## 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. 4/21: Flourishing in God's Grace in your personal life

#### Morning: Lev. 25, Ps. 32, Eve: Eccles. 8, 2 Tim. 4

- 1. Reflect on 1 Thess 2:13, thanking the Lord that His word is at work in you: ...we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.
- 2. Look at the Order of Worship, using the song In Christ Alone as a prayer of meditation to begin the week.

#### Tues. 4/22: Flourishing in God's Grace in your home

Morning: Lev. 26, Ps. 33 Eve: Eccles. 9, Titus 1

- 1. Pray for the Father to be active in your home, leading, guiding, and drawing everyone into a closer relationship with Him and with each other through Christ Jesus.
- 2. Pray for our children and youth to be growing in Christ Jesus, and to learn how to apply the Gospel to themselves. Pray, too, for parents in wisdom in raising their children.
- 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. 4/23: Flourishing in Grace in our church family

#### Morning: Lev 27. Ps. 34 Eve: Eccles. 10. Titus 2

- 1. Ask the Spirit of Christ to empower us to love one another as He commands. Pray against those things that would harm us as a church family: gossip, slander, bitterness, pride, selfrighteousness, anxiety, and laziness,
- 2. Pray for those in our church who desire to grow their families through birth or adoption.
- 3. Ask the Lord to help Katy Kluttz maintain joy through the midst of serious health trials. Pray for Katy and her body as it reacts to all the treatments she has undergone.
- 4. Regarding our ministry teams, pray for our Local Outreach Team in their call to help us reach those in our community with the Gospel.

#### Thurs. 4/24: Flourishing in God's Grace in the community Morning: Num. 1, Ps. 35 Eve: Eccles. 11, Titus 3

## 1. Look to the panel to the right which lists our coming events. Pray for the Spirit to use these

- opportunities to advance the message of the Gospel and to make mature disciples. 2. Thinking of our ministry partners in North America, let us remember Elder Orphan Care and their ministry to serve the aging in Cabarrus County.
- 3. Pray for the Lord to give us His vision of church planting and outreach within our community and within our Presbytery.
- 4. Remembering the churches of our Presbytery, let us pray for Lakeshore PCA in Denver, NC, and for Berry Stubbs, its pastor.

### Fri. 4/25: Flourishing in God's Grace in the nation

#### Morning: Num. 2. Ps. 36 Eve: Eccles. 12. Phile. 1

- 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. Pray too for the Spirit of Christ to bring revival to our nation.

#### Sat 4/26: Flourishing in God's Grace in the World

Morning: Num. 3, Ps. 37 Eve: Song 1, Heb. 1

1. Thinking of our global missions partners, let us pray for Josh & Kristi and their call to proclaim the Gospel in eastern Africa.

2. Pray for Mission to the World, The PCA's world mission agency.

#### Sun. 4/27: Flourishing in God's Grace on the Lord's Day Morning: Num. 4, Ps. 38 Eve: Song 2, Heb. 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 + Group + 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 (APRIL 20) 9:05 AM Prayer in the Library

9:30 AM Worship.

11:00 AM Christian Education (CE) will not be meeting today.

#### THIS WEEK

Women's Bible Study: Wed, 9:30 AM (Library). Men's Evening Bible Study: Thus. 6:30 PM at the Resslers'.

Men's Morning Bible Study: 6-7 AM (Café).

### COMING EVENTS

Finance Team Meeting. Sun, Apr. 27, 12:00 PM in the library.

Warehouse 551. Sun, Apr. 27, 6:00 PM. Church Work Day. Sat, May 3, 9 AM to noon. RSVP on church app or one of the sign-up sheets (list all in your family who'll be attending).

#### TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS (420)

Servants of the Day (SOD): Craig Poplin, Tom Milo Greeters: Lisa Tackett, Tara Weathers Video: Finley Hassenfritz Sound: TBD Infants & Toddlers: Elizabeth Evans, Joanna Hudson Children's Worship: Community Sunday Infant-K CE: No CE 1st-5th Grade CE: No CE Middle & High CE: No CE Crescent Heights: M & T Weathers. A Klevenhagen

#### IMPORTANT NOTES GATE Baby Bottle Fund-raiser kicks-off

today. Take a bottle to begin collecting loose change to support GATE Pregnancy Center (bottles will be collected on Sun, May 11).

Lost & Found - Last Chance. The lost & found basket in the coat closet of the lobby runneth over. Please take a moment to collect any belongings you may be missing. Anything not collected will be donated to the Salvation Army. Volunteers Needed. We're still looking for

teachers in children's ministry, help with worship slides, and on the sound board. Talk to Mark. Ben, or Adam if interested.

Elder Orphan Care is starting to collect items for their supply pantry outreach. See flyers around the church for items to be collected. Items can be placed in the admin office.

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS (4/27) Servants of the Day (SOD): J. Garrigues, James Polk Greeters: Jonathan & Lynn Haynes Video: Tess Ressler Sound: Tim Troutman Infants & Toddlers: H. Golombowski, F. Hassenfritz Children's Worship: A. Klevenhagen, E. Hassenfritz Infant-K CE: Shervl Troutman, TBD 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade CE: Jesse Larson, Judy Elmore Middle & High CE: Benjamin & Jill Ressler Crescent Heights: Bill lacovelli, Tim Troutman

Children's Ministries: Adam Klevenhagen

Administration: Lisa Tackett

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

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Our Lord Jesus Christ (Col 1:18) Elders: Jason Dove, Martin Downing, Kirk Hassenfritz, Adam Klevenhagen, Jesse Larson, Benjamin Ressler, Gordon Spaugh, Phil Tackett, Mark Weathers (Titus 1:5-9) **Deacons**: Al Ressler, Mike Wilson (1 Tim 3:8-10) Ministers: The people (saints) of Providence Presbyterian (2 Cor 9:12; Eph 4:11-12)

### OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Cooperative Christian Ministries: Concord, NC Gate Pregnancy Center: serving Cabarrus County Meals on Wheels: Concord, NC Elder Orphan Care: Concord, NC Andrew & Amanda Goyzueta: RUF: Davidson College Josh & Kristi: Serge: East Africa Juan & Kelsey Rodriguez: RUF: UNC Charlotte Minister to State: George Sayour: Raleigh, NC Stephen & Karen Baldwin: Provisions Group

Michael & Lindie Wadhams: MTW: Washington State Rick & Anne Harper: Serge: Vienna, Austria Bob & Keren Heppe: Serge: London, England Shaun & Becky Hurrie: MTW: South Africa Jim & Caty Tate: Globe International Covenant Children's Home: Khen & Rith Tombing. Manipur, India



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Easter Sunday Community Sunday – Sunday, April 20th, 2025

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holv catholic\* Church: the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

catholic (not to be confused with Roman Catholic) means "universal" and is to be understood as the true Christian church which transcends all times and all places.

flourishing in God's Grace gather + grow + extend

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

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 2025



## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

12 When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands. 13 And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across His chest. 14 His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And His eyes were like flames of fire. 15 His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and His voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. 16 He held seven stars in His right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from His mouth. And His face was like the sun in all its brilliance. 17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as if I were dead. But He laid His right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the living one. I died, but look-I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave. - Revelation 1:12-18 (NLT)

#### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, alleluia; sons of men and angels say, alleluia Raise your joys and triumphs high, alleluia; sing ye heavens and earth reply, alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, alleluia; where O death is now thy sting? Alleluia Dying once He all doth save, alleluia; where thy victory O grave? Alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done, alleluia; fought the fight, the battle won, alleluia Death in vain forbids Him rise, alleluia; Christ has opened paradise, alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia; following our exalted Head, alleluia Made like Him, like Him we rise, alleluia; ours the cross, the grave, the skies, alleluia Charles Wesley © Public Domain. CCLI License # 2323789

PRAYER OF ADORATION †

WELCOME Benjamin Ressler

LEADER: He is risen! PEOPLE: He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP <sup>†</sup> ..... Psalm 16:8-11 (ESV) ...... Benjamin Ressler I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

#### In Christ Alone T

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 Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2001 Thankyou Music. CCLI License No. 2323789

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain One day they nailed Him to die on a tree Suffering anguish, despised, and rejected; bearing our sins my Redeemer is He The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree, and took the nails for me

LEADER: Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O ALL: death, where is your sting?"

LEADER: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

> Low in the Grave He Lay † Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes He arose a victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose. He arose. Halleluiah! Christ arose

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior Vainly they seal the dead. Jesus my Lord

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord Robert Lowry © Public Domain. CCLI License No. 2323789.

MISSIONS FOCUS ...... Video presentation: A Day in the Life with Serge

Please take a moment to sign the missions prayer card in your bulletin. Tear off the top portion and drop it in the offering bags during the worship in giving.

## 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.

#### **Glorious Dav**

One day when heaven was filled with His praises One day when sin was as dark as could be Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin; dwelt among men, my example is He The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed

> Living He loved me, dying He saved me Buried. He carried my sins far away Rising He justified, freely forever One day He's coming, O glorious day, glorious day

The Lord's Supper is the family meal of Jesus' Disciples. All true followers of Christ Jesus are welcome to the Table - those who have given their life in faith to the Lord. have repented of their sins (and continue to repent in our on-going struggles with sin), are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church, and who are seeking to live as becomes the followers of Christ.

In our vows to assist parents in the Christian nurture of our children, please help us in reminding children (and in some cases the adults) that the church and sanctuary are to be honored before, during, and after our gatherings. This means not running through the halls, not squirming under the pews, and staying off the stage. This also helps ensure the safety of older adults who have a higher risk of falling from a collision of a running child. We thank you.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer One day the stone rolled away from the door Then He arose over death He had conquered; now is ascended, my Lord evermore Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him from rising again

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine Wonderful day my beloved one bringing; my Savior Jesus is mine Michael Bleecker, J. Wilbur Chapman, and Mark Hall © 2009 Word Music, LLC, Club Zoo Music, SWECS Music. CCLI License No. 2323789

COMMUNION HOMILY ... 1 Thessalonians 2:9-16 ...... Mark Weathers

## PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

### WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

[Note about the wine: the grape-tinted cups on the outer rim of the communion travs contain grape juice, and the center clear cups contain wine].

Doxology † Praise God, from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. © Public Domain, CCLI License No. 2323789 COMMUNITY NEWS

BENEDICTION †

## A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND MEMBERS

Please take this bulletin home with you for personal worship and prayer throughout the week.