

Easter Service



April 5, 2026
11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
Greenwood, SC

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Rev. Brad Christie

Leader: Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here. He is risen!
People: He is risen, indeed!
Leader: Christ is risen!
People: HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

*[Please sign and pass the Member/Guest Registry.
If you are a guest, your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address will be most helpful.]*

PRELUDE

“A Prayer for Living”

Ed Childs

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Cliff Cain

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: He has given us life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.
Leader: God has claimed us as his own.
People: He has brought us out of darkness
and into His glorious light.
Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen. (spoken with emphasis)
People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! (spoken with emphasis)

—based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

*HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN
Arr. James Biery

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Cain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION [*Psalm 51*]

Merciful God,
you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and seek your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.
Forgive us, O God, in your steadfast love.
In your great compassion,
cleans us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your own willing Spirit.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends in Christ, we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE (On Screens)

“O to See the Dawn”

POWER OF THE CROSS
Getty/Townend, arr. Dan Galbraith

CALL FOR OFFERING

Elise Collins

OFFERTORY

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

Aaron David Miller

*DOXOLOGY (On Screens)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

As we have received, so now we give.
As Jesus has shown us, so now we do unto others
as God has so graciously done for us.
Thanks be to God!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Children may choose to exit at this time:
K3-K5 -- Room 120; 1st-5th grades -- Children's Chapel*

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Matthew 28:1-10

Rev. Christie

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

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[If you would like to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus, please make your way to the choir loft during the hymn. The choir members will have copies available if you need one.]

***HYMN #238**

“Thine is the Glory”

JUDAS MACCABEUS
Arr. Nathan Skinner

***BENEDICTION** *(please remain for the Choral Benediction)*

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“Hallelujah”

G. F. Handel

***POSTLUDE**

Worship Participants

The Rev. Dr. Brad Christie, Interim Senior Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Cliff Cain, Theologian In Residence

Elise Collins, Director of Christian Education

Steve Skinner, Director of Music

Tim Walters, Organist

Chancel Choir

Cody Beard, trumpet

Robbie Collins, trumpet

Jordan Chase, horn

Joey McClain, trombone

Silas Schiera, tuba

Matt Bratton, percussion

Sunday, April 5

9:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service (Outside)
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Light Breakfast (AH)
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service (Sanc)

Monday, April 6

Church offices closed
11:00 a.m. - Circle #4 (Montagues)
5:00 p.m. - PGS (Sanc)
6:00 p.m. - Girl Scouts (Loft)
6:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Cub Scouts (AH)
7:00 p.m. - Circle #6 (BR)

Tuesday, April 7

10:00 a.m. - Staff
10:30 a.m. - Circle #1 (WC)
10:30 a.m. - Circle #7 (Cathy Mays)
11:30 a.m. - Circle #8 (Betty Williams)
4:00 p.m. - Family Bible Study (BR)
5:30 p.m. - Nominating Comm. (BR)

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study (Conf Rm)
10:30 a.m. - BEMA Bible Study (HR)
4:30 p.m. - Stephen Ministry (BR)
5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner (AH)
6:00 p.m. - SHinE (Root Cellar)
6:00 p.m. - WEY (Loft)
6:00 p.m. - Adults (FISH/Conf Rm)
6:15 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study (HR)
7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 9

10:00 a.m. - Home Communion/Visitation (BR)
6:30 p.m. - Girl Scouts (HR)
6:30 p.m. - Boys Scouts (AH)

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

9:30 a.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)
5:00 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist (HR/Lib)

THE EASTER LILIES in the sanctuary this week are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and honor of family and loved ones.

Our Christian prayers and sympathies are extended to Don Elder and his family on the passing of his wife, Chris Elder, on March 29, 2026. We share with them the joy of the promise of resurrection and eternal life.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

April 8th Menu: Fish Fry

5:30 dinner; 6:00 programming for all ages
(nursery available)

(\$5/children, \$10/youth & adults)

Please RSVP by Monday at noon.

Check your Spire for details.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is accepting Officer Nominations from the congregation. Please complete the Nominating Form that can be found in the front lobby.

Please place it in the offering plate or return your nomination to the front office.

Deadline to submit a nomination is Sunday, April 5th.

This morning, we will be accepting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The envelopes for this special offering can be found in the pew racks.

CHILDREN's Opportunities

Jesus loves the little children and so do we!
So, whether they are bumping, shuffling, whispering, or giggling,
they are welcome in worship!
And we also adore service dog rattles and sighs.

What's available Sundays@10?

Children (K3 (if completely potty-trained)-5th): Basement Root Cellar art room
Nursery for K3 and under
Youth (6th – 12th): 3rd floor Loft
Adults - FISH: room 205 across from kitchen
Sojourners: room 110 across from library

Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship

- 5:30 – dinner for all ages
6:00 – programming for all ages
- SHinE for children K3-5th grade in the Root Cellar
 - WEY for youth 6th – 12th in the Loft
 - Nursery available for K3 and under of participants
 - Women's Bible Study in 206
 - Men's Bible Study in 205
 - Pastor's Bible Study in 110
- 7:00 – pick up children on playground

Coming soon:

Marriage/Relationship Bible Study
Sundays@10 April 12 – May 3
Sign up on Realm
Staying In Love by Andy Stanley

Middle School information session for rising 6th graders and parents

Wednesday, April 29
6:00 P. M.

Camp Fellowship Summer Camp dates are published.
Check out this QR code for information:



Happy Easter!

**A huge shout out to Tamara and Darryl McLeod
for hosting our Easter Egg Hunt yesterday!**

Youth

Wednesday, April 8th – **WEY** from 5:30 – 7:00

Sunday, April 12th – **Youth Sunday** during 11:00 Worship. Arrive by 10:00 for practice in the Sanctuary.

First Presbyterian Church Easter Lilies

The Easter Lilies are given to the glory of God and

In Loving Memory of..

Given by...

Erwin Abell.....	Becky Bryson
Stuart Abell.....	Becky Bryson
Bill Barnette, III.....	Brian, Sarah, Beau, Will, and Mary Pinson
Adrienne & Louis Beaudrot.....	Missy & Larry Richardson, Drenna & Steve Fabrizio and Family, Andrea & Jon Scott and Family, and Brantley & Langley Richardson
Bill Collins.....	Betsy Collins
Catherine Hope Collins.....	Betsy Collins
Tee and Earl Cowan.....	David and Donna Cowan
Carroll Culbertson.....	Dale, Preston, Tinsley, and Susie Culbertson
Fred & June Dorminy and T.J. Bond Jr.....	Jeff and Suzanne Bond
Helen and Lewis Harrison.....	Their Family
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harrison.....	Lisa and Robbie Sanders
Gary and Brantley Heeseman.....	Betsy Collins
Gary Heeseman Jr.....	Betsy Collins
Gabe Hill.....	Randy Caudle
Thomas and Dorothy Hill.....	Kathy Snyder, Angela Nixon, and Kristy Millard
Mary Rivers Hiller.....	Hunter McClintock
Barbara M. Johnson.....	Sheree and Allie Hill
Carl and Dorothy Lockhart.....	Betsy Collins
C.W. (Buster) Mulkey.....	Lisa and Robbie Sanders
Jane and Pat Patterson.....	Marsha Whittington and Vicki Patterson
Annie Hurdle & Lester Reynolds and Alice & Elmer Reynolds, mother, daddy, aunt, and uncle.....	Becky Bryson
Brantley & Evelyn Richardson.....	Missy & Larry Richardson, Drenna & Steve Fabrizio and Family, Andrea & Jon Scott and Family, and Brantley & Langley Richardson
Farris Richardson.....	Missy & Larry Richardson, Drenna & Steve Fabrizio and Family, Andrea & Jon Scott and Family, and Brantley & Langley Richardson
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sanders.....	Lisa and Robbie Sanders
James W. Schlagel.....	Ellen Schlagel
Joe Snyder.....	Kathy Snyder, Angela Nixon, and Kristy Millard
Joe and Catherine Snyder.....	Kathy Snyder, Angela Nixon, and Kristy Millard
Jenny Gilliam Wells.....	Randy Caudle
Raiford "Buddy" Wells.....	Randy Caudle

In Honor of..

Given by...

Joseph Beaudrot.....	Dale, Preston, Tinsley and Susie Culberston
Donna Susie Culbertson.....	Dale, Preston, Tinsley and Susie Culberston
Mark, Kris, Leslie, Dan, and Kel.....	Becky Bryson
Roseann Hill.....	Randy Caudle
Mrs. Tamara McLeod.....	William Souter III
Sue Mulkey.....	Lisa and Robbie Sanders
My children and grandchildren: Sterling, Melissa, Lily, Rebecca, Jack, Lyla, and Madelyn.....	Becky Bryson
Our children: Rufus, Livy, and Rush.....	Wells and Amanda Dunlap
Our Grandchildren: Blake, Kate, Bruce, Jr., and Kellar.....	Bill and Bonnie Harper
Gene and Carol Pinson.....	Brian, Sarah, Beau, Will, and Mary Pinson
Bill and Ray Steifle.....	Brian, Sarah, Beau, Will, and Mary Pinson

If you have honored a loved one with an Easter Lily, please feel free to take one home after the 11:00 service today.