

# Service for the Lord's Day

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Preparation

RINGING OF THE BELLS Handbell Choir

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 826 "Lift High the Cross" Crucifer

WELCOME, JOYS, AND CONCERNS Eddie Lee

CHORAL INTROIT "Jesus Stand Among Us" Anonymous

Jesus stand among us In Thy risen pow'r. Let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

## † CALL TO WORSHIP

On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.  
**On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.**  
On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.  
**But today, we know the good news is alive and well.**  
The good news is dancing!  
**The good news is on the loose!**  
The good news is out in the world, calling your name!  
**Alleluia! Even death has lost its sting.**  
He is Risen!  
**He is Risen, Indeed!**  
Let us worship our good-news Christ.

† HYMN 232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (v.1-4) Easter Hymn

## † CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God.  
The world battered and bruised,  
betrayed and abandoned,  
crucified and buried our living God.  
And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return. Jesus rose again and immediately went to work spreading God's love to the very people who had hurt him. So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do that could keep God's love at bay. With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves, claims, and seeks us. Friends, let us pray:

## † PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
We want to be Easter people.  
We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.  
We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.  
We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid,"  
but we are afraid.  
And we don't know where to look.  
And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.  
So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.  
We are best intentions and best laid plans.  
We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."  
We are on our way, but we are not there yet.  
Show us how to embody your good news in this world.  
Show us how to be your Easter people.  
With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen

## † ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias," we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you. And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay. So join me in this good news declaration:

**Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed. This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God.**

† ACT OF PRAISE 589 "Alleluia"

## † PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**  
As God's forgiven people, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

*Proclamation*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Weslynn Marie Culp

BAPTISM HYMN 486 "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (v.1&4)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES/DIMES FOR HUNGER Alice Smith

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We bow our heads. We listen for you. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 10:34-43

ANTHEM "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen" Charles Kyriakos  
Alleluia! Christ is risen, let us sing praises to our glorious King! Death and grave were overcome: Christ from death to life is born, On this our holy Easter-morn; Death and the grave were overcome. Alleluia! Christ is risen, truly risen, Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-10

MESSAGE *Good News is Alive in the World* Rev. Nick Setzer

† HYMN 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" (v.1-3) Hymn to Joy

*Dedication*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Easter Chimes" E. L. Ashford

† DOXOLOGY 606 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION *(Come forward through the inner aisle to be served at the table)*

COMMUNION SOLO: "The Call" R. Vaughan-Williams  
*(from Five Mystical Songs)*  
*(Landon Freeman Watts, Baritone)*

*(Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

† HYMN 246 "Christ is Alive!" (v.1-5) Truro

## † BENEDICTION

† CHORAL BENEDICTION "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"  
*(Sung by all)* William J. Gaither  
Jesus we just want to tell You. Jesus, we just want to tell You. Jesus, we just want to tell You. Thank you for eternal life.

† POSTLUDE Song of Triumph Charles L. Talmadge

† Stand as you are able

Today we baptize Weslynn Marie Culp. She is the daughter of Mickenzie and William Culp. She was born on April 2, 2025.

Today we welcome three trumpeters from Clover High School: Alexander Aull, Liam Comer and Adam Feld, and the baritone soloist is Landon Freeman Watts from Winthrop University. Thank you all so much for the wonderful addition to our Easter Service!

DIMES FOR HUNGER collection is today. We collect .10¢ a meal on the first Sunday of every month. The proceeds collected go to Hunger Organizations across Providence Presbytery.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING DUE TODAY!**

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE IS OUR THEME FOR 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 22-25. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD. "I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME" (PHILIPPIANS 4:13) **NEXT PLANNING MEETING IS ON MAY 3, 2026.**

Dear Church Family,  
Words truly cannot express how grateful we are for the prayers, kind thoughts and heartfelt cards you have shared with us over the last three months. During some very difficult and uncertain days, your love and support became the highlight of each day. We genuinely felt your prayers surrounding us, and every card brought comfort and encouragement.

We deeply cherish our church family. While we have missed being with you in person, please know that we stay connected and look forward to services online. With all our love and gratitude!  
Happy Easter,  
Mike and Caroline Allman

**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS** Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here and hope that you'll experience God's love as we worship together. If you would like to know more about us, please call our church office (684-2356) and ask to speak with our pastor. May God's peace be with you.

**OUR PRAYER CONCERNS:**

All caregivers, Justin Snipes (son of Melissa & Patrick Young & grandson of Micky & Joe Howe), Matt Bozarth (Friend of Leigh Dayton) that is suffering from a rare cancer), Wayne McCormick, Jr., Mark Good (Friend of Jody Templeton has cancer), Gloria Ludwig (Stacey Walden's grandmother), Leigh Dayton, Shane Vickery (friend of Jake Walden) Joe & Mickey Howe, Archie Buchanan, Jim Ballard (Brother in law of Ann Lee), Robert Clewis (Shelia Herron's son), Danny Allman (19 yr. old nephew of Mike Allman), Jackson (friend of the Waldens), Bill Herron(Leukemia), Donna Jo McKinney Ferrell and Jane McKinney Bolin (have cancer, they are nieces of Brenda Brandon), Chip Lee (father of Bethany James), Patti Whiteside (Joanna Setzler's step mom) recovering from broken hip, Jim Bolduc (Surgery), Lorraine Stewart, Mike Allman, Sr. (brain cancer), Linda Lee (sister in law of Eddie & Ann Lee injured in auto accident), Bruce Richardson & Julian Chinavare (friends of Jake Walden) & Julie Setzer (Jane Ratliff's daughter) has bone cancer.

**RETIREMENT/NURSING HOMES-HOMEBOUND**

Barbara & Bob Falls, Jane Spratt & Lorraine Stewart


**FLOWERS:** The sanctuary flowers are given by Stuart and Ree Dillon in celebration of our risen Lord, support for our military deployed all around the world, and a continued uplifting of the Allman family.

<b>LITTLE DISCIPLES</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Jake & Stacy Walden 12 <sup>th</sup> Donna Farris	<b>NURSERY</b> Angie Pratt Susan Hill
<b>ACOLYTES</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Aubrey & Ryleigh Walden 12 <sup>th</sup> Eliana & Oscar Setzer	<b>CROSS BEARER</b> Rhodes Hill Elizabeth Hiott

**Preschool Art Show and Silent Auction**  
Please join us April 30th from 5-7 in McNeel for a special fundraiser hosted by the Preschool. Come see the children's art, as well as bid on special art pieces and other items. Proceeds go towards the church and preschool needs. Thank you for your support!

We will be hosting a BBQ and Bake Sale on Friday night, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00pm in the Family Life Center. Our older youth and our middle school youth will be raising money to offset costs for their summer Montreat conferences. Enjoy the Airstream Festival downtown then come enjoy BBQ and baked goods with us. Please spread the good news! The BBQ plates are \$12 per plate (eat in or take out!)

**SET UP FOR HEARING AIDS TO CONNECT TO SANCTUARY AUDIO**  
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**CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK**

- Sun. 4-5 EASTER SUNDAY**  
7:00am Easter Sunrise Service/Blooming the Cross  
10:00am Breakfast/Egg Hunt  
10:00am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Worship/Communion/Baptism/Dimes for Hunger
- Mon. 4-6** Office Closed  
8:00pm AA
- Tues. 4-7** 6:00pm Circle #1  
6:00pm Grief Share
- Wed. 4-8** 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal  
8:00pm AA
- Sun. 4-12** 9:00am Family Life Committee  
10:00am Adult Sunday School  
11:00am Worship  
2:00pm Presbytery Book Check in Parlor  
5:00pm Confirmation  
6:00pm Youth

Beginning next Sunday, the children's bulletins will have a secret code to unlock games related to the subject matter they heard about at church. Just another way to help our children learn about Jesus.

SUMMER OF 2026 DATES FOR MONTREAT CONFERENCES ARE SET!  
 Youth Conference at Montreat July 11-18 (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
 Middle School Conference at Maryville College July 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)  
 Please put these dates on your calendars for next summer now! We have lots of youth who are eligible to go!

**BOOK CLUB**  
 APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 6:30PM  
 The book that we will be reading is "The Correspondent" By Virginia Evans.  
 Please join us! All are welcome!

**PATH NEEDS:**  
 Cereal and canned meats like Vienna sausages, chicken, tuna, etc. Please leave them in the PATH boxes at the back door parking lot.

**Session Members & Their Committees**

Liz Ann Hill...Clerk & Personnel & IT	Rick Beard.....Property
Jenny Hill.....Asst. Clerk & Family Life	Pete Carroll....Property
Eddie Lee....Worship & Personnel	Donna Langford..Cong. Care & PW
Ronnie Bailes..Finance & Personnel	Sonya Kent....Congregational Care
Melissa Allman....Family Life & Personnel	Jamie Caveny..Family Life
Lynn Leake...Worship	Jay Leake.....Property
Christopher Black..Personnel & Finance	Shawn Jarrett...IT
Debbie Lowe...Congregational Care	Jake Walden...Mission/Evangelism
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