

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Day
April 20, 2025
9:00 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 "Now the Green Blade Riseth" arr. McChesney
Handbells and Brass Ensemble

* 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.

* 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 K3-1st Grade may leave for Children's Church)

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

God Givesto Us Through HisWord

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.) "Rise Up Singing" arr. Ray
Adult Choir with Brass Ensemble

Scripture Lesson John 20:1-18

Sermon Dr. Seel
"Full of Sound and Fury, Signifying . . . Everything"

Text: *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you
are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ
have perished . . . But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.*
I Corinthians 15:17-20

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,
vindictating 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)

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

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (11:00 a.m.) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"
Brass Ensemble arr. Rippe

* 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 (11:00 a.m.) "Thine Be the Glory" arr. Milford
Brass Ensemble

* 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

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NARTHEX FLOWERS

The Narthex flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Lindsey Grace Ledbetter and Griffin Miller on Saturday, April 19.

GUEST MUSICIANS

We welcome the following in worship today:

Heidi Bearden
Mark Shealy
Caleb Holliday
Michael Davis

Fill out the form below, tear off and put in the offering plate.

Wonderful Wednesday Meal Reservation

April 2, 5:30 pm

Menu: Taco Bar

Prepared by: Deke Van Wagner

Family Name

\$5 for ages 5 years & up
\$25 Family Cap

Ages 5 & up: # of meals _____
Vegetarian: # of meals _____

You may also sign up on our website: easleypresbyterian.org

Deadline is Noon, Monday each week.

NURSERY STAFF

Valerie Brock & Ella Grace Respass

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

GINNA LISTER

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Cliff Lutz and Eric Dillon

APRIL USHERS

9:00 a.m.

Eric Dillon, Head
Larry Keese, Asst.

11:00 a.m.

Annie Rossley, Head
Larry Keese, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Marty Kwasniewski

VIDEO

Phil Lyles

MEMBER NEWS

We express Christian love and sympathy to Ginna Lister and family in the death of her stepfather, William Douglas Gray, who died on April 14, 2025.

CHURCH STAFF

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Session

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Dan Nunnery
Monty Oxendine | Class of 2026
Nick Caldwell
Tammy Darity
Phil Lyles
Chris Robinson
David Weaver
Jennifer Willis | Class of 2027
Julie Bishop
Phil Darity
Eric Goodwin
Kathy Lyles
Al Robinson
Scott Wilbanks |
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Diaconate

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| Class of 2025
Michael Baker
Lori Brock
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Brad Wilson | Class of 2026
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Marian Dawkins
Lucas Durham
Russell Patterson
Elizabeth Weaver
Melissa Wilbanks | Class of 2027
Mary Crittendon
Anna Goodwin
Joanna Griese
Grant Hollis
Larry Keese
Erica Van Wagner |
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Trustees

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| Dottie Grantham | Dexter Rogers | David Whittemore |
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