

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*
We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
and THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts...debtors*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* Sedio

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; 609
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we praise you for calling us into new life in Jesus' name. By
your Spirit, help us follow Christ's example of selfless service so that our lives
may be signs of his life, and all we do may show forth your love. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN 233 *The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing may raise the victor strain.

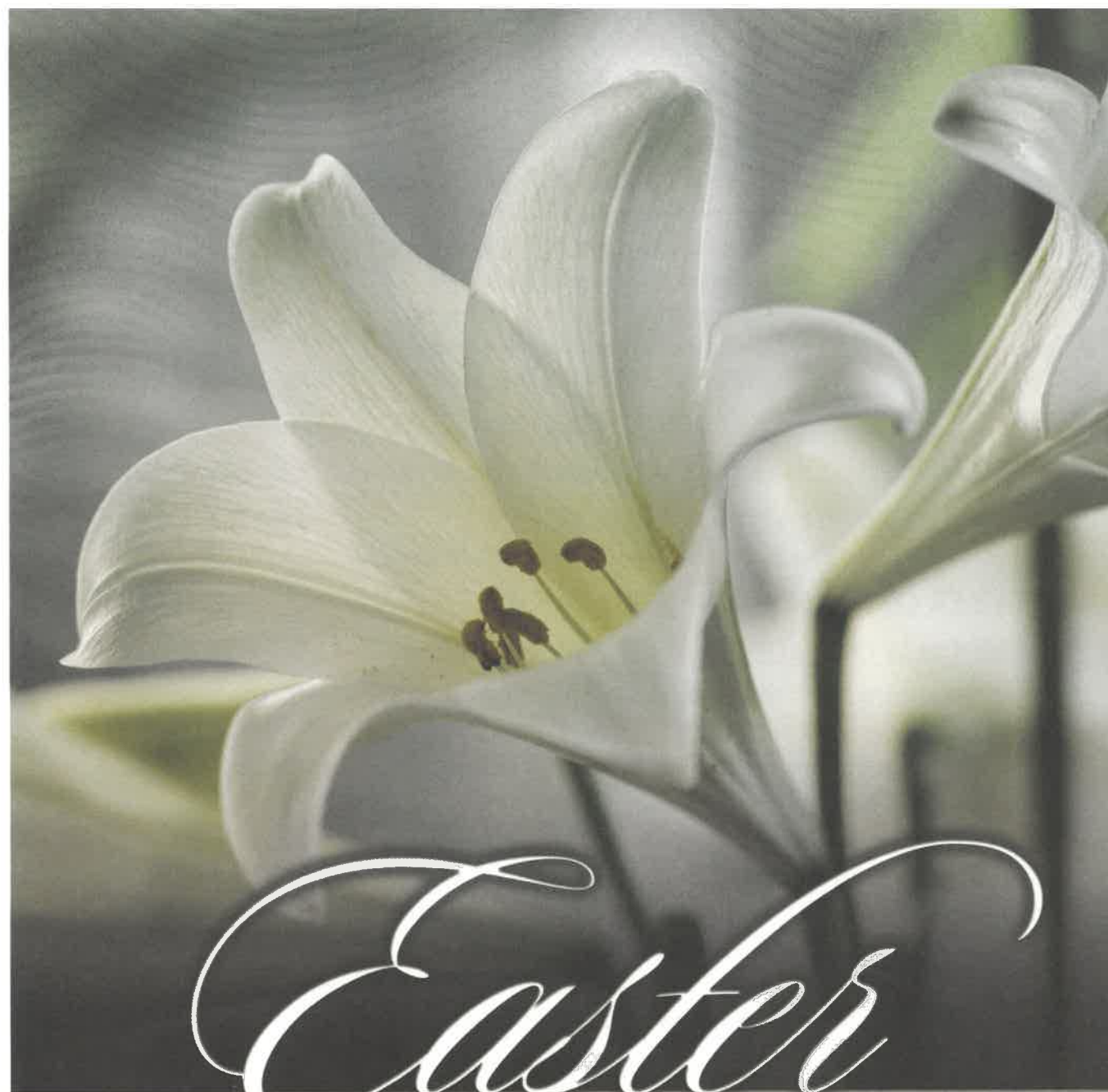
Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth the song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today!* Powell

*Congregation may stand, if able.

Congregational responses said in unison are in bold.



*Just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

ROMANS 6:4 (NIV)

Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church

The Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025

10:00 am

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger,
Stronger than the dark, the light,
Stronger than the wrong, the right,
Faith and Hope triumphant say
Christ did rise on Easter Day!*

Phillips Brooks

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Alleluia, Give Thanks/Easter Hymn* Honore/Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lily Robertson

The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In him was life, and the life was the light of all people. (John 1:1)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4,5)

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, shall live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

*HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death, yet we confess that there are times in which we live as though Christ has not been raised. We allow our doubts and fears to hold us captive, preferring the darkness rather than the light of this new day. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to more fully trust in your power and your love. Change our hearts and make us new creations so that we may know the joy of the abundant and eternal life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

*PERSONAL REFLECTION & SILENT CONFESSION

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* 248

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Nix

(congregation invited to sing along when indicated)

Christ, the Lord is risen today, Alleluia, alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia, alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia, alleluia! Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia, alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia, alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia, alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-10

SERMON *The End of the Story that Makes the Story Worth Telling*

RESPONDING

*HYMN 240 (1,2,3) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- La Iglesia Latina, our sibling Presbyterian Church in Swainsboro
- Those recovering from recent surgeries: Judy Walker, Steve Cheshire, Jim Baker, Bob Hastie, Hester Haas, Rob Gillette
- Maggie McManus' mom, Susan
- Steve Hopkins, father of Preschool Director, Ashley Cetti
- J Wade's sister
- Jack Susie
- Sally Barksdale, Pruitt rehab
- Joy Youngblood's brother, Mark
- Joanne Bower's husband, Bob, and Daughter, Rhonda
- Liz Ewbank's son, Seth
- Bruce Anderson
- Patricia Helmly
- Jim and Debbie Baker's granddaughter, Caroline
- J. Wade's friend, Jackie Klein
- Bob Hastie's brother, Sandy
- Lex Bailey's friend, Paul Hebert, ALS
- Nancy Sesterhenn's niece, Samantha
- Deanna Molnar's aunt, Margaret, & cousin, Chloe
- Mary Lou Harrell's cousin, Tammie Dooley
- Cindy Brown, John & Bebe Whitcomb, Tom & Bebe Dunlap

Prayers for Those in Our Armed Forces Including:

- Katlyn Flanders (Joy Youngbloods' great-niece), West Point cadet
- Adam Calderon (Mary Lou Harrell's grandson); Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ
- Wally Lytle (Rhoda Voth's nephew), US Marine Corp
- Tyler Lentini (Kurt & Sue Lentini's son), USN, Guam
- Logan Roquemore (Hester Haas' grandson), US Coast Guard

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Welcome All – Members, Friends & Visitors! We thank you for worshiping with us today. We trust the Spirit of God in this place will encourage and strengthen you in your devotion to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn more about the membership and ministry of our church, please contact Pastor Andy.

Our staffed Nursery, located in the Office Building, is available for children up to 4 years of age during worship. Worship bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for younger children. The Parlor, located in the back of the sanctuary, is equipped with speakers so that while you enjoy the worship service your young children can enjoy more freedom.

There will be no Sunday School today.

Thank you to all who helped with our Community Easter Egg Hunt yesterday; and thank you to Rob Gillette & Tapley Estes for sharing their musical gifts with us this morning.

Wednesday Night Supper – Join us in Fellowship Hall this Wednesday at 5:45 PM for a salad bar with grilled chicken prepared by Sarah Vohringer. Please use the One-Stop to let us know you will be attending.

One Great Hour of Sharing – This morning, we are receiving the OGHs offering, a national offering given in response to the great sacrifice of love Christ made on our behalf. Your gifts/envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or you may use the church's online giving portal (please use the Special Collection "One Great Hour" option).

Join us next Sunday, April 27th, for a congregational brunch immediately following worship featuring grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Members and friends, please bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share, and use the insert to let us know you will be coming.

All are invited to join one of our regular weekly study groups:

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:00, Education Building
- Tuesday Evening Women's Study, 7:00, Education Building (will not meet this week)
- Men's Bible Study, Wednesday mornings, 7:15, Fellowship Hall

Vacation Bible School, June 9th – 13th: Registration Forms are located in the narthex, church office and on our website. We are also recruiting volunteers to help during this special week; please see the insert or talk with Marty Susie. Deadline to register is May 9th.

To make a gift to the church, offering plates are available in the Narthex, or you may train your phone's camera on the QR code below which will bring you to our church's secure on-line giving portal where credit card and bank payments can be made both to the general fund and to special offerings and giving opportunities.



THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday 4/20	10:00	am	Worship – Easter Service
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting
Monday	1:00	pm	Mahjong Group
	7:00	pm	Session
Tuesday	10:00	am	Bible Study
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday	4:30	pm	Middle School Youth Gathering
	5:45	pm	Supper
	6:30	pm	High School Youth Gathering
	7:00	pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday			
Friday	5:00	pm	Middle School Youth Gathering
	8:00	pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	9:00	am	Heathy Choices Support Group
Sunday 4/27	10:00	am	Worship
	11:00	am	Congregational Brunch
	7:30	pm	AA Meeting

Mark Your Calendar!

**Deacons’ Annual BBQ Sale
Saturday, May 3rd**

at the Islands Ace Hardware parking lot
10:00 to 2:00 (or until we run out).

Plates (BBQ with slaw and baked beans):
\$13 each or 2 for \$25

pulled pork purchased by the pound:
1 lb. for \$15; 2 lbs. for \$25.

**Pre-orders with payment will be accepted in the church office or
see any of our Deacons...and help us get the word out by telling
your friends and neighbors!**

The Lilies are given to the glory and honor of God and...

In Memory of...

Their parents, by Robert & Joanne Bower

Her husband, Donny Burdette & Gretchen Sherrill, by Sue Burdette

Grandma & Granddaddy Dominy, by Leighson, Lilia & Tapley Estes

Her husband, Michael Godbold, by Rhonda Godbold

Jill Hastie & Duke Hartley, by Bob & Nancy Hastie

*Her mother, Mary Diamond-Bowdle; father, Hy Diamond & step-father, Eddie Bowdle,
by Patricia Jordan*

Her family members, by Barbara Kaneiwa

*Her husband, Edward "Lee" McCurry, & Kathy McCurry & Bobby Erle Redding Jr.,
by Melissa McCurry*

Her husband, Robert McLellan, & her parents, by Betty McLellan

His wife, Bonnie McNeal, & their daughter, Gwen McNeal, by Tom McNeal

Margie & Jerry Dykstra and Phil Meeker, by the Meeker family

Her parents, Don & Betty Hall, by Patty Morelli

George & Margaret Potts and Garland & Jane Brown, by Richard & Kay Potts

Her parents, Don & Betty Hall, by Patty Morelli

Their daughter, Carrie Ann Brady, by David & Lucille Schaffner

Irene Lester & Bill Lester, by the Simpson Family

Their son, Michael Sprouse, by Ralph & Emma Sprouse

Her husband, John Strieter, by Gloria Strieter

Her sister and brother-in-law, Teresa & Tony Wasco, by Sarah Vohringer

Her mother, Marsha Vohringer & grandmother Bertha Vohringer by Sarah Vohringer

Their parents, James & Mary Walker and Henry & Lea Winter, by Stephen & Judy Walker

Her husband, Jack, & her sons, Mack & Mark, & her sister, Marilyn Clifton, by Carol Wallace

Their parents, Richard & Gloria Strang, from daughters Linda Barnett & Carol Walsh

Her Husband, Clifford Warren, by Diane Warren

In Honor of...

Grandparents, Nancy & Jerry Scheele, by Morgan & Ann Elizabeth Askew

Christ’s Resurrection & the love of family, by Steve & Sheri Estes

Nani & Pappy Estes, by Emma, Forrest, Leighson, Lilia, Tapley, June & Joy

Clair Knight, by Patricia Jordan

Their son, John Middleton, by David & Lucille Schaffner

Their 8 grandchildren & 1 great-grand daughter, by David & Lucille Schaffner

Their grandson, Jack, by Milton & Jeri Jo Tackett