

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. 9/15: Flourishing in God’s Grace in your personal life

Morning: II Sam. 11, II Cor. 4 Eve: Ezek. 18, Psalm 62-63

- 1. Use the Scripture reading from the Order of Worship (Psalm 25:8-15, opposite side) to begin the week in confession of sin, and of faith in Christ.
- 2. Ask the Father to fill you with the Holy Spirit of Christ so that you might walk empowered by Him to live out our sanctification.
- 3. Let us lift up the family of Charlie Kirk as they grieve the loss of a husband and father. Pray for the Lord to use these tragic events to bring spiritual awakening and revival in our land.

Tues. 9/16: Flourishing in God’s Grace in your home

Morning: II Sam. 12, II Cor. 5 Eve: Ezek. 19, Psalm 64-65

- 1. Pray for our children and youth to be growing as disciples of Christ and who are learning to form a relationship with Him. Pray for parents wanting to raise their children in wisdom and grace.
- 2. Pray for any in your family who are not walking with the Lord and are thereby grieving His heart. Pray for His Holy Spirit to pursue them and call them to Himself.
- 3. Remember our college students who are away, and let us pray that they find churches where they can continue to grow as faithful disciples.

Wed. 9/17: Flourishing in Grace in our church family

Morning: II Sam. 13, II Cor. 6 Eve: Ezek. 20, Psalm 66-67

- 1. Ask the Lord to enable us to love one another in our church family. Pray against thoughts or deeds that could cause division, such as gossip, slander, bitterness, pride, self-righteousness, anger, resentment (to name a few).
- 2. Pray for those in our church who desire to grow their families through birth or adoption. Pray, too, for Annie Baker and Leigh-Ana Garrigues and for the covenant children they are bearing.
- 3. Pray for Sheryl Troutman as she ministers to her brother, Gordy, who has been battling pancreatic cancer for a year (Gordy is a Believer who's hope is in Christ).
- 4. Pray for Katy Kluttz who continues to be on the long road to health from chemo, radiation, and surgery, and especially now with continuing hip pain.

Thurs. 9/18: Flourishing in God’s Grace in the community

Morning: II Sam. 14, II Cor. 7 Eve: Ezek. 21, Psalm 68

- 1. Look at our coming events (to the right), and pray for the Spirit to use these opportunities to advance the message of the Gospel. Pray, especially, for our Bible studies.
- 2. Thinking of our local ministry partners, let us pray for Gate Pregnancy & Resource Center and their love for families and for children yet-to-be-born.
- 3. Pray for the Lord to give us His vision of outreach within our community and within our Presbytery. Pray, too, for the Lord to continue growing our church.

Fri. 9/19: Flourishing in God’s Grace in the nation

Morning: II Sam. 15, II Cor. 8 Eve: Ezek. 22, Psalm 69

- 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 peace and unity in our nation. Pray too for the Holy Spirit to bring revival, especially as we celebrate 250 years as a nation.

Sat 9/20: Flourishing in God’s Grace in the World

Morning: II Sam. 16, II Cor. 9 Eve: Ezek. 23, Psalm 70-71

- 1. Thinking of our global missions partners, pray for James & Carmin Byers who are making routine trips to Ethiopia to train up pastors and teachers.
- 2. Pray for Mission to the World, The PCA's world mission agency.

Sun. 9/21: Flourishing in God’s Grace on the Lord’s Day

Morning: II Sam. 17, II Cor. 10 Eve: Ezek. 24, Psalm 72

- 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, and especially now for Christians under attack in Congo, Nigeria, Benin, and Haiti.
- 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.

TODAY (SEPTEMBER 14)

9:05 AM Prayer in the Library

9:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Christian Education (CE)

- Infants/Kindergarten in the Toddler Nursery
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Education room
- Middle & High School in the Library
- Ephesians study class in the Café
- Flourishing Spiritually in the Sanctuary

12:00 PM Missions Team Meeting in the Café (lunch provided).

6:00 PM ReEngage in the Café

THIS WEEK

Calendar Planning & Dinner Meeting. Tues, Sept 16, 6:00 PM: for elders, deacons, staff, and ministry team heads

Women’s Bible Study: Wed, 9:30-11:15 AM in the Café.

Men’s Evening Bible Study: Thurs, 6:30 PM at the Ressler’s studying the book of Hebrews.

TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS (9/14)

Servants of the Day (SOD): C. Poplin, J. Garrigues

Greeters: Keith & Nita Whitaker

Video: Finley Hassenfritz

Sound: TBD

Infants & Toddlers: N. Whitaker, T. Ressler

Children’s Worship: R. Klevenhagen, SP Weathers

Infant-K CE: R. Klevenhagen, Lisa Tackett

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade CE: A. Klevenhagen, Anne Wilson

Middle & High CE: Ben & Jill Ressler

Crescent Heights: Jonathan 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.

NEXT WEEK’S VOLUNTEERS (9/21)

Servants of the Day (SOD): G. Mehall, R. King

Greeters: David & Megan Starnes

Video: Julie McAuley

Sound: TBD

Infants & Toddlers: E. Evans, Tosha Downing

Children’s Worship: TBD

Infant-K CE: R. Klevenhagen, J. Elmore

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade CE: Adam Klevenhagen

Middle & High CE: Ben & Jill Ressler

Crescent Heights: Mark & Tara Weathers

Children’s Ministries: Adam Klevenhagen

Administration: Kelli Ellsworth

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Mark Weathers

Associate Pastor: Benjamin Ressler

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Head of the Church: Our Lord Jesus Christ (Col 1:18)

Elders: Martin Downing, Adam Klevenhagen, Jesse Larson, Benjamin Ressler (clerk), 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

Juan & Kelsey Rodriguez: RUF: UNC Charlotte

Stephen & Karen Baldwin: Provisions Group

Michael & Lindie Wadhams: MTW: Washington State

James & Carmin Byers: ELI, Ethiopia

Rick & Anne Harper: Serge: Vienna, Austria

Bob & Keren Hepp: Serge: London, England

Shaun & Becky Hurrie: MTW: South Africa

Josh & Kristi: Serge: East Africa

Jim & Caty Tate: Globe International

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



The Lord's Day, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

flourishing in God’s Grace  
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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



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord’s Day, September 14, 2025

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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children should exit the sanctuary using the left side door closest to the piano (children will return to the sanctuary following the sermon).

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP ..... Mark Weathers

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. 8 Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. –Psalm 62:5-8 (ESV)

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God** †  
A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing  
Our Helper, He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal  
  
Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He  
Lord Sabbath His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle  
  
And tho’ this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him  
  
That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also  
The body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever

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PRAYER OF ADORATION † ..... Benjamin Ressler

WELCOME ..... Adam Klevenhagen

LEADER: The Lord be with you!  
PEOPLE: And also with you!

CALL TO WORSHIP † ..... Revelation 5:11-14 (ESV)

LEADER: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,  
  
ALL: **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”**  
  
LEADER: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,  
  
ALL: **“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**  
  
LEADER: And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God** †  
I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day  
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food  
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good  
Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where’er I turn my eye  
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky  
  
There’s not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne  
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care  
And everywhere that man can be, You, God are present there

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SCRIPTURE READING † .... Psalm 25:8-15 (ESV) ..... Mark Weathers

LEADER: 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.  
  
ALL: **For Your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**  
  
LEADER: Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.  
  
ALL: **My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** †  
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, praise Him in glad adoration  
  
Praise to the Lord, Who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been, granted in what He ordaineth?  
  
Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee  
  
Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him  
Let the “Amen” sound from His people again, gladly always we adore Him

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CONFESSION OF SIN & ASSURANCE OF PARDON ..... Gordon Spaugh

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.*

**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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THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Covenant Reading ..... Nahum 1:7-11  
New Covenant Reading ..... Jude 1-23  
  
LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.  
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE ..... What do you think about the Lord? ..... Mark Weathers

**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; you heights and all you 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; you heights and all you 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

**BENEDICTION** † ..... Jude 24-25 (NIV) ..... Mark Weathers  
To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.