

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 21st, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Those who are able, please stand.
Please silence cell phones.
Please sign the blue friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Chiming Of The Hour (Prepare your hearts for worship)

Welcome

One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Call to Worship

One: Jesus says: I am the good shepherd.

All: The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

One: Jesus says: I know my own and my own know me.

All: Jesus is the good shepherd. Let us worship God.

*Hymn 11 *"Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud"*
ABERYSTWYTH

Prayer of Confession (1 John 3)

All: Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

(silent confession)

One: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 23 p. 474
Epistle: 1 John 3:16-24 p. 226
Gospel: John 10:11-18 p. 97

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Discipleship

Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

Prayers of The People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Doxology Hymn #606

Prayer of Dedication (1 John 3)

All: Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn 353 *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*
SOLID ROCK

SENT FORTH TO SERVE

Announcements

*Charge and Blessing

*Chorus

"Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love. There is only one God, there is only one King, and there is only one body; that is why we sing. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord; bind us together, Lord; bind us together with love."

Please greet each other as you leave with these words:
"Grace to you."

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 12

11:00 a.m. Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Offering will be received. [Retirement Communities in GA | Presbyterian Homes of Georgia \(phgainc.org\)](#)

Tuesdays

10:00 am Ladies Bible study will continue our Max Lucado: *God Never Gives Up on You* study

Wednesdays

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Current Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday Mornings at 9:30

- Bob Thornton's Class: Adam Hamilton's The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul
- Lenten Study through March 24th: Max Lucado's: He Chose the Nails

Please join us in paying off the church mortgage. So far you all have donated \$41,593 - thank you for your generosity!

Liturgist: Grace Walden

Ushers: Jim Hambright, Margie O'Byrne, Priscilla Taylor

Flowers: Barbara Quintrell

Refreshments: Betty Banks and Jeannette Brand

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Welcome to Grace Presbyterian Church!
Grace is a church for the community, and all of God's people are welcome here.

In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Connie Alford (Shirley), Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, Baron Barnes (Mary Ann Sheehy), Gretchen Blackwell, Tyler Chadwick, Susan Davis (Joe), Frank Duke (Kay Parrish), Mike Eason (Joey), Lisa France (Margie), Grace (Chuck), Kevin Herrit and Family, Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Shelby Lee, Vic Lemus (Chris Seese), Mary Limas (Chris Seese), Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Ms. Packham (Ruby), Pat (Ruth Ann Ball), Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Suellen and Skyler, Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes, Zoe Putnam

Sympathy: The family of Marian Hopkins

Elders: Chuck Achuff, Joe Fortune, Kristie Myers, Andrew Permenter Betty Powell, and Lynette Steritz

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Joey Homans, Nancy McCue, Barbara Quintrell, Christine Seese, and Dan Scott

Nominating Committee: Andy Clemons, Bonnie Fry, Kristie Myers, Margie O'Byrne, Dan Scott, Mary Ann Sheehy, Peggy Thornton

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