

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter
March 31, 2024
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

*Time for quiet prayer and meditation . . .
"Be still and know that I am God."*

We Come Before God in Worship

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Meditation on "Thaxted" arr. Tucker
Adult Handbells

* Call to Worship

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 new life and hope.
Psalms 84:1-2

* Hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" No. 232

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Almighty God,
you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that 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,
who rules the world,
and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri 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.**

Prayer for Children
(Ages K3-K5 Grade may leave for Children's Church)

**Little ones to Him belong:
Lord Jesus, bless our children. Amen.**

God Gives to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson Psalm 118:14-24

L: The Lord is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.
**P: Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:**
L: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly,
the right hand of the Lord exalts,
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"
**P: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**
L: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.
**P: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.**
L: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
**P: The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.**
L: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
**P: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Anthem (11:00 a.m.) "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon "Easter Fears" Dr. Seel

We Respond to God's Word

* Hymn "The Day of Resurrection!" No. 233

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

**In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus,
our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to Holy Spirit. Amen.**
(from "A Brief Statement of Faith," PCUSA)

Choral Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "Alleluia" arr. Fishel
Adult Choir

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" arr. Dengler

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication No. 606

* Hymn "Thine Is the Glory" No. 238

* Charge and Benediction

L: God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
**P: You have brought us back again into your love
by the triumphant death and resurrection of
Christ:**

L: Continue to heal us
as we go to live and work,
**P: In the power of your Spirit,
and to your praise and glory.**
L: And now may the God of peace,
who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep,
make us ready to do his will in every good thing,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
P: Alleluia! Amen.

* Benediction Response "Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole"

*In your love, make us whole. May we rest in your compassion.
Calm the lost, weary soul in the warmth of your love.
May your peace fill our hearts. May we know the love of Jesus
By your grace, you console. Make us holy, make us whole.*

* Postlude "Jubilation" Handel

* Congregation Stands

**Please write your
request, tear off this
form, fold, and place in
the offering plate.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Tuesday Morning Prayer
Group meets each week at
10:00 a.m. to pray for the
EPC family and any other
special needs.

Name and date: (optional)

(These are kept confidential!)

**WELCOME TO
VISITORS**

If you are visiting today,
we would like you to know
that it is a privilege to have
you with us. It is our hope
that you will find a warm
welcome and an atmosphere
to worship God.

We would love a record of
your visit. Please fill out the
following and place in the
offering plate when passed.

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

1st Time Visit

Easley Presbyterian Church



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Dennis Latham	Kelvin Kears	Chris Robinson
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Diaconate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Melanie Branham	Michael Baker	Garrett Charles
John Dockery	Lori Brock	Marian Dawkins
Eric Goodwin	Eric Dillon	Lucas Durham
Mary Ann Merritt	Candice Ledbetter	Russell Patterson
David Owen	Annie Rossley	Elizabeth Weaver
Stephen Roach	Brad Wilson	Melissa Wilbanks

Trustees

David Whittemore	Jack Brock	Dexter Rogers
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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The sign up list to place flowers in the Sanctuary during the year is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

Open Dates:

May 5
June 2, 9
July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4, 11, 18
September 1, 8, 29
October 13, 20, 27

NEW INFORMATION?

If you or your family have moved, dropped your land phone line and just use your cell number, or have changed your e-mail address (at home or work), please let the Church Office know.

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock, Katie Guthrie, & Sophie Wilson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m. **11:00 a.m.**

Samantha & Grant Hollis Ginna & Chad Lister

SAFE PLACE MONITOR

Russell Patterson

MARCH USHERS

9:00 a.m. **11:00 a.m.**

Mary Ann Merritt, Head Garrett Charles, Asst.	Elizabeth Weaver, Head Annie Rossley, Asst.
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SOUND & LIGHT

Carolyn Brice

VIDEO

John Franks

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