Welcome Visitors! We are excited that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God’s presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.
An Easter Celebration (sung by a small group)
An Introit for Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
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Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o’er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ arose!

Text: Matthew Bridges/Tune: George J. Elvey/Setting: Wes Cameron
A Dialog for Easter

P: Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.
C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Confession of Sins 1

P: The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
C: Holy and merciful Father. I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

1 We cannot approach God without having our sins forgiven. He is holy and we are not. Confessing our sins and hearing the promise of forgiveness through the name given us at Baptism – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – assures us of a clean slate before God and prepares us for worship and hearing God’s Word.
IN CHRIST ALONE

1 In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This corner stone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

2 In Christ alone who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save. day Up from the grave he rose again!

3 There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the what heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comfort, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

5 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever laid. Here in the death of Christ I live. mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ. home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

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2 The Prayer of the Day is a concise prayer which “collects” the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Most of these prayers have been in use in the Church for more than 1,500 years. By praying these prayers, we join with the great body of believers, the communion of saints, and with the generations yet to come.
2 He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,
and he answered me.
From the depths of the grave I called for help,
and you listened to my cry.

3 You hurled me into the deep,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.

4 I said, ‘I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.’

5 The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

6 To the roots of the mountains I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you brought my life up from the pit,
O LORD my God.

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3 Jesus compared himself to only one Old Testament prophet: the reluctant, petulant, and chastised prophet Jonah. Why would he compare himself to Jonah? Because in his suffering and death, he took the place of sinful man who deserves nothing but judgment and death. Speaking to a wicked and rebellious generation, Jesus promised the sign of the prophet Jonah: as he was in the belly of a fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man would be in the belly of the earth. Jonah’s prayer from the belly of the fish finishes with the key point of his book and of Scripture: “Salvation comes from the LORD!” God would make salvation ours, but he would do it by making Jesus just like Jonah. God punished Jesus for our rebelliousness and sent Christ to our grave. In Jonah, we see a picture of both Jesus and us. Like Jonah, Jesus was judged and sent to his death by God the Father. Like Jonah, after three days, he emerged from death to life. Like Jonah, you and I deserve nothing but death. Yet it’s God’s will to kill us not physically, but baptismally (Romans 6), and that a new man should arise as from the dead to live before God. Raised from death to life, we join with a forgiven Jonah in proclaiming: “Salvation comes from the LORD!”
7 “When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, LORD,  
and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.

8 “Those who cling to worthless idols  
forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

9 But I, with a song of thanksgiving,  
will sacrifice to you.  
What I have vowed I will make good.  
Salvation comes from the LORD.”

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1 This joyful Eastertide  
Always with sin and sor - row!  
Has sprung to life this morn - row.

2 Death’s flood has lost its chill  
Since Je - sus crossed the riv - er;  
My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

3 My flesh in hope shall rest  
And for a sea - son slum - ber  
Till trump from east to west  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain,  
Not burst his three - day pris - on,  
Our faith had been in vain:  
But
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Through baptism, God kills our sinful nature and raises a new man to life within us. The power of baptism comes from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. So Christ’s Easter is really our Easter, too. Our spiritual resurrection creates a new reality for us who are bound for glory. Though eternal life is ours through baptism, its full glory remains hidden until the day of Christ. Until then, we live as resurrected heirs waiting for our inheritance. We set our hearts and minds on the glory that is waiting for us above.
P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The women walked to the tomb, arms full of spices and hearts full of disappointment. They had come to a place of disappointment, broken promises, and fear. All they had hoped to do was anoint the body of a dead man. A dead Jesus does no good for anyone—not for the women, not for the disciples, not for us. But when the angel spoke, the tomb became a place of victory, a place of promises fulfilled, a place of joy. Do not be afraid! The angel spoke two amazing words, “was” and “is.” Yes, he was crucified, but no, he is not here in the grave. He is very much alive, just as he said. That fact fundamentally changes our relationship with God forever. You can see in it the words of Jesus to the women, “Go and tell my brothers.” Jesus had good reason to remind those men of their desertion. Jesus had good reason to remind them that they were nothing but servants. Instead, he took this moment to call them “my brothers” for the very first time. The living Son of God had made full payment for sin so that he could call us brothers. Mankind is redeemed; death is defeated; fear is conquered. And Christ looks upon us forgiven sinners and calls us his brothers. This is the day the Lord has made!
1 I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort
to save. He lives all glorious
in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
“I know that my Redeemer lives!”

God is NOT Dead!

I. He lives
II. We live

20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

21 “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

24 Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

27 “Yes, Lord,” she told him, “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

Alleluia!
**APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

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7 Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

8 The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. We offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church” to download the App for free. You can also go directly to our church website and click on the “Online Giving” tab. This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us, we do not want you to feel obligated.
149 CHRIST THE LORD IS Risen Today

1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to-day!” Saints on earth and angels say; Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply. Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now your sting? Once he died our souls to save; Where your victory, O grave?


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH 9

C: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

9 God’s Word is always primary in worship. We speak only as we are spoken to. Gathered in Jesus’ name, we bring the petitions and thanksgivings before him that grow out of his Word. This prayer is called the Prayer of the Church for in it the royal priesthood of all believers does its priestly work of making “requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving” for all people, “for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Timothy 2:1-6).

10 The Lord’s Prayer is the prayer by which Jesus teaches us to pray. It is not a personal prayer, but rather a prayer of a Christian for his or her fellow man (notice the first person plurals “us” and “our”).
720 CHRIST JESUS LAY IN DEATH’S STRONG BANDS

1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands. For our offenses giveth;
   But now at God’s right hand he stands And brings us life from heav-
   Therefore let us joyful be.

2 No son of man could conquer death. Such ruin in sin had wrought;
   But no inoffence was found on earth. And therefore death had brought
   Into bondage from of old.

3 Christ Jesus, God’s own Son, came down. His people to deliver en;
   But now at God’s right hand he stands And brings us life from heav-
   Stripped of pow’r, no more it reigns;

   And sing to God right thankful.
   And ever grew more strong and
   An empty form alone re-

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Lord’s Blessing 11

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

11 As we began the service with the Lord’s name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord’s blessing and presence with them.
CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1 Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav’n-ly anthem drowns All music but its own.
2 Crown him the Lord of love— Bear his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
Be hold his hands and grace, And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.
3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave; His glories now we wonderous name of Love. Crown him with many sing.
4 Crown him the Lord of heav’n, En-throned in worlds above; Crown him the King to whom is given The match-less King.

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Desc.Walter L. Pelz, b. 1926.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

Upcoming Events:

All gatherings are temporarily suspended.

Camp South - July 20-24, 2020: We are still planning on it!
All youth going into 4th - 9th grades in Fall of 2020 are invited to this fantastic week of fun and growing in God’s Word! Hosted at the Georgia FFA camp in Covington, GA, we’re hoping for over 400 students to take part in engaging worship & Bible studies, great activities, and so more. Talk to John Dale or Pastor Crass for registration information.

- Where - Georgia FFA/FCCLA Camp in Covington, GA
- When - July 20-24, 2020
- How much - $295/youth
- Who - those entering 4th - 9th grades (as for Fall 2020)
- For more information, visit southatlanticyouth.com