

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.



"I am the resurrection and the life. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26





# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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#### THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 11:00 a.m.

# **GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Prelude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" setting by Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Choral Call to Worship

GF Handel, 1741 Marisol Snell, Soprano

#### "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

I know that my redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

**Opening Sentences** 

Elder Curt Simpson

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

All: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: Let us worship our Risen Savior!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Hymn

## "Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!"

arr. Dobrinski

- Christ is risen, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise!
   Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
   He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
   Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.
- 2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born; Glorious life, and life immortal, on this holy Easter morn. Christ has triumphed, and we praise Him. Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia, alleluia! Hail Him, now, our glorious King!
- 3. Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

  Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

  All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
  In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace. (Continued)

"If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

"Easter was when Hope in person surprised the whole world by coming forward from the future into the present." N.T. Wright in Surprised by Hope

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3

The RD'S Prayer

4. Alleluia, alleluia! Soar we now where Christ hath led.
Alleluia, alleluia! Following our exalted Head.
Christ, the Lamb, for sinners given, rises to His throne above.
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, reigns eternal as His love.

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,

All: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Leader: May we praise God this day and all days to come. Alleluia! Christ has died!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ will come again!

Gloria Patri

atri Glory Be to the Father
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, amen.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. We pray in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12

Elder Curt Simpson

\*Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35, focused on verses 33-35

Sermon "The Lord Has Risen Indeed!" Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection Pastoral Prayer 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.

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. the first fruits of those who have died." 1 Corinthians 15:20

## **GIVING THANKS TO GOD**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Offertory Anthem

#### "He Is Alive!"

Joel Raney

Why are you crying? Why do you weep? Who are you searching for? What do you seek? The tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away. Your Lord, once crucified, the one who bled and died, With arms stretched open wide is standing by your side. Open your eyes and see, open your heart and know Jesus is risen, he is alive.

And he is with you now, and forever will keep you safely by his side, In endless love abide. Why do you weep? I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

And he walks with me, and he talks with me, And he tells me I am his own, And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known. He'll keep you by his side, in endless love abide. Why do you weep?

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.



The Affirmation of Faith: [From "A Declaration of Faith" and "A Brief Statement of Faith" of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)]

We are certain that Jesus lives.

He lives as God with us.

touching all of human life with the presence of God.

He lives as one of us with God.

Because he shares our humanity

and has bound us to himself in love.

we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

In life and in death we belong to God.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*Hymn #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

**EASTER HYMN** 

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*All who are able may stand.



"The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord

Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:56-5











Opening Church Building April 1-15:

**Greg Maready** 



#### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, April 17 EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am Early Easter Service, First Baptist

Church of Wallace

10:00 am Sunday School Classes

11:00 am Worship, livestream and in person/One

Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Monday, April 18 Church Office Closed in Observance of

Easter Holiday

No Monday Night Bible Study

Tuesday, April 19 7:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304

Wednesday, April 20 10:00-11:00 am Bible Study, Room 304 and via Zoom

6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Choir Practice

#### **NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- \* We are excited to welcome our guest musicians today. Luke Grant, from Wilmington, playing trumpet, Karen Berger, US Army Retired, is playing trumpet and Melanie Aman, US Army Retired, is playing percussion. Karen and Melanie come to us from the Pender County, Kirkwood area. While serving our country, they performed as professional concert musicians in the US Army Band.
- \* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, April 18 in observance of the Easter holiday.
- \* This morning we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. For over seventy years, OGHS has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by the offering Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Thank you for your generous support.
- \* **Please join** the minister for Bible study on Wednesday, April 20 from 10:00 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom. This week we will talk about 1 Corinthians 15:12-28, the meaning of Christ's resurrection for our present and future lives. There will be no Monday night Bible study this week. Check your email on Tuesday for the Zoom link.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- \* We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jim and Tut Hall and family on the death of Jim's sister, Dorothy Perseghin, on April 8 and to Dr. Mott Blair and his family on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Blair, on April 6.
- \* Our pianist/organist Vera Coombs will be on leave April 24 the end of June.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Dan & Tanya Robinson to the Glory of God of the Risen Son, Jesus Christ, and for the gifts of the Holy Spirit that continue to bless our congregation; and in loving memory and in honor of the birthday of Dr. John D. Robinson, Jr. (April 15, 1926—March 4, 2016)