



Easter Sunday

Preparation for **Worship**

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of baptism you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering and Preparing for **God's Word**

Welcome and Announcements

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

Prelude Easter Introit Ferguson

\* Call to Worship

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

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

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

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

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* Hymn #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

\* Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

**We overlook the poor and the hungry,  
and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed,  
and indifferent to calls for justice and peace;  
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.**

**Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives  
and make us new, that we may know the joy of life  
abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\* Gloria Patri (Hymnal, No. 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

Children in K5 - first grade are invited to leave for Children's Church.

Hearing **God's Word**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson, *Isaiah 25:6-9*

p. 568

Gospel Lesson, *Luke 24:1-12*

p. 860

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Idle Tales and Easter Stories"

\* Hymn #246

"Christ is Alive"

TRURO

Responding to **God's Word**

\* Affirmation of Faith, *The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

Offering

Anthem "Easter Hymn" from *Cavaleria Rusticana* Masagni

\* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God,  
all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly  
host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Hymn #248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* Handel

\* Postlude Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 Widor

\*All who are able may stand

Leading Worship **this Morning**

Ben Dorr, *preaching*

Leigh Stuckey, Lauren Slingerland, Julia Watkins, Amos Workman, *liturgists*

Nancy Smith, *organist/pianist*

The Sanctuary Choir

Craig King, Jayson Ray, *trumpets*

Mark Britt, *trombone*

Connor Lynn, *tuba*

Andrew Knauer, *timpani*

Jacob Barker (9a), Bryant Puntch (11:15a), *head ushers*

Kevin Lancaster, Lisa Mangione, Rob Morgan,

Carl Muller, Susan Grier (9a), *greeters*

Jara Jones, Hastings Blumer, Jeff Beck,

Emily Busby, Caroline Clark (11:15a), *greeters*

Bobby Hartman, Lillian Threatt (9a),

Madeline Hardaway, Mary Evans Howayeck (11:15a), acolytes

NEW BEGINNINGS: THE FLOWERING CROSS

Beginning on Good Friday after 3pm, you are invited to bring flowers or greenery from your home to "flower" two crosses on our campus – one near the bell tower alongside Augusta St. or one in our Green Lot at W. Augusta Pl. If you are attending Easter services, you are also invited to bring flowers or greenery to put on the crosses on Easter Sunday.

Especially during this moment, we believe the Flowering Cross can act as a reminder of the power of our faith and our collective witness. The cross at full bloom proclaims Christianity's most profound truth: that God creates hope where there was none, life from death, an empty tomb from a Roman Cross. In flowering the cross we are reminded that there is no Easter celebration without first confronting Good Friday, no empty tomb without the shadow of the cross. And, most importantly, we are reminded that death, exile, and darkness never have the final word.

The flowering cross appears in Christian art as early as the 6th. century, and is believed to have come from a legend that Christ's cross burst into bloom after Jesus' death. This year the flowering cross will serve as a proclamation to our greater community – that God works among us, and we are called to do God's work. Together we will proclaim the good news of Easter Sunday: Christ is risen indeed!

We Remember in Prayer

Joe Grace on the death of his mother,

Joyce Page Grace Baird, in Turbeville,

SC - 4/6/2022.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering to be received this Easter supports Presbyterian programs around the world, providing funding for world hunger, disaster relief, and helping people in underdeveloped countries improve their standard of living through a better food supply and health care. Please make checks payable to Westminster Presbyterian Church and mark for One Great Hour of Sharing.

HERITAGE LECTURE SUNDAY  
APRIL 24

9 & 11:15A WORSHIP SERVICES  
10A SUNDAY SCHOOL

Worship and Sunday School  
will be led by Heritage Lecture  
speaker, Leah Schade.

Worship Notes

NURSERY

Childcare is available for infants through four-year kindergarten. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children.

Our Nursery provides a welcoming environment from children ages crib through 4K. Nursery is staffed by 6 paid staff each week. To support the growing needs of our nursery, we encourage members to volunteer in the nursery, alongside the paid staff, to build relationships with children and nurture them. You can sit, stand, play – however you feel most comfortable engaging. Children enjoy a wide variety of personalities, because they are too. If you'd like to know more, email Aly Friend, alyfriend@wpc-online.org or write Nursery on your connection card.

WELCOME TO WPC!

Please fill out a name tag and find more information about WPC at the Welcome Table in the Atrium. First time visitors are also invited to take home a WPC mug.

CONNECT WITH WESTMINSTER

Looking for ways to be involved? Please complete a Connection Card from the Ritual of Friendship pad and place it in the offering plate to express interest or sign up for an opportunity.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE 5/15, 10A FOLLOWED WITH LUNCHEON

To mark 75 years of ministry in and to the Greenville community, please join us for worship on May 15 at 10a followed by a bbq luncheon. We will be joined in worship by former Head of Staff Lud Weaver, and all former pastors of the congregation have been invited to join the luncheon. There is no cost for this event, but RSVPs will be required. Photos of past WPC events are needed. If you would like to send a copy or a digital photo, email to wpcanniversary@wpc-online.org.

CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIR

Are you an employer or connected to potential employers? You can help facilitate a Carolina High School job fair on April 27th. We are in need of employers as well as volunteers willing to help contact participants. Please contact Paul O'Neal at pauloneal@aol.com for more information.

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CONNECTIONS GROUP

The Connections Luncheon Group will meet Sunday, April 24, at 12:45p at Limoncello's (401 River St). Make reservations with Ruth Johnston (ruthjohnst51@gmail.com or 864-201-6117). Newcomers are welcome!

WOMEN OF WESTMINSTER CIRCLES

Tuesday, April 19

- **Circle 7**, at the home of Terri LeGrand (16 N. Brookwood Dr., 29605) at 6:30p. Circle Chair: Talitha Allen (bewt29617@bellsouth.net).

REBUILD UPSTATE

Join other WPC members on Saturday, April 23, at a volunteer home construction site with Rebuild Upstate, a local non-profit that promotes affordable housing through home preservation and repair. All volunteers (ages 12+) welcome, whether you've never swung a hammer or are a construction pro. Contact Julia Watkins or write "Rebuild Upstate" on your Connection Card.

HANDS ON GREENVILLE

DAY OF SERVICE  
APRIL 30, 8A-12P

Mark your calendar for a church-wide day of service with Soteria on Saturday, April 30 from 8a-12p. Hands on Greenville is a community wide service initiative sponsored by the United Way. WPC is a named sponsor of the event, and we're thrilled to partner with Soteria to help them clean up their women's house (recently purchased with the help of Westminster), men's house, and main site. We hope you (and your family!) will join us. Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up for HOG day (and childcare) at wpc-online.org or write "HOG Day" on your Connection Card. Following our time with Soteria you are invited to Fluor Field for lunch, beverages, and a celebration of the community.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17 - 24, 2022

Sunday, April 17

Easter Sunday

9:00a Worship Service  
10:00 Donut Fellowship  
10:55 Session Meeting  
11:15 Worship Service

Monday, April 18

Weekday School Closed

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 19

12:00p Al-Anon Group Meeting  
6:30 Circle 7 Meeting

Wednesday, April 20

9:30a Weekday Chapel  
9:45 Weekday Chapel  
10:00 Weekday Chapel  
2:15p WPC Kids Afterschool  
2:45 It's Elementary  
4:30 Junior & Senior Choristers  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 24

Second Sunday of Easter

9:00a Worship Service  
Education Committee Meeting  
10:00 Sunday School  
Heritage Lecture Speaker  
11:15 Worship Service  
12:30p Stated Session Meeting  
12:45 Connections Group  
5:00 Combined Youth Choir  
6:00 Youth Dinner



**Vacation Bible School 2022**  
**August 1-5**  
**for rising Kindergarteners through rising 5th graders.**

Registration is open NOW!

Mark your calendars and join us for Westminster Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School 2022 - To Mars and Beyond! Children will spend the week discovering the wonders of God's universe and exploring where God's power can take them. Registration opened Sunday, March 27, and runs through Sunday, May 1. Register online at the link on our website. If you have questions or would like to know more, please write VBS on your connection card. VBS needs volunteers! Please join us for a fun and fulfilling week with many volunteer opportunities! If you are interested in helping with VBS, contact Rachael Benson or Caroline Blouin at vbs@wpc-online.org.

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From the Pews, Russ Williams

The Lenten Season and Easter in particular, in addition to being the most important time for our Christian faith, are a time of reflection. Memories of past Easters with my family flood back into my mind and heart. It seems not so long ago that our now adult children were toddlers who greatly enjoyed Easter related festivities as we attended Easter egg hunts, decorated our home and engaged in gluttonous candy consumption. The excitement of attending WPC Easter worship services with our small children and extended family members, dressed in Easter best, is a most palpable and fond memory. Farther back in the memory are my recollections of the first annual Easter Sunrise Service held at my home church, Farmington Presbyterian in Germantown, Tennessee. As members of our Senior High Youth at Farmington in 1978, we were charged with coordinating and leading the sunrise service at our small, young church. We enjoyed great fellowship in the planning and preparation for the service and in building a rustic wooden cross and worship area in a small grove of trees adjacent to our new church building. The worship service is still a vivid memory with perhaps 50 congregants together in prayer and song as the sun came up and we experienced the glory of God's creation and reflected on the wonderful message of the Resurrected Jesus.

Josie and I, along with the committed help of our WPC pastoral staff, Sunday School teachers and fellow church members, did our best to teach the foundational importance of Jesus' Resurrection to our children. Not an easy task but one that we, as parents and church members, commit to when we baptize our children at WPC. We are so thankful to have a church home that is firmly committed to that pledge.

Our scripture for today, Luke 24:1-12, relates the story of the discovery of the empty tomb. This selection is certainly among the most important scriptural texts in that it validates that Jesus is not to be found in the tomb. Rather, consistent with his earlier words that promised that Jesus would be crucified and then rise again from the dead, Jesus not only survived the ordeal of the cross, he was resurrected so that we, his followers, would have life.

The powerful message of the Resurrection is the central theme of Easter. A college friend, the Reverend Alex Evans, Senior Pastor at 2nd Presbyterian, Richmond said it well in a sermon preached on Easter morning, 2019,

“Resurrection changes everything-our losses are not forever; our tears are temporary; our disappointments do not dominate us; our darkest moments are never too much for God's light! Racism, militarism, meanness, hatred, oppression- all of that is the way of Caesar. Sickness, depression, lupus, cancer, heart attacks, gun violence- that is the stuff of the world. Yet, God raised Jesus from the dead! That is the truth that holds, that molds, that shapes our lives.”

Thanks be to God as we proclaim that Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

## EASTER LILIES CONTINUED

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *her mother, Margaret C. Williams*

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *her father, Braxton H. Williams*

Jim & Susan Robbins  
in memory of *Bill & Nancy Patterson*

David & Dorothy Rutledge  
in memory of *Leslie M. Rutledge, Jr.*

Carolyn Sems  
in memory of *Dave Sems*

Gene & Lynn Shore  
in memory of *Jo Sivewright*

Gene & Lynn Shore  
in honor of *Julia Bellew*

Gene & Lynn Shore  
in honor of *Amos Workman*

Jean Stevens  
in memory of *Douglas J. Stevens*

Jean Stevens  
in memory of *Robert A. Stevens*

Bill & Alice Thalheimer  
in memory of *William & Irma Thalheimer*

Bill & Alice Thalheimer  
in memory of *Paul & Virginia Neal*

Bob Vannoy  
in memory of *Marolyn Kellner*

Keith & Fran Walker  
in honor of *their children and grandchildren*

## 2022 Endowment Fund Memorials/Honorariums

Dick & Jo Allen  
in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Richard L. Allen*

Dick & Jo Allen  
in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Edward E. Leach*

Dick & Jo Allen  
in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. James H. Bruce*

Dick & Jo Allen  
in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Saylor*

Susan Boyd  
in memory of *Howard Boyd*

Jack & Roxanne Cromartie  
in honor of *The Westminster Sanctuary Choir*

John Elingburg  
in memory of *Joyce Kemp*

The Houston Family  
in memory of *Eddie Houston*

Jara, Hunt, and Meredith Jones  
in honor of *Marcella Bolinger*

Kay Kelly  
in memory of *her parents, Pat & Don Taylor*

Dan & Susan McLeod  
in honor of *Nancy Smith*

Anne Nuttall  
in memory of *Carl Nuttall*

Margaret Paylor  
in memory of *John Hill Paylor, Jr.,*  
and in honor of *her children, grandchildren,*  
and *great-grandchildren*

The Rentz Family  
in honor of *The Westminster Weekday School Staff*

The Runnion Family  
in memory of *Jack Runnion*

Dick & Becky Toohey  
in honor of *Fred Carpenter*

Mary Ellen Yeargin  
in memory of *Bob Yeargin*

## 2022 Easter Lily Memorials/Honorariums

*The lilies have been given by the following:*

Kathryn Algary  
in memory of *Elisabeth Toussaint*

Tony & Jean Atkins  
in memory of *Bill Atkins*

Tony & Jean Atkins  
in memory of *Howard & Ouida Nickles*

Tony & Jean Atkins  
in honor of *Clay, Collin, and Cameron*

Maria Colvin  
in memory of *her mother, Carmen Colvin*

Maria Colvin  
in memory of *her brother, Leroy Colvin*

Maria Colvin  
in memory of *her sister, Norma Creswick*

Michael & Coleman Dixon  
in honor of *Natalie Dixon*

Michael & Coleman Dixon  
in honor of *Caroline Dixon*

Kim, Trey, Ellie, Cara, Jack, and Ben DuBose  
in memory of *Bo Caraway*

Kim, Trey, Ellie, Cara, Jack, and Ben DuBose  
in memory of *BH Caraway*

The Edwards Family  
in memory of *Dave Edwards*

Ben & Alissa Edwards  
in memory of *Dave Edwards*

Ben & Alissa Edwards  
in honor of *Joan Edwards*

Will & Beth Edwards  
in honor of *Joan Holladay*

John Elingburg  
in memory of *Joyce Kemp*

Diane Ellison  
in memory of *Roy J. Ellison, Jr.*

The Foster Family  
in honor of *LeAnne White*

**EASTER LILIES CONTINUED**

The Foster Family  
in honor of *Mary Kathleen Duncan*

The Gault Family  
in memory of *Bob Yeargin*

Paul & Susan Grier  
in honor of *Hayward and Elizabeth Grier*

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier  
in memory of *Dr. & Mrs. John Miller Grier*

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier  
in honor of *Elizabeth Guritz*

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier  
in memory of *David Guritz*

Paul, Susan, Hayward, and Elizabeth Grier  
in honor of *Westminster's Staff*

Pat & Cathy Grills  
in memory of *George & Helen Grills*

Pat & Cathy Grills  
in memory of *Robert & Marian Whitehill*

Debbie & Leland Henson  
in honor of *Jenna, Josh, Avery, Caroline, and Anna Howard*

Debbie & Leland Henson  
in honor of *Holly, Brian, Mary Peyton, and Emory Hodge*

Debbie & Leland Henson  
in honor of *Laura Anne, Lee, and Will Turman*

Henry, Garrison, and John Hill  
in honor of *Kathryn Algary*

Sue & Sam Inman  
in honor of *Sam IV, Jamie, Nate, and Rachel Inman & Munish Dabas*

Sue & Sam Inman  
in honor of *John, Amy, Andrew, and Katherine Inman*

Jara, Hunt, and Meredith Jones  
in memory of *Dr. John Bolinger*

Becky Kaplan  
in memory of *Thomas John Kaplan*

Tamara Beth Kastler  
in memory of *her parents, Alberta & Lonnie Hunsucker*

**2022 Heritage Lecture Fund  
Memorials/Honorariums**

Tom & Nancy Billings  
in memory of *their parents*

Diane Hughs  
in memory of *Dan Hughs*

Sue & Sam Inman  
in memory of *Jo Sivewright*

Sue & Sam Inman  
in memory of *Sue's brother, John Lile*

Lydia Kellett  
in memory of *Bill*

Edna Ruth Miller  
in memory of *Vernon Miller*

John & Toni Paylor  
in memory of *Jack Paylor*

John & Toni Paylor  
in memory of *James Clark*

The Rentz Family  
in honor of *The It's Elementary Staff*

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *her grandparents, Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Cooper and Mr. & Mrs. J. Andrew Williams*

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *her sister-in-law, Della H. Williams*

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *her uncle and aunt, Col. & Mrs. (Dolly) Charles G. Cooper*

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *WPC Friends: Louise Johnstone, Carolyn Lewis, Ellen McCluggage, Susie McClenaghan, Mary Stockton, and Martha Moorhead*

Jim & Susan Robbins  
in memory of *Jo Sivewright*

David & Dorothy Rutledge  
in memory of *Edward L. Correll, Jr.*

David & Dorothy Rutledge  
in honor of *Donna S. Davenport*

Joel & Gaye Sprague  
in memory of *Ben Sprague*

Musette Stern, Leigh Greer, and Frank Williams  
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in memory of *Frank Williams*

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Lydia Kellett  
in memory of *Bill*

Kay Kelly  
in memory of *her parents, Pat & Don Taylor*

Christa, Creighton, Carter, and Creighton Likes  
in memory of *Creighton Edward Likes, Jr.*

Christa, Creighton, Carter, and Creighton Likes  
in memory of *James Phillip Cox (Phil)*

Jon & Park McKnight  
in memory of *Mr. & Mrs. Larry McKnight*

Jon & Park McKnight  
in honor of *Meg and David McKnight*

Dan & Susan McLeod  
in memory of *Jay Reynolds*

Dan & Susan McLeod  
in memory of *Joan Cannon*

Lillian & Robert Miller  
in memory of *their grandmother, Martha Miller*

Tim Miller  
in memory of *Jack, Ellen, and Jennifer Miller*

Mark, Mandy, Luke Pruitt, and Ellison Mallico  
in memory of *Bobby Pruitt* and in honor of *Joyce Pruitt*

Mark, Mandy, Luke Pruitt, and Ellison Mallico  
in honor of *The Donohue/Alford Family*

Mark, Mandy, Luke Pruitt, and Ellison Mallico  
in honor of *Allen & Madeline Freeman*

Justin & Heather Raney  
in memory of *Tim & Renie Raney*

The Rentz Family  
in memory of *Pete Holman*

The Rentz Family  
in memory of *Mildred Rentz*

Jeff, Kathleen, Budd, Ellen, Mary-Frances, and Virginia Reynolds  
in memory of *Jay Reynolds*

Jeff, Kathleen, Budd, Ellen, Mary-Frances, and Virginia Reynolds  
in memory of *Sam Christy*

Margaret Rich  
in memory of *her husband, James D. Semans*



