

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025
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!

*Call to Worship (Psalm 118, Isaiah 65)

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: This is the day that the Lord has made!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Heaven and earth will never be the same!

One: Rejoice and be glad:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Hymn 245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”
LLANFAIR

Prayer of Confession (Luke 19)

One: Gracious God, we have heard the good news: how on the third day, Christ rose again.

All: Still we look for the living among the dead.

One: You rolled away the stone from the tomb.

All: Still we look for the living among the dead.

One: You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.

All: Still we look for the living among the dead.

One: You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!

All: Still we look for the living among the dead.

(silent confession)

One: Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

All: Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 p. 534
First Testament: Isaiah 65:17-25 p. 654
Gospel: John 20:1-18 p. 108

Sermon Rev. J. David Jordan

Easter Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”
JUDAS MACCABEUS

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: We praise you, O God, and give you thanks that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Let our lives be proof of that good news. Let all our words and actions, our love and service bear witness to your resurrection power; for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. 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

Today

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

11:00 a.m. Easter 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.

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sundays

9:30 a.m. Bob Thornton's Class: 12-week study of 1 Corinthians.

Liturgist: Grace Walden

Ushers: Marsha Loftin, Bob and Peggy Thornton

Flowers: Joey and Kristie Homans

Elders : Chuck Achuff, Frank Banks, Joe Fortune, Betty Powell, Shirley Schmelzinger, and Lynette Steritz

Clerk of Session: Dan Schmelzinger

Deacons: Jerry Atkins, Jane Miller, Barbara Quintrell, Dan Scott, Christine Seese, and Priscilla Taylor

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

“Please text this number to let us know how many people are worshiping with us via livestream at your location: 706-383-7263. Feel free to share any feedback, ask questions, or offer suggestions via text message at this same number.”

Rev. J. David Jordan, Pastor
Gene Seese, Music Director
Hannah Stocksdale, Pianist
Joe Fortune, Sexton
Crystal Seymour, Office Administrator

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), Jason Atkins (Jerry), Susan Atkins, Frank Ball, Ruth Ann Ball, the Barnes Family - Carey and his son Baron (Mary Ann Sheehy), Dick Beacham (Husband of Jane), Anna Claire Beavers (Marsha), Sarah Ellen Beavers (Marsha Loftin), Bill and Sandy (Dan Scott), Gretchen Blackwell, Emily Bond (Jared Dixon), Carmen, Cathy (Kristi Deutz), Lisa Conn, Trey Courtney, Patricia Crain (Ruth Ann Ball), Darren (Chris Yarbrough), Joan and Randy Davis, Mary Delasota (Bob Thornton), Mike Eason (Joey), Jim Hambright, Patrick Hawkins family (Shirley), Clara, Hogan (Shirley), Margaret Hunt (Jim Hambright), Irena (Gretchen Blackwell), Robert Ivy, Jenna (Reece Neidlinger), Doug Jones (Margie O’Byrne), Julia (Kristi Deutz), Cynthia Kodua, Shelby Lee, Linda (Jaycey), Martha’s Family (Dan Scott), Anna McQuilken (Kristi Deutz), John Murray (Betty Banks), Eric Nelson (Katie), Mrs. Nichols (Lynette), Margie O’Byrne, Lindsey Pollack (Marsha Loftin), Betty Powell, Mandy Power, Brenda Reagans (Kristie), Roland Family (Marsha), Chris Seese, Kathy Silvio (Marsha Loftin), Nancy Smiley (Ruth Ann Ball), Gran Stiemke and family (son of Jane), Jacob Stone (Nancy McCue), Susan (Ruth Ann Ball), Emma Teems, Ti (Shirley Schmelzinger), Viviana Torres, the family of John Trammel (Emma Teems), Theresa Tucker (Chris Seese), Carol Watkins, Bill and Sherry Weeks, Sandra White, Wilma & her husband (Sandy), Anonymous leukemia patient

Assisted Living: Sandy Grimes, Zoe Putnam

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