

Announcements

Visitors Welcome! We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today. Please fill in the Guest Card located in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate, so that we have a record of your visit.

Please note that there will be no Evening Service tonight.

Join us for dinner, prayer, and children/youth classes on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Nursery is provided for children four and under.

Our Nursery Is Growing — We Need Your Help! With more than 50 children under the age of 4, and a dozen more on the way, we are preparing to open a fourth nursery room and are seeking 20 new volunteers. We are glad to work with you to find a serving frequency that fits your availability. To learn more, contact Jenni Henderson (Interim Director of Children's Ministry) and Kristin Bostian (Director of Nurseries). Please see the back of the bulletin for contact information.

There is a CYPP training class next Sunday, April 12, during Sunday School (9:45am). This Children and Youth Protection Policy training is required for children (11+) and adults who would like to volunteer in our church's ministry to children and youth. Please contact Jenni Henderson (jenni.henderson@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

There will be a Children's Ministry Families' Lunch on April 12 after the morning worship service. Families with children ages 2 through 5th grade are welcome to come enjoy lunch, fellowship, and hear briefly about our children's and families' ministries. See the e-newsletter to RSVP.

Our Children's Choir (ages 4 through 5th grade) will be singing during the evening worship service on Sunday, April 19th. They will be singing hymn #111, "This Is My Father's World." They will practice as a group during the Sunday School hour on April 12th and April 19th. If your child is interested in singing, please have them begin memorizing this hymn.

Register now for VBS! Join us June 15-19. More details, registration, and volunteer opportunities can be found on the church website. *Volunteers are still needed!* Volunteer roles and sign-ups can be found on the church website. Registration and volunteer sign-ups will close on April 30th.

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Looking Ahead

April 12: Families' Lunch

April 17-18: Women's Retreat

April 26: Shepherding Groups

June 15-19: Vacation Bible School

Greeters

April 5: Lynne Gregory & Betsy Schoonhagan

April 12: Bob & Nina Buric

Deacons on Duty:

April 5: Chris Williams & Joe Ballou

April 12: Luke Barclay & Cameron Day

Brighton Gardens:

April 5: Karl Stump (lead) & Brittany Smith (piano)

April 12: Nathan Burkhalter (lead) & Catriona Anderson (piano)

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Glorifying God. Growing Together. Going to the Nations.



Morning Worship

April 5, 2026, 10:55am

Preparation for Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Carlton Wynne

Prelude

Adoration of God

Call to Worship

Rev. Ricky Johnson

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty. May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works. I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Psalm 104:1, 31, 33–34

Pastor: Christ Is Risen!

People: *He Is Risen Indeed!*

*Hymn 286

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”

*Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

(Concluding with 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.

*Confession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator 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. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.† The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to 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 catholic‡ church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Means of Grace

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Rev. Will Keyton

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† The Westminster Larger Catechism offers the following explanation for the phrase “descended into hell” as it appears in the Apostles’ Creed: “continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day.”

‡ The word “catholic” means universal, indicating in the Creed all who belong to the body of Christ.

Confession of Sin

O Lord our God, this is your judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. We confess that the darkness of our sin is very great. We have not remembered our Creator in the days of our youth. We have not walked with you in the fear, love, and obedience which we owe you, nor pleased and glorified you in all things, nor served you with all our might. Instead, we have fulfilled the desires of our flesh and neglected the worship of your holy name. But you have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification. Look upon him, radiant in holiness, and be well-pleased with us, according to your boundless grace, AMEN.

Words of Pardon and Assurance

Romans 10:9-11

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

*Hymn 275

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Adult Choir

“O Praise Ye the Lord ” by J. Nixon

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

Prayer of Intercession

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Reading of God’s Word

Acts 2:22–36

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Sermon

“The First Easter Sermon”

Dr. Wynne

Response and Benediction

*Hymn 277

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Easter Hymn 7.7.7.7al.

*Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv’n! Alleluia!
thee we greet triumphant now: Alleluia!
hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!*

*Indicates Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Matt. 28:6

F Bb

F7 Bb

F Eb

Bb Gm

F7

Bb



1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;



Bb

F7 Gm D

Gm D Gm

F C7 F



Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonder thought-ful hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.



F

Bb7

Eb

F Cm Dm Cm Gm

Bb F7 Bb

F



Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!



The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory? Luke 24:26

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of life is
 2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions hath dis -
 3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped; he ris - es glo - rious from the
 4. He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high por - tals
 5. Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread sting thy ser - vants

won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - sed: let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 • dead: all glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 fell: let hymns of praise his tri - umphs tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 free, that we may live and sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day," Al - - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise; Al - - le - lu - ia!

sing ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - le - lu - ia!

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Charles Wesley, 1739

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7.al.
Lyra Davidica, 1708; alt.