

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

(silent confession)

**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

*Call to Worship *(1 Peter 1)*

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

All: Alleluia!

One: By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 246 *"Christ Is Alive!"*
TRURO

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession *(Acts 2)*

All: Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life.

One: Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Anthem *"More Love to Thee"*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 p. 533
Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23 p. 218
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35 p. 84

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 *(Psalm 116)*

All: Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives. Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

*Hymn 242 *"Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"*
IN DIR IST FREUDE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 21

12:00 p.m. Ladies Luncheon. Please join us and support our local Veteran owned establishment, IGY6, coffee, eats and more! Just steps from Grace Pres. at 10 Ted Chester St., Dawsonville.

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Bible Study - Max Lucado's *Life Lessons from Romans*.

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. Ladies of Grace Bible Study - The book we are studying for Lent is *The Last Week* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Liturgist: Joyce Ball

Ushers: Dan and Shirley, Schmelzinger, Priscilla Taylor

Refreshments: Marsha Loftin and Betty Powell

Flowers: Priscilla Taylor

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In Our Prayers: John and Susan Adams (Marsha Loftin), Anna (Kristi Deutz), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Helen UHarotai Bartal (Kellie Dixon), Kenneth Behrens (Karen Permenter), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Teresa Bright, Carmen, Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Trey Courtney, Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Randy Crouse, Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Karen Davenport, Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Jared Dixon, Jared Mike Eason (Joey), Bettie Fore, Joe Fortune, Marvin Fuller (Kelly), Bill Hambright (Jim and Margie), Jim Hambright, Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Dustin Heard's family, Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Robert Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Jenna (Reece Neidlinger), John Joh, Cindy Johnson (Amanda Herrit), Doug Jones (Margie O'Byrne), Joyce (Dan Scott), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Justin (Carmen), Cliff Kelley (Andy), Sharra Kelley, Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Norman Leonpacher (Mike Norton), Linda (Jaycey), Martha's Family (Dan Scott), Marty (Sherry), Reed Maurer, Ron McElliott (Jessica Johns), Vicky McMillan (Margie O'Byrne), Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), Jane Miller, Jakub Mills and family, John Murray (Betty Banks), Eric Nelson (Katie), Mrs. Nichols (Lynette), Mike Norton, Margie O'Byrne, Joan Palazzolo, Kay Parrish, Day Perez (Lynette Steritz), Betty Powell, Mandy Power, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Roman Ryan (Marsha), Sally (Kelly), Chris Seese, Dustin Seymour, Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Mel Smith (Margie), Cory Speakman (Gene Seese), Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Brad and Colleen Taylor, Thomas (Kelly), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Trudy (Sandy), Virginia (Kelly), Carol Watkins, Sherry Weeks, Crystal Weiler (Chris Seese), Gavin White, Sandra White, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Jennifer Wilson, Desi Witten (Richard)

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes

Sympathy: The family of Lisa Conn, the family of Gov. Jim Hunt, the family of John Scoggins, the family of David Sheehy

Elders : Andy Clemons, Betty Powell, Shirley Schmelzinger, Gene Seese, Lynette Steritz, and Bob Thornton

Clerk of Session: Dan Schmelzinger

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Jane Miller, Barbara Quintrell, Christine Seese, Richard Smith, and Priscilla Taylor

Nominating Committee: Bonnie Fry, Christy Jordan, Kristie Myers, Betty, Powell, Barbara Quintrell, Mary Ann Sheehy, and Nathan Steritz



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