

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

* Those who are able, please stand.

Preparation for Worship

Imagine darkness still covers all of creation and that we are as we left on Good Friday – our music is still somber, our sanctuary is still stripped of color. The first glimpse of light on the horizon of a new day that makes every day new begins – the dawn of Easter morning shines through the desolation, the tears, the desperate chaos of our heart, and light pours in and the black of Good Friday is removed from the cross, the music sounds a new chord that resonates with the heartbeat of new life, the sanctuary is adorned with paraments, with color, with flowers, the music announces the rising of the Son that overcomes all darkness, the Christ candle is lit, the Table is prepared for the Sacrament of Communion, the new day that makes all days new is here - Christ has Risen, Christ has Risen indeed!

Gathering Music for Easter Dawn

Two Prayers in Alleluia Form Jacques Berthier

Introit “Love is come again” Setting: Alan Smith

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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Prayer of the Day (Unison)

Dear friends in Christ: The night is over! The morning is here! Christ is risen, risen as he said! Sadness has vanished! Tears are no more! Death has fled! Life is victorious! This is the day the Lord has made: We rejoice! We are glad in it! Come, assemble for the Feast of Life, the Feast of the Kingdom of God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Greetings & Announcements

Call To Worship from Everything in Between by: Sanctified Art

My dear friends,
we have known grief.
We have known loss.

We have known the long road, tired and winding.
We have whispered prayers on bended knees.
We have stared at the sky, empty of stars.
But today—

today we know hope.
Today we know life.
Today we know the sound of Alleluias.
Today we know that death does not have the last word.
Today we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God.
It is Easter.
May hope find you.
And may you know, deep in your bones,
that today is a new day.
Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn #232 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

*Prayer for New Beginnings
The Gospel of Luke says: “It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told the apostles [of the resurrection]. But these words seemed to the disciples an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb.”
Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.
Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.
Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.
In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.
Show us how to hold onto hope.
Show us how to run toward you. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon
Family of Faith,
At first, the disciples didn’t believe that Jesus had risen. They stayed locked in an upper room, shaking and afraid. Peter was the only exception. Fortunately, Jesus loves us on our best days and our worst days.
God’s grace exists for us when we are hopeful and when we’re grieving,
when we’re shouting and when we’re silent,
when we’re full of faith and when we’re full of fear.
God’s grace exists for us on the best days, the worst days,
and every day in between.
Thanks be to God for this good news!
Alleluia! Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

Time with the Children

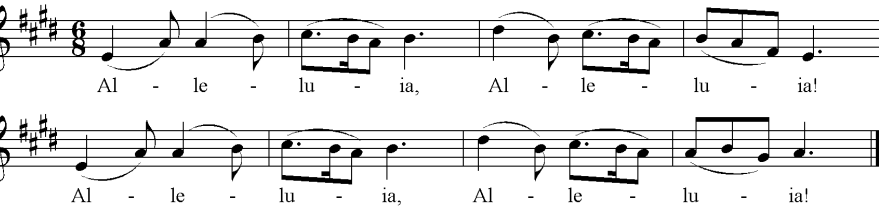
THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43: 16-21

*Response: “Alleluia!” Fintan O’Carroll and Christopher Walker
Steve Pharr, Cantor

Refrain (All singing)Alleluia!



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen;
he has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers. **Alleluia!**
He is the first fruits from death, now are our lives filled with glory!
Darkness vanishes in the light of his power. **Alleluia!**

The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed.
I shall never die, I shall live telling his deeds. **Alleluia!**

The stone which the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone chosen.
Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes. **Alleluia!**

From Psalm 118 and Corinthians 15

Second Reading Luke 24: 1-12

Sermon Rev. Leigh Wisner

Anthem: “Alleluia! Christ Has Destroyed Death” Kevin Hildebrand

*Affirmation of Faith
In the dark before dawn,
we believe that God is alive.
In the midst of our grief,
we believe the Spirit is at work.
In the chaos of our broken world,
we believe that love is on the loose.
For no stone could keep God at bay,
and no violence could keep God’s love from us.
So today we sing,
Alleluia!
For somewhere in between our belief and doubt,
hope lives.
Christ has died,
and Christ has also risen.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Offering / One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering Prayer of Thanksgiving / Dedication

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsive)

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you our thanks and praise, O God! You created the world by speaking life into being. You placed within us and within each plant and animal of your creation amazing abilities to form and nurture new life, so that your creation might be renewed, reborn, season by season, child by child. You covenanted with your people and gave them Law that showed the way of Life—a path of peace, justice, mercy, reverence, love. You provided wise men and women as judges for your people to show them the path to Life.

You called forth prophets who dared to speak the truth of Life to worldly powers that promoted death. You sent Jesus, your Son, to walk in the way of Life—that we might follow. He suffered and died because of his refusal to participate in the death-dealing violence of the world. He rose again in victory because the powers of death cannot overcome the Divine power of Life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Response: (All singing)

Hymn # 572

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 name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of Life, and holy is Jesus Christ, your Son, the resurrected One. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. Revealing your love, radiating your life, Jesus taught those who listened to him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him.

He enacted peace in the midst of violence, love in the face of hate,

He offered Divine Life to all people suffering under worldly forces of death.

We thank you, God, for the incredible gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh.

Through his resurrection Life you gave birth to your church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people.

It is as the renewed, redeemed, enlivened people of God

that we gather this morning and remember together.

Longing to experience and share the fullness of Life that you offer,

we take these gifts that you have given us, this bread and this cup,

and celebrate with joy the eternal Life offered to us through Jesus Christ.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving,

accept our lives as holy offerings to you,

that in losing our life we might find true Life

and proclaim the Resurrected Christ who offers life to all.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Response: (All singing)

Hymn # 573

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who seek to follow in his life-giving way, that we may further your reign of peace and justice in every place.

In the eating of this bread, as Christ's body, and in the sharing of this cup, as Christ's blood, we invite your life to fill us; we invite your Spirit to lead us ever more faithfully to be the body of Christ in the world. All glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. Amen.

As we prepare to eat the meal, let us share together the proclamation of our faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Please come, the meal is ready.

Communion of the People of God

We observe the sacrament via intinction. Please come to the Lord's Table when invited by the ushers. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Return to your pew after partaking of the elements. Our bread is gluten-free.

Communion Hymn #231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***Hymn** “Earth, Earth, Awake”

Sally Ann Morris



1. Earth, earth, a - wake your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
2. All na - ture sings of hope re - born. Al - le - lu - ia!
Choir: 3. Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ri - sen King! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ's light, tri - um - phant, pales the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Cre - a - tion spreads its spring - time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ reigns a - gain, this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Service for the Lord's Day

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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dedicated to spiritual growth
and service to all in the manner of Jesus Christ.**

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Sally Gant – Director of Music

Lynn Watkins - Lector

***Blessing**

***Sending Forth** Fanfare Recessional Charles Callahan

Sanctuary Listening Devices - Listening devices for the sanctuary are available for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

Recycle Your Bulletin – A collection basket has been placed in the Gathering Space to receive your used bulletins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the website or our weekly e-newsletter for more events, details and announcements

- We are grateful today for the gifts of our musicians, Lissie Shanahan and Peter Shanahan, flutists and Lydia Berger, trumpeter, and our friends Karen Yoak Lewis, soprano; Debbie Clark, alto, and Julianne Angel, alto joining the Shallowford Singers.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** For more than 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need around the world. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. You may donate to this offering by mailing a check, made out to Shallowford or if you give online, look for “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the dropdown menu. We have provided a **special envelope in the worship bulletin today** for you to drop in the offering basket.

THIS WEEK @ SHALLOWFORD

Friday, April 25

11:30 a.m. - Compass Group (A)

Saturday, April 26

9:00 am ~ Recycling Day in Clemmons

10:00 am ~ Piedmont Earth Day Fair

Sunday, April 27

9:15 am ~ Shallowford Singers - Sanctuary

9:30 am ~ Children's Sunday School Class - Fellowship Hall

9:30 am ~ Lectionary Adult Sunday School Class - Parlor

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club - Fellowship Hall

The Easter Lilies on view in our service this Sunday are Given to the Glory of God and

In Loving Memory Of:

*Vaughn Thomas, Trish Sumners and Mary Dickson,
Adele & John Marshall Watkins and William Hutchinson
by Sally Gant*

Lawrence Wilkes by Peggy Wilkes

Bill Honeycutt by his family

Charles, Alberta & Gary Rose & Albert Raine by Charley Rose

*Stewart's sister Ann Stoess and parents Ed & Dorothy Ellis, and brother in
law John Hendrickson, Grace's brother James Winn
and parents Al & Grace Winn by Stewart & Grace Ellis*

Sara Bijkersma by the Bijkersma Family

Evans Wisner by Leigh Wisner

Tommy by George Plemmons

Rev. Dr. Robert A. Wilson by Lynn & Gordon Watkins

Claire & Ed Adams by Sue Weber

Bill & Margaret Rountree by Jackie Rountree

In Honor Of:

*Pastor Leigh and her husband Mitch and children Jonah & Riley.
In appreciation of former pastor Nathan Peifer, and musician Sally Gant by
Stewart & Grace Ellis*

Dianna Raine & Chad Raine by Charley Rose

The Shallowford Singers by Sally Gant

My grandchildren Liam and Alton by Sue Weber

Anja & Jack Hartle by Martina Moore

Lilies are available to take home following the Easter Service.