



GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947
March 31, 2024

Resurrection Sunday

**INDICATES THAT THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IF ABLE; OTHERWISE PLEASE STAY SEATED; THE SPIRIT WILL BE WITH YOU EITHER WAY.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

“O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING”

*O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heaven, the glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE (ACOLYTE LIGHTS CANDLES)

“THE EASTER SONG”

*Joy to the world, He is risen. Alleluia
He's risen, alleluia. He's risen alleluia, alleluia! (Alleluia)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

SALLIE HORNER, WORSHIP LEADER

Sallie: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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Asim: Exhale. [pause] Go ahead, exhale. Breathe out. Let go. On this Easter Sunday, allow your souls to be replenished. Take in the joy. Take in peace. Take in the togetherness. Take what you need.

Mina: And wonder. Wonder, and imagine, and reflect, and question, and listen. Listen deeply to the words and the songs. Listen deeply to the Holy Spirit. And hear the words that God has for you.

Austin: We emerge from the long days of Lent; our journey through the wilderness. And we acknowledge that there is a darkness that seems to loom in this world. And we remember that nestled within the great mystery of the Resurrection is a great light. Search for that light, that hope on this day.

Sallie: So, we come into this space, this sacred space, and we bring ourselves; our whole selves. We encourage you to embrace your body and we invite you to use your body to give God a hand clap of praise, to sing, to jump around, to dance, to celebrate. And, as we celebrate the Risen Savior, we invite you to bring your full selves into worship because Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***OPENING HYMN** “*CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY*” #288, v 1,2,3

***EASTER LITANY**

REV. LISA SALITA

L: “God’s love endures forever.”

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (*Hymn 290 line 1*)

L: Look at the cross and the beautiful butterflies; symbols of love, of life transformed. And know that God is Good.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: Even though there is still darkness in the world we give thanks because the light shines brighter than the darkness. It illumines our paths and guides our choices.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

L: Let us then with joyful hearts respond to God’s love with praise and songs. Let us celebrate the Risen Christ, singing:

All: *The strife is o’er, the battle done,
Now is the victor’s triumph won,
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluia!*

#290, v 1

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

REV. LISA SALITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAYER RESPONSE** **“BECAUSE HE LIVES”** #447, 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.*

FIRST READING **JOHN 20 : 1 – 10** NT, p. 108

HYMN **“CHRIST IS ALIVE!”** #312, v 1,2,5

SECOND READING **JOHN 20 : 11 – 18** NT, p. 108

SERMON REV. BARBARA MACFIE

“A RESPONSE TO GOD’S UNENDING LOVE”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (AN AFFIRMATION—WE ARE A PILGRIM PEOPLE)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen One, confessing him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we acclaim Jesus as the Lord of the Church, the Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation. We acknowledge that we live and work between the time of Christ’s death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which he will bring. We are a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; on the way Christ feeds us with word and sacraments, and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we may not lose the way. We will live and work within the faith and unity of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, bearing witness to that unity which is both Christ’s gift and his will. We affirm that every member of the Church is engaged to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Together with all the people of God, we will serve the world for which Christ died. And we await with hope the day of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY **“CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN AGAIN”**

CHOIR

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

JOHN H. DANNER

Let trumpets sound and voices sing!

Let all on earth their praises bring!

For Christ has conquered sin and death

and given life eternal breath.

***DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

***CLOSING HYMN**

“THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!”

#298

***BENEDICTION**

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS Over the past six weeks we have traveled to the cross. Today we arrive to find the cross is no longer a symbol of death and despair, but of salvation and resurrection! In Luke, we learn that those who witnessed the crucifixion responded in different ways. The followers watched, Joseph begged Pilate for the body so it could be placed in a tomb, the women went home to prepare spices for the body . . . We, too, found that our journey wasn't over for our next steps have brought us to the empty tomb to witness the resurrection. Will you leave the empty tomb to tell others? Will you carry on Jesus' work to care for others? Where will your journey take you now?

*White is the color of Eastertide with the symbols of cross and lilies; the season intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church. Every year, for fifty days, the church celebrates and rehearses this new way of life in the Season of **Easter** — as we await its completion in the fullness of Christ's reign.*

AFTER WORSHIP, join us for Easter breads and coffee in Tunnell Hall, with the egg hunt to follow. Please plan to attend this fun GPC tradition!

Join us next Sunday, April 7, for Communion Sunday at 10 a.m.

THANK YOU! . . . to all who gave of their time and talent to create the Journey to the Cross and a joyful Easter Worship Service!

Partner Pastor: Reverend Barbara Macfie

Pastor: Reverend Lisa Salita

Worship Leader: Sallie Horner

Call to Worship Speakers: Asim Gulab, Mina Malloy, and Austin Short

Choir: Connie & Emil Schneider, Philomena Fischer & Norman

Bergstrom, Linda Wolfe, Sallie Horner, Vicki & Darrell Moore, Mina Malloy and Ashley Joyner

Chimers: Carolyn Green, Battle Robinson, Alice Nagle, Dora George, Emil Schneider, Juliann Taylor and Sallie Horner—Chime Director

Acolyte: Allison Gulab

Ushers: Eli and Henry Short

Footprints: Feet were created and placed by GPC family, Linda Wolfe, Shirley Kostevicki, Ashley Joyner, Carol Ann Stone and Sharon Lawrence

Butterflies: Audrey Gulab, Abigail Gulab, Ethan Gulab, Allison Gulab, Rukshana Gulab, Xander Proseus, Ashley Joyner and The Ladies Who Color

Bulletin suggestions: Sallie Horner and Linda Wolfe

Decorating: Beth and Mike Garvilla, Lidle Stone

Special thanks to Steve Johnson for preparing and leading our music during the Lenten season. It has been a blessing!

First Fruits Cart -- For March, Wesley Pantry requests canned goods (corn, green beans, and fruit), beef ramen noodles, and instant oatmeal. We will continue to collect for March this week. Food will be delivered to the Pantry during the first week of April.

Food Bank Mobile Pantry -- This month we served 129 families in collaboration with the Food Bank of Delaware's Mobile Food Pantry. Our next event is TENTATIVELY scheduled for May 14. See Gail Brown to Linda Wolfe to learn more.

Robin Hood Thrift Shop -- Robin Hood is a non-profit thrift shop here in Georgetown (Cedar & Kimmey Streets). It sells second-hand clothes and housewares. All profits go to support families in need living in Georgetown. The Shop is currently open from 12:00 - 3:00 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. They have a great need for volunteers to serve as clerks. For more information on this program or to find out about volunteering, please see Carolyn Green or Gail Brown.

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Affirmation of Faith. Adapted from the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia from Uniting in Worship 2.

Dedication of Offerings. Carol Penner www.leadinginworship.com.

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