, our strength. You are our Rock, our Fortress and our Deliverer. You are our Rock, in whom we take refuge. You are our Shield and the Horn of our salvation, our Stronghold. We call to You, LORD, You, Who are worthy of praise, and we are saved from our enemies. We give you praise! Amen.

WELCOME Mark Weathers

LEADER: The Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

CALL TO WORSHIP † ... Acts 2:38-39; 4:12 (NIV) Mark Weathers

³⁸ Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

In Christ Alone †

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day; up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory; sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath; Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 25:1-10 (ESV) Benjamin Ressler

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long. Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

His Mercy is More †

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON Martin Downing

WORSHIP THE LORD IN GIVING

The bringing of our tithes and offerings to the Lord is an act of worship which results from a life transformed by the gospel. We invite all to worship in this way, not out of compulsion, or from a sense of duty, but from the heart.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom

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CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Since the sermon content may be too difficult for children, we offer Children's Worship for those in K through 3rd grade. Children should exit the sanctuary using the left side door closest to the piano (children will return to the sanctuary following the sermon).

THE WORD OF THE LORD 1 Timothy 1:1-2

MESSAGE A Heart Felt Hello Benjamin Ressler

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee †

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee; God of glory, Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving; ever blessing, ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother; all who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us; brother love binds man to man
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BENEDICTION † Benjamin Ressler

