



**NORTH PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

*Making Disciples -  
Making a Difference*

**THE HOUR OF WORSHIP HAS ENDED;  
NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

*Christ*  
the Lord  
*is Risen*  
Today!

**April 20, 2025  
9:30 A.M.  
Easter Sunday  
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## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

O God Almighty,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grant us, we pray,  
to be grounded and settled in your truth  
by the coming down of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.  
That which we know not, reveal;  
that which is wanting in us, fill up;  
that we know, confirm;  
and keep us blameless in your service;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  
Clement of Rome (1<sup>st</sup> Century)

↑Please stand, as you are able. ↓Please be seated.

### PRELUDE

*Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet*

*The Lord be with you!*

**And also with you!**

### ↑HYMN

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

GTG # 232

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST— (Litany for Easter)

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

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

*This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:*

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

*That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.*

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

*He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and then to the other disciples, and to many faithful witnesses.*

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

*And lastly, he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.*

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

*O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*We pray all these things through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.*

*As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray.*

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

*These are the gifts of God for the people of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*This is the body of Christ broken for you.*

**Amen**

*This is the blood of Christ shed for you.*

**Amen**

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Amazing Grace!*

### UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we give you thanks that by the witness of your word and the sharing of this meal you have opened our hearts and eyes to the presence of Christ among us. Now send us forth from this place by the power of your Spirit to tell this good news to the world: The Lord has risen indeed! Amen.**

### BEING SENT FORTH TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES US

### ↑GIVING THANKS TO GOD IN SONG

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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### CHARGE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune*

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, thwart the designs of evil, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding the just.

Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the deceivers, to challenge the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took the bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, including the one who was to betray him, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ  
that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place.

Blessed is your Spirit, O God, the giver of life. Your Spirit gives us words when we have none; fills us with vision when we have the most need; and gives us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour.

May your Spirit be our guide and teacher, today and always.

Come now, O Prince of Peace, Spirit of Love, Breath of Life. Bring to all this hurting world the joy that Mary knew, and teach us to proclaim with her, "I have seen the Lord!"

↓ **BELL CHOIR**

*Behold! The King Comes!*

↓ **CALL TO ADMIT OUR SINS AND TURN TO GOD**

*Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.*

**ADMITTING OUR SINS AND TURNING TO GOD IN PRAYER** *(Unison)*

**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 peace; we despise the weak and we 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.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS** *(Responsive)*

*Hear the good news of God's promise in Jesus Christ: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

**Thanks be to God!**

↑ **GIVING GLORY TO GOD**

*Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

GTG #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.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST JESUS** *(Responsive)*

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Let us live by and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all things, including how we treat one another.*

*The peace of the Lord be with you all.*  
**And also with you.**

*Please exchange the peace of our Lord with one another in the way you are comfortable.*

↓**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*The King of Glory*

Annalyse Ferriter &  
Alexii Hoskins-Thomas

↓**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*He Is Risen*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

↓**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE AND WISDOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

The Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:16-26

**GATHERING OF CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

The Gospel According to Luke 24:1-12

**SERMON**

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

↑**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN SONG**

*Christ Is Alive*

GTG #246

**PROCLAIMING WHAT WE BELIEVE WITH 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 Spirit, 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 is seated 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

↓**GIVING OF OURSELVES TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING OF MUSIC**

*I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

↑**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

GTG #606

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

↓**PRAYER DEDICATING OUR GIFTS TO GOD'S WORK**

**PRAYING FOR GOD'S MERCY**

We especially pray for ...

We give you thanks for all that is good in our lives and all that you have given to us. May we have wisdom and strength to follow and do your will.

We thank you especially for ...

We pray all these prayers and the prayers deep within our hearts in the name of your Son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In every time and every age, O God, it is good and faithful that we give you thanks, for your mercy is sure and your steadfast love endures forever.

In your compassion you gave us Christ Jesus, who sets us free from death and leads us to life eternal.

And so, with all creation, with all the needy and hungry ones, with all those who have enough and plenty, with creatures large and small, with sun and moon and stars, and with the saints of every age, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God Almighty, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**