

Greenwich Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday

9:00am & 11:00am

April 20, 2025



To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come - this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"Alleluia"

Dvorak
Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

(From Revelation 1)

Leader: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come.

People: *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

Leader: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father.

People: *To him be glory and power, forever and ever!*

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: *The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Hymn

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"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Easter Prayer of Adoration

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

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

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

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ and Congregational Life

Offertory

“And Can it Be?”

Chancel Choir

Forrest

The Resurrection Story

John 20:1-31

Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

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Crucifer

*(Refrain) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

*Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)*

*All newborn servants of the Crucified
Bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died. (refrain)*

*O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. (refrain)*

*So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (refrain)*

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.*

Easter Reflection - “A Promise Kept”

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Diademata

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Benediction

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the power of his
resurrection. Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choral Response

“Hallelujah”

Handel

Postlude

“The Rejoicing”

Handel

Welcome to Greenwich

We pray that you will be encouraged and strengthened in the faith as we worship the Lord together today. As you get to know us, we hope you'll find Greenwich to be a Christ-centered place of worship, growth, family, and mission. As a member of *The Fellowship of Presbyterians*, we are committed to the historic Biblical understanding of Christian faith as we "build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ."

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Pastor Don Meeks Associate Pastor Eric Beckman

Get Connected

If you are interested in getting involved in our ministries or would like to learn more about membership in the Greenwich church family, please contact the office or explore our membership page with information, videos, & next steps.

www.greenwichpres.org/membership



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We welcome our guest musicians this morning:

*Heather Austin-Stone (violin), Teresa Gordon (violin II),
Jen Ransdell (viola), Anna Henke (cello), Michael Rohrer (bass),
Zoe Bockman (flute), Debbie Gilbert (flute)
Lindsay Williams (clarinet), Mila Weiss (oboe),
TJ Agee (trumpet), Richard Kessler (trumpet),
Joe Duffus (percussion), Colson Meeks (percussion),
Melissa Dvorak (harp),
Mary Beran (piano), Margaret Mayhugh (piano).*

2025 Easter Memorials

Given in Memory of:

Helen Basham

By Steve & Laura Torpy

JoAnne C. Celmer

By Al Celmer & Family

Uncle Chick & Evan

By the Bateman Family

Robert Colucci

By Judy Colucci

Betsy Ann Douglas

By Tim & Robin Porch

Leon M. Eggers

By Pat Eggers

Billy & Mary Frances Fleming

By Hope Marsh & John Floyd

Linda Heatwole Griffin

By Christopher, Allison & Jackson Griffin

Abbie Grimes

By Gerald Grimes

Phillip Hilton,

By Melissa Spittle

Bud Kirkland (veteran)

By Carolyn Kirkland

Alice Lynn

By Mike & Suzanne Lynn

Derek Lynn

By Mike & Suzanne Lynn

Frank Lynn

By Mike & Suzanne Lynn

Pamela S. Lynn

By Jim Lynn

Eric Marsh

By Hope Marsh

Cece Marshall

By the Family of Cece Marshall

Ken Quandahl

By Mitsuko Quandahl

Our Son, Scott

By Clyde & Hazel Lee Kizer

Mike Simms (loving husband, father, friend to all)

By Linda Simms

Allen Smith

By Gloria Smith

Ada Stanley

By Mike & Suzanne Lynn

Greg Stanley

By Mike & Suzanne Lynn

Greg Stanley

By Kathy Stanley

Palmer Stanley

By Mike & Suzanne Lynn

Peggy Swecker

By Bob & Judy Slaughter

Richard W. Taylor

By Carole M. Taylor

Their Parents

By Donald & Jenne Wolf

Barbara A. Thomas

By John & Becky Long

Kenneth F. Thomas

By Nancy Thomas

Lana Maree Thomas

By Richard & Alana Wallace

Robert N. Thomas

By John & Becky Long

Carole Torpy

By Steve & Laura Torpy

Jason Yates

By Joy Yates

Given In Honor of:

David Foulke,

By Cindy Foulke

Our Daughters,

Nancy & Carrie

By Clyde & Hazel Lee Kizer

Our Grandchildren,

Amy, Kelly, Corey & Families

By Clyde & Hazel Lee Kizer

Please be in prayer this week for our church family & friends

Patti Bowman, Dave & Elsie Davis, Pat Egan, Jackson Griffin, Emily Hernandez, Paul Labazzetta, Ava Lindsey, Jane Lion, Jaan Loger, Marie, Jeff Mazingo, Ronnie Skewes, the family of Jean Smith, Peter Thennes, Rollin van Broekhoven, Harold Webster, Darryl White, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

For Continuing Care

Dixie Baker, Donna Bloom, Diane Carroll, Greg Cook, Sterling & Lorraine Cooper, Judy Dickerson, Audrey Ann Edwards, Tim Everett, Kay Hinegardner, Michael Jackson, Jane Lion, Lew Mohr, Kim Palfrey, Jim Pittman, Lon Quinones, Marilyn Ricketts, Ronnie Skewes, Stephanie Stallard, Phil Swinford, Rollin van Broekhoven, Richard & Alana Wallace, Pat Wengert, Darryl White, Becky Whitelock, Bob Williamson, Judy Young.

Praises

Scott & April (Heckathorn) Franqueza expecting their first child; Jerome & Elizabeth Goehring adopting their son, Asher PuReum.

Serving our Country

Jackson Arnold, Kieran Bateman, Brendan Binniker, Ryan Binniker, Justin Fang, Michelle Fleurat, MD, Ray Franze, Alex Frazier, Gavin Heck, Alesia Hilton, Ashton Hilton, Hayden Hilton, Lee Loudermilk, JR McMillan, Stirling Martin, Tyler Spittle, Luke Sturges, Carter Walchli, Jason West, Jakob Wine, Joshua Wine.

Greenwich Birthdays This Week

April 20 Mark Hermes	April 22 Drew Yates
April 20 Enoch House	April 23 Teresa Keller
April 20 Mark Labazzetta	April 24 Michael Langer
April 21 Karson Hawkins	April 24 Tom O'Neill
April 21 Andy Marshall	April 25 Richard Bowers
April 21 Tom Sandifer	April 26 Elliot Schuyler
April 21 Aaron Schuyler	April 26 Sean Schuyler

Announcements

All-Church Hymn Sing, Sunday, April 27 (6:00pm) – Join us as we gather in the chapel for a hymn sing and to thank Mark & Mary Beran for their many years of service to Greenwich.

Mentally Healthy Faith Women's Study, begins April 29 (9:30-11am)

Join us for "The Importance of Healthy Boundaries." Using videos by Christian psychologist Dr. Henry Cloud, this series covers what boundaries are, why we need them, and what happens when they are too rigid or too shaky. Childcare provided. To sign up, email beanerebecca7@gmail.com.

9:00 Piano Accompanist Needed – With Mary Beran's departure upon us (May 11) we are searching for a new piano accompanist for our 9:00am worship service. This is a paid, part time position. We are looking for someone with excellent piano skills who is available to play Sundays for our early service, and occasionally for our 11:00am service and other special events. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Pastoral Administrator, Phil Porter at campus@greenwichpres.org.

Greenwich Gallery Spring Art Show – For our next show, we will be featuring the artists here at Greenwich. If you have a piece to show, contact Glenn Howell by May 1 at glennatgohowell@gmail.com.



Mission Opportunities

Blessing Bags

Several of our women's groups provide gift bags for those experiencing homelessness and other crises, distributed by local shelters and law enforcement. Each *Blessing Bag* contains hygiene products, gift cards, seasonal clothing, and a gospel of John. We are currently collecting the following items for these bags: *toothbrushes & covers, lip balm, washcloths, men's crew socks, bar soap boxes, and full-size men and women's deodorant*. Donations can be dropped in the collection bins along with our normal food collections in the lobby or outside the church office.

Farthest Corners Earthquake Relief

Please continue to pray for the people of Burma and our missionaries as they respond to the devastating earthquake. The House family is safe and are coordinating immediate assistance for food and shelter. There is an urgent need for mission funding to provide temporary bamboo shelters and repair homes before the rainy season begins in May. To learn more or contribute, visit:

<https://farthestcorners.org/>



The Basement Academy

The Basement Academy is a daily (M-F) video/podcast study led by Pastor Don Meeks. Videos are posted to the church website and on the Greenwich Facebook page each weekday morning. Audio podcasts can be found on Spotify and Apple Podcasts – search Basement Academy.

Resurrection

(from The Valley of Vision: A collection of Puritan prayers and devotions)

O God of my Exodus,
Great was the joy of Israel's sons,
 when Egypt died upon the shore,
Far greater the joy
 when the Redeemer's foe lay crushed in the dust.
Jesus strides forth as the victor,
 conqueror of death, hell, and all opposing might;
He bursts the bands of death,
 tramples the powers of darkness down,
 and lives forever.
He, my gracious surety,
 apprehended for payment of my debt,
 comes forth from the prison house of the grave
 free, and triumphant over sin, Satan, and death.
Show me herein the proof that his vicarious offering is accepted,
 that the claims of justice are satisfied,
 that the devil's scepter is shivered,
 that his wrongful throne is leveled.
Give me the assurance that in Christ I died, in him I rose,
 in his life I live, in his victory I triumph,
 in his ascension I shall be glorified.

Adorable Redeemer,
 thou who wast lifted up upon a cross
 art ascended to highest heaven.
Thou, who as a Man of sorrows was crowned with thorns,
 art now as Lord of life wreathed with glory.
Once, no shame more deep than thine,
 no agony more bitter, no death more cruel.
Now, no exaltation more high,
 no life more glorious, no advocate more effective.
Thou art in the triumph car
 leading captive thine enemies behind thee.
What more could be done than thou hast done!
 thy death is my life,
 thy resurrection my peace,
 thy ascension my hope,
 thy prayers my comfort.