

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

**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!

Introit *"Beautiful, Empty Grave"*

Call to Worship *(Psalm 118)*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn 245 *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*
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Prayer of Confession *(Psalm 118)*

All: All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

(silent confession)

One: By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors, the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation. We shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become your strength and your song. I declare to you the forgiveness of all our sins, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who lives and reigns over us and in us and through us, now and forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem *"Because He Lives"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 p. 534
Epistle: Acts 10:34-43 p. 121
Gospel: John 20:1-18 p. 108

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Easter Hymn 254 *"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"*
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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

All: Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn 248 *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*
HYMN TO JOY

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

11:00 a.m. *Easter Sunday Service*

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Tuesday, April 2

No Ladies Bible Study. We will continue our Max Lucado: *God Never Gives Up on You* study on April 9th.

Wednesday, April 3

Choir Rehearsal Canceled

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 \$35,015.00 - thank you for your generosity!

Liturgist: Chuck Achuff

Ushers: Susan Atkins, Nancy McCue, Peggy Thornton

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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, Gretchen Blackwell, The Bollinger Family (Peggy), Tyler Chadwick, Susan Davis (Joe), Frank Duke (Kay Parrish), Mike Eason (Joey), Lisa France (Margie), Grace (Chuck), 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), Peggy Thornton, Carol Watkins

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes, Marian Hopkins, Zoe Putnam

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, Nancy McCue, Kristie Myers, Margie O'Byrne, Mary Ann Sheehy, Peggy Thornton

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