

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 5, 2026

## PREPARATION, PROMISES AND PRAISE

*Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Choir Introit "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" No.275  
Prelude "Easter Rondo" Michael Helman

Carillonneurs

Children's Anthem "Every Morning Is Easter Morning"  
by Richard Avery and Donald March

Call to Worship Rev. Jeff Schrage

Leader: This is the good news—the light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—once we were no people;  
now we are God's people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: This is the good news—the grave is empty;  
Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

\*Hymn of Adoration "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today" No. 273

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that too often we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the Good News! "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. -1 Corinthians 15:54-57

\*Hymn of Response "Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing!" No.270

\*The Congregation is asked to stand, as you are able.

\*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" Page 845

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*one universal visible church

\*Gloria Patri No. 735

(Let the children come forward during the singing of the Gloria.)

Anthem "Alleluia, Jesus Is King" Keith Wilkerson

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" arr. Held

\*Doxology No. 731

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn of Praise "Up from the Grave He Arose" No.276

Prayers of the People of God and Our Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10 Page 1156

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Feeding Joy" Rev. Jeff Schrage

\*Departure Hymn "Thine Be the Glory" No.274

\*Benediction 2 Peter 3:18

(May You) grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.

Postlude "Hallelujah" Handel

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**CALENDAR**

**Today, 4/5** Sunday School, 9:00 am  
Worship, 10:30 am

**Monday, 4/6** Office CLOSED

**Tuesday, 4/7** SIBS (Sisters in Bible Study), 6:00 pm  
Men's ZOOM Bible Study, 12:00 pm  
Adult Bible Study (ABS); 5:15 pm  
Chancel Choir, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, 4/8** FirstKids & Youth Group, 6:00 pm  
Carillonneurs, 7:00 pm

**Thursday, 4/9** Outreach Mtg (Session Room), 5:00 pm  
Reading Club (Library), 6:00 pm

**Friday, 4/10** Friday Prayer Group (Library), 9:30 am  
Administration Mtg (Session Room), 3:00 pm

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**REMINDERS**

**Elders:** Scott Rice and Michael Ridenhour

**Sound System:** Scott Rice, Rea Brown, Bill Brooks, Eric LaPrad

**Deacon on Duty:**

April 12—

**Greeters Ramp Room (8:50-9:00 & 10:00-10:30):**

April 12— David and Cathy Akers

April 19—Teal Bennett

**April 26**—Sara King and Eric LaPrad

**Nursery Bible Time:**

April 12— Deborah Mattern

April 19—Tammy Caldwell

April 26—Missy Reed

**Greeters Narthex (10:00-10:30):**

April 12—Sandy McCullar

April 19—Pat Povtak

**April 26**—Martha Minter

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:** - Pray when tempted. Matthew 26:41

**PCC Food Needs** - Beef Stew

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*Hearing devices are located in the Narthex to assist in listening to today's service*

Pastor: Rev. Jeff Schrage  
 Director of Music: Rev. Keith Olivier  
 Director of Christian Education: Mr. Pete G. Guillard  
 Organist: Mr. William Turner  
 Handbell Director: Dr. Erma Rose

