



Nolensville First United Methodist Church

Our mission is to be a neighborhood church, where people experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus, in a welcoming church family.



EASTER

SUNRISE SERVICE

APRIL 5, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

In the Garden

✠ **Call to Worship (Responsively)**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

✠ **Hymn**

Alleluia, Alleluia

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

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of Creation. (Refrain)
2. Spread the Good News o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen. (Refrain)
3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. (Refrain)
4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)

Invocation (Responsively)

It is Easter morning, Lord, we have come looking for you in the tomb.
You're not here, not lying where they placed you safe and sound.

Where have you gone Jesus?

It is Easter morning, Lord, we have come looking for you among the dead.
You're not here, not sleeping among those who lie beneath the earth.

Where have you gone Jesus?

It is Easter morning, Lord, we have come looking for you among the defeated.
You're not here, admitting that darkness triumphs over the morning light.

Where have you gone Jesus?

It is Easter morning, Lord, we have come looking for you where the Empire puts its victims. You're not here surrendering to the powers from the throne and on battlefield.

Where have you gone Jesus?

Where will we find you? He's been raised up; he's here no longer.

You have been raised! The tomb cannot hold you.

You walk out, lying there no more, no longer safe nor sound.

You have been raised! Hallelujah!

You have been raised! Death cannot hold you.

You are alive, moving, calling and searching the grave forever overcome.

You have been raised! Hallelujah!

You have been raised! Your victorious light has triumphed over darkness, hope over despair. New Jerusalem shines forever.

You have been raised! Hallelujah!

You have been raised! The empires have fallen, guns obsolete and powers tamed. The chains are broken and prisoners set free.

You have been raised! Hallelujah!

We will tell the world. We will tell everyone.

We will shout and never be silent. We will pray and never cease.

You have been raised! Hallelujah! Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 20:11-18

Easter Offering

Sermon

Pastor Jeremy Squires

✠ **Holy Communion**

✠ **Invitational Hymn**

Because He Lives

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus:

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living
just because He lives!

***Benediction** (Hymn of Fellowship on back)

‡ **Hymn of Fellowship**

Up From the Grave He Arose

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose; with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

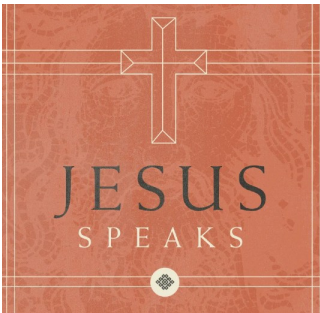
Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
(Refrain)

JESUS SPEAKS SERMON SERIES CONTINUES

When Jesus Speaks:

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus During Difficult Times

Do you have a hard time hearing hope right now? Today we start a journey to recognize and encounter Jesus as he appears to his disciples over 50 days, after the resurrection. We'll discover how to recognize his voice, even in difficult times. How do you know when Jesus Speaks?



April 12 | ***The Elusive Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to His Disciples in a Closed Room

Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-23

May 17 | ***The Forgiving Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to Peter

John 21:1-14

April 19 | ***The Challenging Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to Thomas

John 20:24-29

May 24 | ***The Missional Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to the Eleven on a Mountain

Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15 + 19, Luke 24:44-53

April 26 | ***The Hidden Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Speaks to Two Disciples on Emmaus Road

Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-35

May 31 | ***The Future Voice of Jesus:***

The First Pentecost

John 16:1-7

May 3 | ***The Derailing Voice of Jesus:***

The Tomb Guard's Story

Matthew 28:11-15

June 7 | ***The God Struck Voice of Jesus: Jesus***

Speaks through the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Acts 1:4-8

May 10 | ***The Unexpected Voice of Jesus:***

Jesus Appears to the Women

Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:9-11, Luke 24:10-11

June 14 | ***The Blinding Voice of Jesus: Jesus***

Speaks to Paul on the Road to Damascus

Acts 9:1-9, 1 Corinthians 15:8

Flowers are given to the glory of God and...

in honor of
Maria Penczarski, Michal Penczarski
by Anna Adams

in honor of
Frances Rogers, Peggy Flowers
by Stacy Atwood

in honor of
my mother, sister, and family long gone
by Janice Barger

in honor of
**Clara & Al Johnson, Edwina & Charles Barnes,
Elizabeth "Betty" Barnes, Madison Tuck Moore**
by Laura and Larry Barnes

in honor of
**Lucien Battle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hughes, Mr. and
Mrs. Bob Battle, Sr.**
by Carolyn Battle

in honor of
**Peggy Murphy, Margaret Branham
Constance Reffeitt, Geraldine Parrish**
by Lyn Branham

in honor of
**Hannah Tarple, Johnny Cunningham,
Billie Redman**
by Becky Cunningham

in honor of
our parents
by Denise and Kevin Gavin

in honor of
our grandchildren Emma, Hunter and Thomas
by Barbara and David Hackett

in honor of
Kim Hornbeck
by Phil and Jean Hornbeck

in honor of
**Honey Lou Bradley, Don Jenkins
Marlene Jenkins**
by the Penny and Marlena Jenkins

in honor of
Katherine Schiffhauer, Lenora Kirkland
by Jessica Kirkland

in honor of
Alton and Alma Lanier
by Glen and Lyndsey Lanier

in honor of
Bill and Sue Dupree
Susan and Mike Nichols

in honor of
Ed and Mary Martin
by the Martin family

in honor of
**Mildene and Harold Maurer
Ruth and John Kloepfel**
by the Maurer family

in honor of
**George and Mimi Pelias
The Allen and Melchiorre grandparents**
by the Melchiorre family

in honor of
Gabe and Nancy Parisi, Gene and Shirley Fry
by Jean and Mark Parisi

in honor of
**our six wonderful grandchildren,
Alex, Ben, Sam, Charlotte, Carden, and Avery**
by the Susan and Steve Smith

In honor of
Sandi Squires
by Susan and Jeremy Squires

in loving memory of
**our daughter,
Madison Tuck Moore
and
our parents,
John and Ann Tuck,
and Harold and Sally
Holliday**
by Phillip and Tressa
Tuck

in honor of
their grandmother
by the Wang family



APPLY NOW

2026 DOT ARNOLD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN

High school seniors involved in worship arts are eligible to apply for a **\$1,000** scholarship. To apply, access the Forms page and download the application, or email Haley for a copy. For questions, please see **Mr. Belden**.



Do you enjoy gardening or spending time outdoors? We'd love for you to be part of our new **Creation Care** group. We have two exciting projects coming up and would welcome your help: creating a small community garden & developing a walking path on the back lot behind the church. If either of these projects interests you, please get in touch with Pastor Shelby!
pastorshelby@nolensvilleumc.org



Saturday, May 2 Volunteers & Bake Sale Donations Needed!

The United Women of Faith are seeking baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, breads, etc.) Proceeds support missions serving women, children, and youth. Please package items for individual sale and bring them to The Foundation by 9:00 AM that morning. **We also need volunteers for:**

- Table setup and stocking
- UMM Food sales & prep
- Shuttle drivers
- Serving food
- End-of-day cleanup

Interested in helping? We'd love you joining us! Contact Kevin Gavin totalcare@comcast.net

SPRING 2026 *at Nolensville First UMC*

	APR 9 MAY 7 6:30 PM Ladies' Trivia Night @ Mill Creek		APR 19 5:30 PM Burgers & Bingo Family Night
	APR 26 4 PM: Community Concert Series, featuring August Owsley		MAY 2 Nolensville Buttercup Festival



Join us **July 12–15** for an exciting week of Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "You've Got Talent," based on 1 Peter 4:10, as we discover how God has gifted each of us to serve others.



ATTEND

VBS is open to children ages 4 through rising 6th grade. To register your child or sign up to volunteer, simply scan the QR codes:



VOLUNTEER

We can't wait to see all the amazing talents God has given!

Welcome Guests with Children!

There are children's bulletins at each entrance to the Sanctuary for them to use during worship.

Children are always welcome in our Sanctuary but we do have a nursery for infants through age 3 located on the second floor of the Education Wing. From the Sanctuary, exit by the door on the left side of altar area, turn right, and follow the "Nursery" signs.

Our Staff



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Pastor Jeremy's Dedicated Office Hours

Wednesdays + Thursdays | 9 AM -1 PM

You're welcome to drop by, but we encourage you to call first to make sure the time is available. He is also available on other days, as needed!

To schedule a time, scan the QR code or call the church office.



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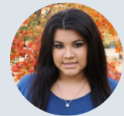


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