

PRAYER & PRAISE

2025 PASSAGE OF THE YEAR:

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Mon. 12/30: Flourishing in God's Grace in your personal life

Morning: 2 Chron. 35, Rev. 21, **Eve:** Malachi 3, John 20

1. Begin this week praying through and rejoicing in the Gospel as it's expressed in our 2025 passage of the year. Make a point to commit this to memory.
2. Use the song *Is He Worthy?* (opposite side) as a means of prayer and praise today.

Tues. 12/31: Flourishing in God's Grace in your home

Morning: 2 Chron. 36, Rev. 22 **Eve:** Malachi 4, John 21

1. Pray for the power of the Gospel to be active in your home such that all would be flourishing in the grace of God and that the Lord would give an increased hunger for His Word.
2. Pray for our children and youth to be growing in Christ Jesus, and to know what it means to apply the Gospel to themselves and to others. Pray especially for them as a new school semester begins.
3. Pray for those in your family who are not walking with the Lord. Pray for His Spirit to pursue them and call them to Himself.

Wed. 1/1: Flourishing in Grace in our church family

Morning: Gen. 1, Matt. 1 **Eve:** Ezra 1, Acts. 1

1. Ask the Lord's Spirit to create within our church deep love and unity, and at the same time to protect us from divisions, factions, selfishness, gossip, resentment, or bitterness (and ask the Lord to help you repent of any of these issues in your own heart).
2. Pray for Tosha Downing and the covenant child within her. Pray also for those in our church who desire to grow their families through birth or adoption.
3. Continue to pray for Katy Kluttz and family. Pray for sustained health and relief from residual pain from the chemo and surgery.
4. Thinking of our church ministry teams, this week pray for the men's & women's Bible studies as they resume next week. Pray for God's Word to bear fruit in and through these studies.

Thurs. 1/2: Flourishing in God's Grace in the community

Morning: Gen. 2, Matt. 2 **Eve:** Ezra 2, Acts. 2

1. Pray for our brothers & sisters next door at Crescent Heights, that they would shine the light of Christ's grace and be an encouragement to the community there.
2. Thinking of our ministry partners in North America, let us remember Andrew & Amanda Goyzueta in their ministry with RUF at Davidson College. Pray for rest before the winter semester starts up.
3. As we pray for the churches of our Presbytery, this week let us pray for Harbor PCA Church in Mooreville, NC, and for Michael Colvard, who is serving as pastor.

Fri. 1/3: Flourishing in God's Grace in the nation

Morning: Gen. 3, Matt. 3 **Eve:** Ezra 3, Acts 3

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 also pray for unity in our nation as authority is being transferred to a new administration.
3. Pray for revival to sweep across our nation.

Sat 1/4: Flourishing in God's Grace in the World

Morning: Gen. 4, Matt. 4 **Eve:** Ezra 4, Acts 4

1. Thinking of our global missions partners. Today let us pray for Khen & Rith Tombing as they oversee Covenant Children's Home in Manipur, India.
2. Pray for Mission to the World, The PCA's world mission agency.

Sun. 1/5: Flourishing in God's Grace on the Lord's Day

Morning: Gen. 5, Matt. 5 **Eve:** Ezra 5, Acts 5

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 (DECEMBER 29)

9:05 AM Prayer in the Library

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Christian Education (CE)

No CE today (note next Sunday for CE we will enjoy an *Everything to God in Prayer* time).

MEMBERS AS GREETERS



Starting in January we will be asking church members to serve as greeters on Sunday mornings. Greeting is such an important ministry in extending the grace of Christ to members and visitors as they come to worship.

COMING EVENTS

De-Decorate the church. Fri, Jan 3, at 1:00 PM.

Please come and help us clean up and store away our Christmas decorations.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies will resume on the first full week in January.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION OF OUR BUILDING PAY-OFF

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy!—Psalm 126:3



Join us for corporate worship at 6:00 PM on January 12 as we praise the Lord for His goodness in His provision for us to pay off the church mortgage. Dessert reception to follow in the Café.

TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS (12/29)

Servants of the Day: Craig Poplin, Greg Evans

Greeters: Craig Poplin, David Starnes

Video: Finley Hassenfritz

Sound: Kirk Hassenfritz

Infants & Toddlers: Michelle Kurtz, Megan Transue

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, B. Iacovelli

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.

NEXT WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS (1/5)

Servants of the Day: TBD

Greeters: TBD

Video: TBD

Sound: TBD

Infants & Toddlers: TBD

Children's Worship: TBD

Infant-K CE: TBD

1st-5th Grade CE: TBD

Middle & High CE: TBD

Crescent Heights: Keith & Nita Whitaker

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Mark Weathers

Associate Pastor: Benjamin Ressler

Children's Ministries: Adam Klevenhagen

Administration: Lisa Tackett

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

NORTH AMERICA

Cooperative Christian Ministries: Concord, NC

Gate Pregnancy Center: serving Cabarrus County

Meals on Wheels: Concord, NC

Andrew & Amanda Goyzueta: RUF: Davidson College

Juan & Kelsey Rodriguez: RUF: UNC Charlotte

Stephen & Karen Baldwin: Provisions Group

Michael & Lindie Wadhams: MTW: Washington State

BEYOND

Covenant Children's Home: Khen & Rith Tombing in Manipur, India

Rick & Anne Harper: Serge: Vienna, Austria

Bob & Keren Hepppe: Serge: London, England

Shaun & Becky Hurrie: MTW: South Africa

Josh & Kristi: Serge: East Africa

Caty & Jim Tate: Globe International



*Community Sunday
December 29th, 2024*

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 holy catholic* Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* *catholic* means "universal" and is to be understood as the true Christian church of all times and all places.

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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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Community Sunday, December 29th, 2024



PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Mark Weathers

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Joy To The World †

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room, and Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing, and Heav'n, & Heav'n, & nature sing

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ
While fields & floods, rocks, hills & plains; repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow; far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love
And wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders, of His love

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PRAYER OF ADORATION †

WELCOME Benjamin Ressler

LEADER: The Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

CALL TO WORSHIP † Psalm 150 Benjamin Ressler

LEADER: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in his mighty heavens!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds; praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

PEOPLE: **Praise Him with trumpet sound; praise Him with lute and harp! Praise Him with tambourine and dance; praise Him with strings and pipe!**

LEADER: Praise Him with sounding cymbals; praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

ALL: **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!**

Psalm 150 †

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice; Your heights and all your depths
From furthest east to west; let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord*

You reached into the dust, in love your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Let symphonies resound, let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; sing His greatness, all creation
Praise the Lord, raise your voice; Your heights and all your depths
From furthest east to west; let everything that has breath
You distant burning stars, all creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore, sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath, Praise the Lord*

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SCRIPTURE READING † Romans 8:22-25 (NIV)

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Is He Worthy? †

Do you feel the world is broken? *We do*

Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do*

But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? *We do*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do*

Is all creation groaning? *It is*; Is a new creation coming? *It is*

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *It is*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is*

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? *He does*

Does the Spirit move among us? *He does*

And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? *He does*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *He does*

Is anyone worthy, is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave

He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From ev'ry people and tribe, every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy, is He worthy; is He worthy of this? He is

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Adam Klevenhagen

PRAYER FOR OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS Mark Weathers

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

Bringing 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.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three Kings of Orient are; bearing gifts; we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding; guide us to thy perfect light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising, worship Him God most High

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and sacrifice

Alleluia, alleluia; Earth to heaven replies

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THE WORD OF THE LORD 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

COMMUNION HOMILY Mark Weathers

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

WORSHIP AT THE LORD'S TABLE

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.

[Note about the wine: the purple-tinted cups on the outer rim of the communion trays 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.

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CONFESSON OF FAITH † The Apostles' Creed

BENEDICTION † Mark Weathers

