

PRAYER & PRAISE

Mon. 4/1: Flourishing in God’s Grace in your personal life
Morning: Lev. 4, Ps. 1, 2 Eve: Prov. 19, Col. 2

- 1. Begin this week using the confession of faith in the bulletin (opposite side), using it as a reflection and prayer.
- 2. Pray through our 2024 passage of the year, asking the Father to increase your faith in “waiting on” Him.

Tues. 4/2: Flourishing in God’s Grace in your family
Morning: Lev. 5, Ps. 3, 4 Eve: Prov. 20, Col. 3

- 1. Pray for the marriages in our church, that they would reflect the loving, humble, and gracious nature of our Triune God.
- 2. Pray for our children and youth to be growing in the fear and admonition of the Lord.
- 3. Pray for those in your family who are not walking with the Lord. Pray that God would draw them to Himself.

Wed. 4/3: Flourishing in Grace in our church family
Morning: Lev. 6, Ps. 5, 6 Eve: Prov. 21, Col. 4

- 1. Pray for the Spirit of the Lord to maintain love and unity in our church, protecting us from divisions, pride, gossip, resentment, bitterness, or judgmental spirits (and ask the Lord to convict you if you are cultivating any of these attitudes in your heart).
- 2. Pray for those in our church who desire to grow their families through birth or adoption.
- 3. Pray for our weekly Bible studies to bear fruit. Pray for vision and direction in the formation of small groups.
- 4. Pray for Katy Kluttz who is beginning aggressive treatments for cancer. Ask the Father to bring healing and peace during this time of trial for the family.
- 5. Pray for the churches that are part of our Presbytery. This week let us pray for Harvest Presbyterian in Lincolnnton (and Scott Deneen, the pastor).

Thurs. 4/4: Flourishing in God’s Grace in the community
Morning: Lev. 7, Ps. 7, 8 Eve: Prov. 22, 1 Thess. 1

- 1. Pray for opportunities for us to meet the needs of the neighbors in our various communities and to share the love of Christ.
- 2. Pray for our brothers & sisters next door at Crescent Heights, that they would shine the light of Christ’s grace to the community there.
- 3. Pray for our local ministry partners: RUF (Davidson and UNC Charlotte), Gate Pregnancy Center, CCM, and Meals-on-Wheels (and for those driving today).

Fri. 4/5: Flourishing in God’s Grace in the nation
Morning: Lev. 8, Ps. 9 Eve: Prov. 23, 1 Thess. 2

- 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. Pray for Darin Stone as he represents our denomination and shares the gospel with leaders at our state capital.
- 3. Pray for revival to sweep across America and that the Spirit of the Lord would be pleased to include us at Providence!
- 4. Pray for MNA - Mission to North America (The PCA’s church planting agency).

Sat 4/6: Flourishing in God’s Grace in the World
Morning: Lev. 9, Ps. 10 Eve: Prov. 24, 1 Thess. 3

- 1. Pray for our global missions partners and the callings God has placed on them: Baldwins, Covenant Children’s Home, Harpers, Heppes, Hurries, Tate, Josh & Kristi, and the Wadhams.
- 2. Pray for MTW - Mission to the World (The PCA’s world mission agency).

Sun. 4/7: Flourishing in God’s Grace on the Lord’s Day
Morning: Lev. 10, Ps. 11, 12 Eve: Prov. 25, 1 Thess. 4

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



MORE THAN CONQUERORS

2024 PASSAGE OF THE YEAR:
Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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, we’d love for you to fill out a visitors card (you’ll find one in the pews) and place it in the offering during the *Worship in Giving* (or the offering box in the back of the sanctuary). Feel free, too, to join us for coffee & fellowship after the worship service in the Providence Café.

TODAY (MARCH 31)

Note we are opening up the balcony for overflow seating. We ask, though, that families with mobile children remain on the first level until we can add additional safety guards on the overhang.

9:05 AM Prayer in the Library

9:30 AM Worship

Christian Eduction (CE) not meeting today.

GATE Baby Bottle Fund-raiser is currently underway. Grab a bottle to begin collecting loose change to support GATE Pregnancy Center (return by Sun, Apr 14).

THIS WEEK

Women’s Bible Study. Wed, Apr 3, 9:30 AM in the Café.

Men’s Evening Bible Study. Thurs, Apr 4, 6:30 PM at Ressler’s.

Men’s Morning Breakfast & Bible Study. Fri, Apr 5, 6-7 AM in the Café.

ON THE CALENDAR

Congregational Meeting. Next Sunday, Apr 7 during CE to present a mortgage payoff plan.

Families Small Group. Sun, Apr 14 at the Larsons’ after CE. We’ll have lunch, fellowship, and prayer. RSVP to Andrea.

Warehouse 551. Sun, Apr 14, 6:00-8:00 PM in the gym for all middle & high school youth.

Session Meeting. Tues, Apr 16, 6:00 PM in the Café (dinner provided).

NEW SERMON SERIES

Next Sunday, April 7, we will begin a new study through the book of 1st Samuel called The God who hears us.



Note the art on today’s bulletin cover is by James Malecky and is entitled: *Worship the Lamb*.

TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS (3/31)

Servants of the Day: Greg Evans, Jonathan Garrigues
Greeters: Jonathan & Leigh-Ana Garrigues
Video: Adam Spaugh
Sound: Kirk Hassenfritz
Infants & Toddlers: Elizabeth Evans, F. Hassenfritz
Children’s Worship: Christie Spaugh, Will Hassenfritz
Infant-K CE: no CE
1st-5th Grade CE: no CE
Middle & High CE: no CE
Crescent Heights: Mark & Tara Weathers

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 (4/7)

Servants of the Day: Phil Tackett, Mike Wilson
Greeters: Tara Weathers, Craig Poplin
Video: Emerson Hassenfritz
Sound: Tim Troutman
Infants & Toddlers: Annie Baker, Amber Kroger
Children’s Worship: R. Klevenhagen, W. Hassenfritz
Infant-K CE: Natosha Downing, Nita Whitaker
1st-5th Grade CE: Jesse Larson, David Starnes
Middle & High CE: Benjamin Ressler, Liam Weathers
Crescent Heights: Kirk Hassenfritz

CHURCH STAFF (CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT)

Lisa Tackett: Administration
Mark Weathers: Pastor

Benjamin Ressler: Associate Pastor
Adam Klevenhagen: Children’s Ministries

SESSION & DIACONATE

Jason Dove (RE), Martin Downing (RE), Kirk Hassenfritz (RE), Adam Klevenhagen (RE), Jesse Larson (RE), Al Ressler (D), Benjamin Ressler (TE clerk), Gordon Spaugh (RE), Phil Tackett (RE), Mark Weathers (TE), Mike Wilson (D)

OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

John & Mary Ann Baber: RUF: UNCC
Stephen & Karen Baldwin: Provisions Group
Cooperative Christian Ministries: Concord, NC
Covenant Children’s Home: Manipur, India
Andrew & Amanda Goyzueta: RUF: Davidson College
Rick & Anne Harper: Serge: Vienna, Austria
Bob & Keren Heppe: Serge: London, England

Shaun & Becky Hurrie: MTW: South Africa
Josh & Kristi: Serge: Middle East
Meals on Wheels: Concord, NC
Caty Tate: Globe International
Michael & Lindie Wadhams: MTW: Washington State
Gate Pregnancy Center: serving Cabarrus County



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PROVIDENCE
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Easter Sunday — March 31st, 2024



Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to
receive power and wealth and wisdom and
might and honor and glory and blessing!

–Revelation 5:12

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, March 31st, 2024



PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP Adam Klevenhagen

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” –Revelation 21:1-5 (ESV)

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

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PRAYER OF ADORATION † Benjamin Ressler

WELCOME Mark Weathers

LEADER: He is risen!

PEOPLE: He is risen indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP † ... Psalm 30:4-5; 10-12 (NIV) Mark Weathers

LEADER: Sing the praises of the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name. For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime...

ALL: ...weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

LEADER: Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help.

ALL: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Christ Arose †

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour
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; Hallelujah Christ arose

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

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Saviour
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord

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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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Because He Lives †

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold our newborn baby and feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

And then one day I’ll cross that river; I’ll fight life’s final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict’ry
I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know He reigns

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CONFESSION OF FAITH Benjamin Ressler

Westminster Confession of Faith: Questions 27 & 28

LEADER: Wherein did Christ’s humiliation consist?

ALL: Christ’s humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

LEADER: Wherein consists Christ’s exaltation?

ALL: Christ’s exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

COLLECTIVE PRAYER: Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

WORD OF ASSURANCE Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)

LEADER: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

ALL: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

WORSHIP THE LORD IN GIVING

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, remembering Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Salvation Belongs To Our God

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb: praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

Be to our God forever and ever; Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, Amen

And we the redeemed shall be strong, in purpose and unity
Declaring aloud: praise and glory, wisdom and thanks
Honour and power and strength

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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 Revelation 5:1-14 (pg 1030 in pew bibles)

MESSAGE Mark Weathers

Crown Him With Many Crowns †

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight
But downward bends each burning eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BENEDICTION † based on 2 Corinthians 1 Mark Weathers

All praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of every mercy, the God of all consolation. Do not rely on yourselves, but put your trust in him. For the God who can raise the dead to life again will also deliver you!

