



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

THE CHURCH GATHERS IN WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"All Hail the Power"

Ware

Jo Plunkett, Piano and Sonja Lewis, Organ

PASTOR'S WELCOME

† THE PEACE OF CHRIST

"There Is Now a New Creation"

#774

There is now a new creation through the grace of Jesus Christ, peace and reconciliation with the God of endless life.

Come and join the celebration; come and join this happy feast; Jesus makes an invitation to the greatest and the least.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.

People: **Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,**

Leader: and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

People: **We have seen the glory of God. Christ is risen!**

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

† OPENING PRAYER

Living God, on the first day of the week you brought to birth a new creation through the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Fill us with the hope and joy of new beginnings, so that we may share the good news of your liberating, life-giving power with all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ our savior, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and always, we pray. Amen.

† HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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† CALL TO CONFESSION

The psalmist prayed: Open to me the gates of righteousness, O Lord, that I may enter through them and give thanks to you. We give thanks that God has answered us, and has become our salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. With gratitude for God's life-giving love, let us confess our sin.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we ignore the cries of the oppressed, and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

† SILENT PRAYER

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord: I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating. I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

† GLORIA PATRI

#581

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

WORD AND SACRAMENT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Colossians 3:1-4

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John 20:1-18

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SERMON

Rev. James Kendrick

† HYMN

“Live Into Hope”

#772

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Offering Music *"Up From the Grave He Arose"*
† Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Lowry
#606

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Leader continues.)

The Lord's Prayer

The Serving

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CHURCH MEETS CHRIST IN THE WORLD

† HYMN *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

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† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor!"*

arr. Smith

† All those who are able, please stand.

Worship Assistant: Debbie Mueller

**Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John Rose
Deacon Greeter: Betty Wengert**

Last Sunday's Attendance: 94

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We thank our member Martha Mayes for the drawing of our sanctuary.

COMMUNITY CORNER

WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to worship at Orange Park Presbyterian Church! There are Connect Cards in the pews for visitor information, communications, and prayer requests (once completed, place in the offering plate). If you would like to talk with Pastor James about becoming a follower of Jesus Christ or becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and he will reach out to answer your questions.

GET CONNECTED: If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please e-mail pam@oppresby.com with your e-mail information. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

SPECIAL OFFERING: Today we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing "Special Offering" of the PC(USA). Our gifts help to relieve hunger, support community development programs here and around the world, and fund the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) program.

BIBLE WHERE???: Our next gathering will be on Monday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m., at Hurricane Grill and Wings in Fleming Island. This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson.

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, April 7, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, April 9, 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins. HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, April 14, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The next rehearsals will take place on April 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Regular Sunday School classes will resume on April 12 at 9:15 a.m. The Adult Forum meets in The Gathering Place, Room 3, using "Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther" by Max Lucado (Debbie Pendry). Travelers' Class meets in The Gathering Place, Room 4, and using a video series "Prophets and Kings" by Ray Vander Lann (Cathy Sanders). The Seekers meet in the church office library, using "Grace" by Max Lucado (Ricky Kirby).