

SERVICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
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 "Rejoice the Lord is King" arr. Compton
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.

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

* Prayer of Confession

**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.) "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" arr. Forrest
Adult Choir

Scripture Lesson John 20:1-18

Sermon The Gospel of John Dr. Seel
"Why Are You Weeping?"

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)

Call to Prayer (11:00 a.m.) "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"
Adult Choir Fishel

Prayers of the People and 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" arr. Dengler
Trio: Harper Krimm, Madison Church, and Robert Norris

* Doxology No. 606

* Prayer of Dedication

* 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 "Truro" arr. McDonald

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* Congregation Stands

**WELCOME TO
WORSHIP!**

Please take a moment to sign and pass the Friendship Register in the pews. If you are visiting and wish to learn more about EPC, leave your contact information. If you are interested in becoming a member, check 'wish to join' and a pastor will be in touch with you.

**Visiting EPC?
The Connections Class
is for you!**

An opportunity for those visiting or new who want to meet the pastor, staff, and others or to learn more about EPC.

The class meets from 10:00 – 10:40 am in the church library every second Sunday.

**The Connections Class
will meet again on
April 12.**

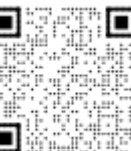
PRAYER REQUEST

If you have a prayer need, please fill out the following and place it in the offering plate.

Your Name

Prayer Need: _____

or you may scan this QR Code:



The EPC Staff and Prayer Team will pray for your request this week. Requests are kept confidential.

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Trustees

Dexter Rogers	David Whittemore	Dottie Grantham
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NURSERY STAFF

Ella Grace Respass & Avery Beaty

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ginna Lister	Ally & Joel Morrow

SAFE PLACE MONITORS

Mike McAlister and Al Robinson

APRIL USHERS

9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Matt Hunter, Head Larry Keese, Asst.	Marian Dawkins, Head Larry Keese, Asst.

SOUND & LIGHT

Marty Kwasniewski

VIDEO

Phil Lyles

MEMBER NEWS

The red rose in the Sanctuary is in honor of the birth of Caroline Gallant Kornegay, born on February 27, 2026. She is the daughter of Meg and George Kornegay and granddaughter of Mary and Hal Sullivan.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar to place flowers in the Sanctuary during 2026 is on the wall outside of the Church Office. This is a great way to honor or remember someone on a special date.

Staying Connected

Church information can be found on our website and in our weekly Connect emails. Please contact the church office if you are not receiving these very important emails.

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