



# WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY *Easter Sunday/ Day of Resurrection*

April 9, 2023

11:00 a.m.

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

Prelude

**"Morning Has Broken"** arranged by Joel Raney  
*Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Call to Worship

**"Resurrection Victory"**

Lloyd Larson

*He is risen! Christ is risen! Sing it out with joyful voice!  
He has burst the three days' prison, let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen! He shall reign for all eternity!  
He is risen! Christ is risen! Risen to a holy state!  
We are free from sin's dark prison, He has opened heaven's gate.  
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, of Him who died and rose on high,  
He died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die!*



*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead."  
1 Corinthians 15:20a*

Opening Sentences

Elder Curt Simpson

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

**All: Christ is risen, indeed!**

*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.*

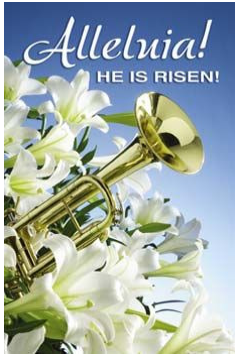
**All: The one you are looking for has overcome death**

*Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.*

**All: The one you are looking for is alive!**

*Leader: Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed! Let us worship our risen Savior!**



\*Hymn

**“Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven”**

1. Alleluia, 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. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;  
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:  
There in all the Father’s glory lives and reigns our King of love;  
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;  
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.
4. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

*“In life and in death we belong to God.”*

*From “A Brief Statement of Faith” of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

\*Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and we might live a new life in him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt, fear, and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and enable us by his resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and rose again for us. Amen.**

\*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, is the resurrection and the life; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.*

**All: On this Easter day, and every day, we walk as God’s people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Gloria Patri

**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.**

*“Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”*  
*Romans 6:4*

**PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

Children’s Sermon



Prayer for Illumination

**Almighty God, who through your Son overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection may arise from the death of our sin through the renewal of your Holy Spirit. May we hear and obey your living Word of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Alleluia! Amen!**

Epistle Lesson

*1 Corinthians 15:50-58*

Elder Curt Simpson

*“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*

Anthem

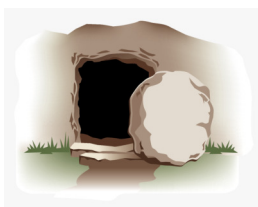
“He Is Alive”

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.  
Our Lord, once crucified, the one who bled and died, has opened heaven's door,  
Christ Jesus lives! He lives forevermore!  
Why do you weep?*

Gospel Lesson

*Luke 24:1-12*



Sermon

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

**A Gospel Itinerary for Lent: The Tomb Again  
“The Non-Sense of the Resurrection”**

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.**



## GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Offertory            **“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”**            *arr. by Kevin Pace*  
Marisol Snell, soprano

*I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort this sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead. He lives, my everliving Head.  
He lives to bless me with his love. He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed. He lives to bless in time of need.*

\*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: Q/A 45 from The Heidelberg Catechism (1563)  
*Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?*

**All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection. This is our faith and hope. Alleluia! Amen!**

\*Hymn #232            **“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**            EASTER HYMN

\*Benediction

\*Postlude            *\*All who are able may stand*

*“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.”  
John 11:25*



*“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.”*

*From “A Brief Statement of Faith” of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 9

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 am Early Easter Service, First Baptist Church of Wallace  
10:00 am Sunday School Classes  
11:00 am Worship, in person & livestream, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Monday, April 10

Church Office closed in observance of Easter  
No Monday evening Bible study

Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14

Minister on Vacation

Wednesday, April 12

No Wednesday morning Bible study  
No Handbell or Choir practice

## NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **This morning** we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

\* **The church office** will be closed Monday, April 10 in observance of the Easter holiday.

\* **Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Monday - Friday, April 10-14. Please contact Cheryl Brinkley in the church office (910-285-2808) or Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-1341) in an emergency.

\* **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Curt Simpson and his family on the death of his father, Lois Simpson, on April 2 and to the family of Judy Robinson on her death on March 31 and to Dr. Dan Robinson and family on the death of his brother-in-law, Keith Mott, on April 2.



*The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given with thanksgiving for the joys of Easter morning by Georgia Longest and family.*



**Kirkwood Creation Camp**  
Kindergarten—Grade 5 June 4-8  
Cost: \$20 per child

**Registration**

**March 19-April 30**

**Registration forms available in**

**Fellowship hall or [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com)**

**Return forms to Debbie Price or place in basket in fellowship hall.**





04/09: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull  
 04/16: Casey & Clayton Hall



Greg Maready      Royal Johnson  
 Curt Simpson



### Opening Church Building

April 1-15: Greg Maready  
 April 16-30: Dave Wells

### Children's Church

04/09: No Children's Church  
 04/16: Emily Ludlum



WHEN: Saturday,  
 April 22, 2023:  
 1:00-3:00 pm

WHERE:  
 Wallace Presbyterian Church  
 205 W Main Street  
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### JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO END HUNGER

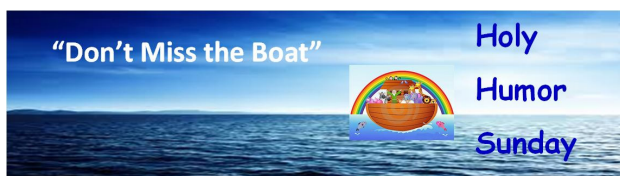
Please join us for a meal packaging experience in the movement to end hunger. Wallace Presbyterian Church is excited to sponsor a very unique service opportunity, joining the fight to end hunger with Rise Against Hunger. Through this event, we will package meals to be distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training or respond to crises.

Please go on the church website to register for this fun, high-energy, high-impact event.

### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING Today, April 9



The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People.



Back by popular demand!  
**HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY**  
 April 16, 2023