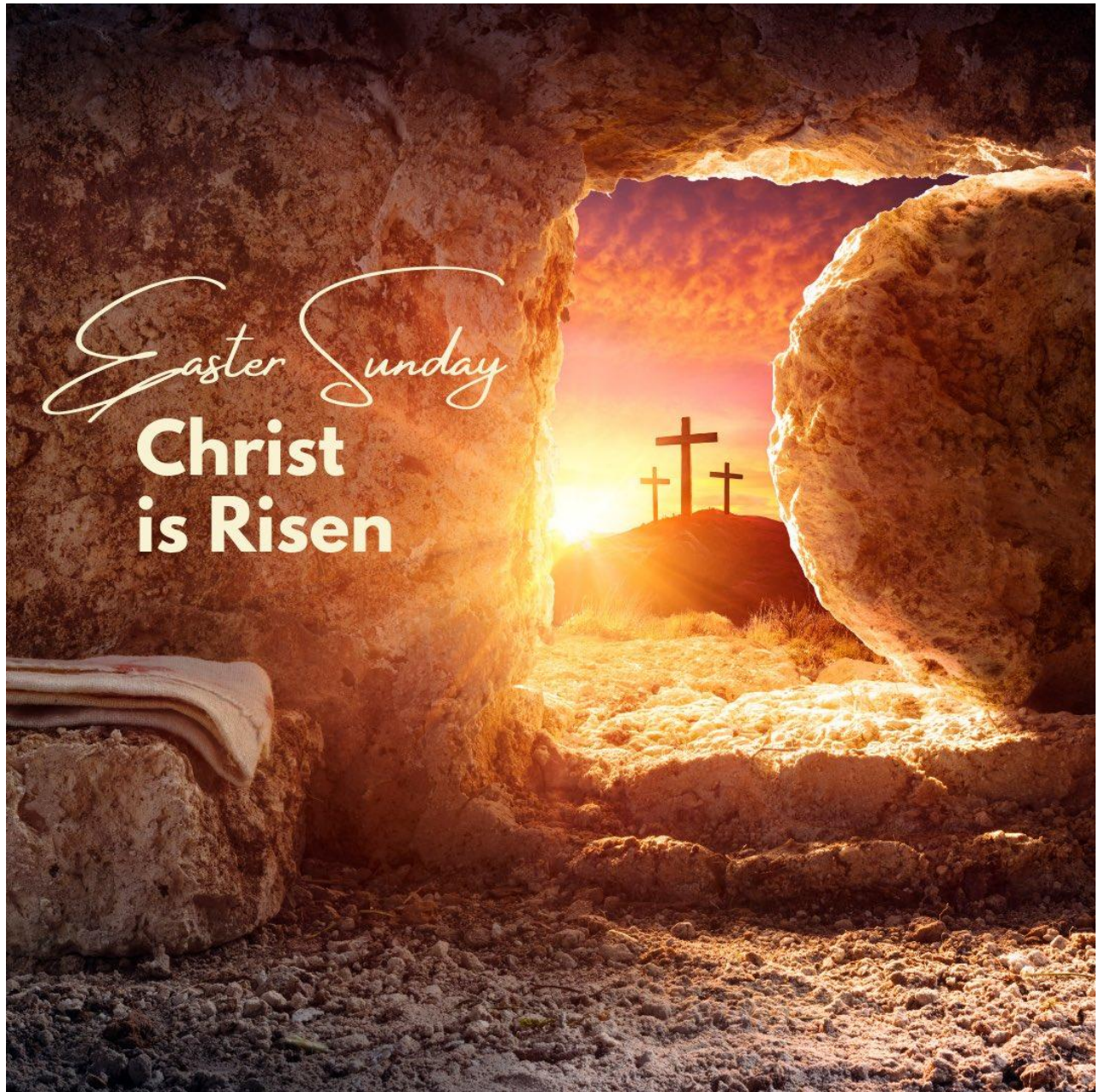


# St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



April 20, 2025

# Resurrection of the Lord/Festival of Easter

April 20, 2025

10:30 A.M.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **THE GATHERING**

PRELUDE "Celebration" Charles Callahan

#### EASTER GREETING

Rejoice, heavenly powers!  
Sing, choirs of angels!  
Jesus Christ is risen!

#### \*TRUMPET FANFARE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

#### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION (Responsive)

Liturgist

Glory to you, O God: on this day you won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

**Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

#### THE EASTER WREATH

Ellen and Scott Gravelie

The light which the world tried to extinguish cannot be put out. Today we light the candles again, proclaiming the transforming power of God. As the light returns, we give thanks that God's transforming love has been, is now, and will ever be at work within us. Today we celebrate: New life, new joy, new possibilities. Christ is alive!

As we light these candles, we acknowledge that there is still pain and suffering in the world, but we place our trust in God and in the way of Jesus Christ. In darkness, there is light. In the pain of death, there is life. In the face of what appears to be overwhelming, God is at work in the world, working for justice and peace, compassion and love, and abundant life. Christ is risen! For wherever we gather in his name, he is there.

*(All candles are re-lit.)*

Christ is risen! **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

#### \*CONFESSION AND PARDON

The Lord says: Come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

**On this bright and joyful day, we bring our whole selves to you, great God, honestly naming the truth about our lives. We are sinking under piles of shame, judgment, and self-pity, feeling closer to hell than heaven. Christ, rend our veil of tears. Restore us. Renew us. Revive us. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

#### SILENT CONFESSION

\*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,  
Christ, have mercy,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hear the good news! The Lord is alive! The risen Lord destroys death, conquers sin, and wipes away all shame. We are drenched in radiating mystery: God is with us. Receive the wonderful news: You are made alive in Christ. In Jesus Christ you are restored. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### ***THE WORD***

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

THE READING FROM THE HEBREW TESTAMENT: Isaiah 65:17-25

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"And God Cried"

Sterling

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

"Witness"

### ***THE RESPONSE***

\*HYMN 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the *Book of Common Worship*)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD AND ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (606)

\*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

### **The Eucharist**

**The Invitation to the Table**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

(Responsive, Congregation please read **bold** print.)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Blessed are you, O Lord our God... of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes  
in the Lord's name. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior... with gratitude as we share this joyful feast:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**  
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Sharing of the Meal**

*(To receive communion when you come forward, please open your hands and a portion of bread will be given to you to partake. If you prefer gluten free, please tell the server. Then pick up a small cup from the tray and partake. As you return to your seat, there will be a basket in which you can place your cup. If you would like a server to come to you, please raise your hand.)*

**Communion Hymn 526**

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

LINSTEAD

**The Prayer After Communion** (Unison)

**At your table, Giving God, we have been fed; our thirsty spirits have been quenched. We give you thanks for this taste of your kingdom meal when wolf and lamb will feed together and peace will reign on your holy mountain; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 245

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!"

LLANFAIR

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccatà"

Charles Marie Widor

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP


The Rev. Dr. Anne Hébert, Pastor  
Ky Webb, Liturgist  
Paul and Beth Olin, Ushers  
Bonnie and Al Garbrecht, Greeters  
Ruby and Skylar Anderson, Acolytes  
Ellen and Scott Gravelie, Candle Readers  
Dee Miller, Jane Elzerman, Communion Preparers  
Tim Quist, Organist  
Michael Beery, Music Director

*OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY*

<p><b>Today</b>            9:00 Adult Ed. Bible Study            10:30 Worship            11:30 Coffee Hour            4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p><b>Monday, April 21</b>            Church office closed</p> <p><b>Tuesday, April 22</b>            2:00 Finance Mtg            3:00 Disciple I Bible Class</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, April 23</b>            12:30 Centering Prayer Group            2:00 Session Mtg            4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 24</b>            11:30 "Faith in Work" Men's Luncheon            2:00 Disciple Bible II Class</p> <p><b>Friday, April 25</b>            9:00 Men's Breakfast at Platte River Inn</p> <p><b>Sunday, April 27</b>            9:00 Adult Ed Bible Study            10:30 Worship            11:30 Coffee Hour            4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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*PRAYER LIST*

<p><b>MILITARY:</b> All of our US Military deployed and their families.</p> <p><b>INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKERS :</b>            Rev. Jerome Bizimana &amp; the people of Rwanda            Rev. Butros Zaour &amp; family &amp; Majd Lahham, Damascus, Syria</p> <p><b>MISSION CO-WORKERS:</b>            Mark Adams &amp; Miriam Maldonado Escobar, &amp; their children: Cindy Yessenia, Anna Flor &amp; Nathan—Frontera de Cristo; Douglas AZ            Efi Latsoudi &amp; Lesvos Solidarity, Greece</p>	<p><b>MEMBERS AND FRIENDS</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">George Marsh</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Linda Koch</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bob Nelson</td> <td>Evelyn Sengelaub</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tim Bergstrom</td> <td>Laura and Bryan Sheffield</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barb Alldredge</td> <td>Martha Campbell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Erik Nielsen</td> <td>Jim Boehm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nathan Carrick</td> <td>Gwen Baarstad</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emmalee Sheffield</td> <td>Dale Williams</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Britta Baarstad</td> <td>Ro Gregory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family of Syd Walston</td> <td>John O'Neal</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family of Steve Chapman</td> <td>John Wehmeyer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Family of Margaret Beery</td> <td>Katie Verrill</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Suzie Anderson</td> </tr> </table>	George Marsh	Linda Koch	Bob Nelson	Evelyn Sengelaub	Tim Bergstrom	Laura and Bryan Sheffield	Barb Alldredge	Martha Campbell	Erik Nielsen	Jim Boehm	Nathan Carrick	Gwen Baarstad	Emmalee Sheffield	Dale Williams	Britta Baarstad	Ro Gregory	Family of Syd Walston	John O'Neal	Family of Steve Chapman	John Wehmeyer	Family of Margaret Beery	Katie Verrill		Suzie Anderson
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The Lilies and Palms that we have for Eastertime are made possible through generous donations.

Thank you to Jill Claybour, Joyce Kirshner, Robert and Cheryl Ortwein and to several anonymous donors.

And to Tammy Royle, in memory of Jim Royle.

*Faith in Work  
Luncheon for Men*



Join us for lunch and a Zoom meeting to talk with Robb Victor about his experience on the Border and formerly with the Border Police. Robb was with the St. Andrews team last January when they went to Frontera de Cristo.

Thursday, April 24 at 11:30am  
Edwards Hall  
Lunch provided

*Flower Basket* **SALE**

**April 27 - May 11**  
**Pickup May 25**

