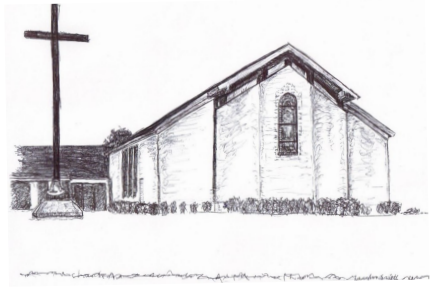


Presby News

APRIL 2026



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

"In like a lion, out like a lam." I heard these words nearly every April as my mother would describe how Spring had finally blossomed. We all felt something begin to shift. Trees put on a hint of green. Well, the pine trees paint everything yellow. Flowers decorate the landscape. The bees buzz through the air. It feels as though creation itself takes a deep breath of hope and whispers, "It's time to begin again."

It's fitting that Easter often finds its place in this season. April and Easter share the language of renewal, life, and promise. The earth reminds us through its patterns what God has been saying since the first morning of creation: life comes after loss, light follows darkness, and hope is never truly gone.

The Gospel of Luke captures that hopeful turn so beautifully. When the women came to the tomb early on that first Easter morning, they found the stone rolled away and the tomb was empty. Two angels told them, "'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!'" (Luke 24:5). With those words, everything changed. The silence of death gave way to the song of life. The women who came in sorrow left in joy, running to tell the others the news that would transform the world.

That first resurrection morning is more than a moment in history. Easter is a message written into the fabric of every believer's life. God turns endings into beginnings, fear into faith, grief into gladness. The same power that raised Jesus from the grave works quietly and steadily in us, too. God calls us out of the tombs that hold us captive. The tombs of regret, doubt, or despair are opened and emptied with the bright air of new life.

Many people find April to be a month of transition. Maybe you've been holding on through a long season of uncertainty or challenge. Maybe you've been praying for something to change, or trying to find your footing again after loss. If that's where you are, Easter speaks directly to our hearts. Resurrection is real, and renewal is possible. God is not finished with you, your faith, or your story.

We as a church are faced with such a transition. After 12 years of support and shared talents from Aaron Rogers, we transition into a new direction for our church ministries. It's only normal to wrestle with the conflict of feelings within us. We will certainly miss his talents and his voice. It would be natural for us to ask "What do we do now?" Remember: God is not finished with you, your faith, or your story. Our transition may call on us to venture in new directions or explore hidden talents. Let us find the encouragement from the empty tomb. Our story has not ended. It has only begun with the turning of the page to a new chapter. We can expect new opportunities. We may find new opportunities for service, fellowship, and mission beginning to unfold. We can find a renewed vision and mission for the ways God wants to use us as His church.

The God who rolled away the stone still rolls away the barriers that block our joy and faith today. Let this be a month when we live as Easter people in gratitude, hopefulness, and an eagerness to share life with others. Christ is risen! Because He lives, there will always be more to our story than what we see today. That is the hope that blooms not just in April, but in every new morning of grace.

Happy Easter! May God continue to bless you and His family,
Greg



SPECIAL DATES

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| April 5 | Easter Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering |
| April 6 | Easter Monday (<i>Office Closed</i>) |
| April 12 | Second Sunday of Easter |
| April 19 | Third Sunday of Easter |
| April 26 | Fourth Sunday of Easter
Session Meeting |



#HomeandHearthScriptureWriting

April 1- Matthew 13:5-9

April 2- Matthew 13:10-14

April 3- Matthew 13:15-19

April 4- Matthew 13:20-23

April 5- Matthew 13:24-28

April 6- Matthew 13:29-32

April 7- Matthew 13:33-36

April 8- Matthew 13:37-40

April 9- Matthew 13:41-44

April 10- Matthew 13:45-48

April 11- Matthew 13:49-52

April 12- Matthew 13:53-55

April 13- Matthew 13:56-58

April 14- Matthew 14:1-4

April 15- Matthew 14:5-8

April 16- Matthew 14:9-12

April 17- Matthew 14:13-16

April 18- Matthew 14:17-20

April 19- Matthew 14:21-24

April 20- Matthew 14:25-28

April 21- Matthew 14:29-32

April 22- Matthew 14:33-36

April 23- Matthew 15:1-5

April 24- Matthew 15:6-10

April 25- Matthew 15:11-15

April 26- Matthew 15:16 -20

April 27- Matthew 15:21-25

April 28- Matthew 15:26-30

April 29- Matthew 15:31-34

April 30- Matthew 15:35-39

April Theme: Matthew 13-15

April Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
April 5	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	Communion Team: Elizabette Kennedy & Bill Higgins
April 12	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
April 19	Robert Kennedy Elizabette Kennedy	Bill Higgins	
April 26	Robert Kennedy	Bill Higgins	

Easter Blessings

*May Christ's glory and
the promise of this joyous
time of year, bring peace
and happiness to you and
those you hold most dear.*

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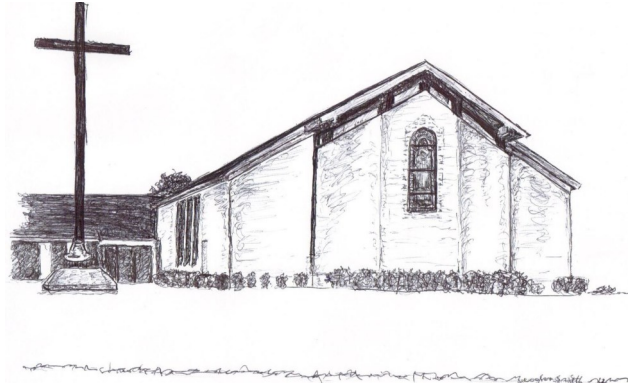
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