



**GRACE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*A Matthew 25 and Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

**April 5, 2026**

**Easter Sunday**

Rev. Robin Palmer – Pastor

Jamie Clay – Director of Music Ministries

Meleah Shrout - Pianist



✠ Prayer of Confession

**Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.**

✠ A Time of Silence for Private Confession

✠ Hymn 2275 in the Sing the Faith Hymnal

“Kyrie”

Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -  
son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste  
e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, Chri - ste  
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e  
e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

## ✠ Congregational Response

“Glory to God”

Canon

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a!

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Bible Page 733, O.T.

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Bible Page 565, O.T.

Anthem

“Now Is Christ Risen”

Handel, arr: Hal Hopson

Children's Time

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Bible Page 114, N.T.

Sermon

“I Have Seen The Lord”

Rev. Robin Palmer

Mediative Music

“Easter Melody”

Meleah Shrout – piano  
Kim Xu - handbells

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Reception of New Members

Matt and Sara Mango

✠ Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed -Traditional version) Hymnal, Page 14

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead ; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠ Hymn No. 438 (v.1)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

✠ Hymn No. 104

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”  
Meghan Laury Tucker, trumpet

The Offering

Offertory

✠ Hymn No. 592

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674  
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD 100th  
LM

✠ Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

. . . with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)  
Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

(Em) (Am6) (B7) (Em) (D)  
Gm Cm6 D7 Gm F

pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)  
Eb F Gm Cm F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)  
Gm F Gm F Eb

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(D) (A) (Am) (D)  
F C Cm F

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)  
Gm Cm F Dm7 G

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

. . . Great is the mystery of faith:

Hymn

“Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen”

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)  
Gm F Bb Cm Gm D Eb F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)  
Gm F Bb Cm Gm D Eb F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

The Words of Institution

## COMMUNION

[Each serves your neighbor the bread and wine, saying: **“THE BREAD OF HEAVEN”** and **“THE CUP OF SALVATION.”** The other responds: **“THANKS BE TO GOD”** or **“AMEN.”** The bread is eaten as it is served. Hold the cup so that we may drink together. We eat the bread individually as a symbol of God's grace given to each of us. We drink together as a symbol of our unity in the family of God. NOTE: wine is in the outer row of cups; grape juice is in all others.]

Hymn No. 597

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

✠ Hymn No. 118

“The Day of Resurrection”  
Meghan Laury Tucker, trumpet

✠ Call to Service

Celebrate this day of days!

**Rejoice in God, our Savior!**

Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ!

**Shout your Alleluia's for all to hear!**

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

Benediction

“Hallelujah - from Messiah”

Handel

Postlude

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR LITURGIST TODAY** is Rev. Dr. Judy Rich.

**FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TODAY** by Marsha Latham to the glory of God and in honor of Abby and Assanti Miller for their birthdays and wedding anniversary.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 6, in the Fellowship Hall.

**A MESSAGE FROM ROBIN:** A sincere thank you to everyone for the lovely lunch last week and for all the gifts and cards you gave me! It has been an honor to be your pastor here at Grace and my family is grateful for all that you have done throughout the years to support and love us. Blessings on your future serving God here at Grace Presbyterian Church!

**SESSION MEETING NEXT SUNDAY,** April 12, 2026. After worship.

**BRANCHES OF THE VINE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** - the annual fundraiser for the Vine Pastoral Counseling Center will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 5:30-8:00 pm at The Roundhouse in Huntsville. It is \$100 per plate for a night of good food, good friends and good entertainment. The Vine provides counseling services to the community on a sliding scale and the funds raised go toward the “scholarships” for those with no insurance. Please consider coming. It would be great to have a Grace table this year! Please contact Tracey Kennedy if you have any questions.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS** – Mason Craig – 4/1, Steve Latham – 4/7, Gabe Xu – 4/7, Shirley Finley – 4/9, Andrea Craig – 4/11, Sue Hoagberg – 4/11, John Hinton – 4/14, Chasity Huey – 4/18, Carol House – 4/25. We are so glad you were born. Wonderfully and beautifully made! (birthday dates based on what was provided for the church directory. If you'd like your birthday included, please contact [secretary@gracepcusa.org](mailto:secretary@gracepcusa.org).)

**LECTIONARY READINGS** for Next Week:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Ps. 16

1 Pet. 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### Today, Apr 5

9:30–10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday School

Worship w/Holy Communion (in-person, livestreamed)\*

### Monday, Apr 6

12:00 p.m.

Caregiver Support Group

### Tuesday, Apr 7

12:00 p.m.

Al-Anon (in-person)

### Wednesday, Apr 8

6:30 p.m.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, Apr 9

4:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Barbershop Quartet Rehearsal

Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, Apr 12

9:30–10:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday School

Worship (in-person and livestreamed)\*\*

Session Meeting



**Grace Presbyterian Church, USA is a Matthew 25 Congregation** currently focused on Eradicating Systemic Poverty - one of the Core Pillars. We support the following ministries: Enable of Madison County, Presbyterian Home for Children, and St. Elizabeth Food Bank. The produce from the Harvest of Grace Community Garden is donated to the hungry of Madison County. Visit <https://www.pcusa.org/matthew25> to learn more.

**\*\* Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available upon request. After the service, copies of sermons are available upon request.**

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Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749

Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955

Descant

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav - en - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise our God, ye heav - en - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

## The Day of Resurrection!

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John of Damascus (c. 675-749)  
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1862

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, That we may see a - right  
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, Let earth the song be - gin,

The Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The Pass - o - ver of God.  
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light;  
Let the round world keep tri - umph, And all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, From this world to the sky,  
And, lis - tening to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things seen and un - seen Their notes of glad - ness blend,

Our Christ hath brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
For Christ the Lord is ris - en, Our joy that hath no end.