



*The Three Marys at the Tomb, 1396. Artist: Monaco, Lorenzo**

Service for the Lord's Day

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Christ ist erstanden

Samuel Scheidt

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

This is the good news— the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news— the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

Hallelujah!

This is the good news—once we were no people; now we are God's people.

Hallelujah!

Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

Hallelujah!

Opening Hymn 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen. We praise you for his presence with us. Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present, or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Anthem

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. Hear the Good News! In the Risen Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God in the highest. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

Jesus Christ has defeated death's dark dominion. Let us live as saints in the kingdom of light. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Your Spirit draws us to Christ and helps us to acknowledge him as Lord. We ask that you will send your Spirit now to give us deeper insight, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the Easter gospel. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Anthem

The Day of Resurrection
Joseph Powers, trumpet

John Carter

All Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

All Sit

Sermon

Dazzled, Perplexed, and Amazed

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator 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, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living 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.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

That Easter Day

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR/arr. B. Bumgarner

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Good Shepherd, you spread a table before us. We offer you our gifts, signs of your gracious love and tokens of our grateful hearts. Nourish us at the feast of the Lamb, that we may proclaim to all the world your triumphant love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

Communion Anthem

*Dona Nobis Pacem
(Grant Us Peace)*

arr. Hal Hopson

Prayers of the People and 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

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

Postlude

Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572

J. S. Bach

Chancel Brass

Trumpets: Joseph Powers, Kevin Briley

Trombones: Jake Tabor, Jim Stites

*The Three Marys at the Tomb, 1396. Artist: Monaco, Lorenzo. Building: Louvre

Sermon Notes

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY APRIL 27: Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 118:14–29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4–8; John 20:19–31.

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Teri Polen. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES/CHILDREN'S CHURCH/GODLY PLAY will NOT meet today. It will resume next Sunday, April 27. Children are encouraged to show what they are learning in Children's Church as they worship with their families. (Children have learned how to follow the bulletin and what happens in different parts of the service.) Packets with special activities are available in the narthex.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will NOT meet today. They will resume on April 27, and the group will have lunch at Garcia's Grill Downtown at 360 E. 8th Street.

OTHER NEWS

OFFICE CLOSED The office will be closed on Monday, April 21 in observance of Easter.

YOUTH SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY Our Youth will be leading service on Sunday, May 11. They will be honoring all mothers with a special token of love. Plan to join the Youth in honoring these special women of our church.

ART EXHIBIT We are pleased to exhibit *RHYTHM AND SHAPE: The Art of Laurin Notheisen*. Lauren Notheisen's art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from March 28-May 22. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy this Spring Exhibit.

SIXTH ANNUAL GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial will be taking donations for the upcoming 6th Annual Giveaway!! They will be accepting anything from clothing to household items to toys. The date for the event will be May 10. Thank you for your help in advance.

2025 STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Our church has been invited to participate and receive donations for our food pantry, from the Postal Service food drive. We need 5 (or more) volunteers on May 10th at 2pm at the US Post Office on Scottsville Rd. to help sort, and transport donations to the church that afternoon. Please call Frederica Kernohan 270-981-7904 or the church office, if you have some time to assist on May 10th at 2 pm.

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC Plan to join us on Sunday, May 18 for our Fellowship Picnic. There will be plenty of food, fun, and fellowship. More information will be available at a later date.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be June 8-12 from 5-7:30. The theme is Wild Wonder. Children will be invited to delight in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all living things by immersing them in the wonders of the created world.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN Sunday Morning Circle meets the second Sunday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Ladies' Parlor. Circle 9 meets the second Monday in each month at 12:00 noon at a member's home; Tuesday Evening Circle meets the second Tuesday in each month at 7:00 p.m. at Diane Simmons' home; Wednesday Morning Circle meets the second Wednesday in each month at 9:30 a.m. in the 10th Street Parlor. An exact location for Circle 9 meetings will be provided on the church bulletin's calendar and in the 60-second email.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR MAY/JUNE A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at info@bgpres.org.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden
Deacons: Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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Calendar

Sunday, Apr 20

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Easter Celebration Service

Monday, Apr 21

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 p.m. Christian Ed. Min. Meeting

Tuesday, Apr 22

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
1:00 p.m. CUICHM
6:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Wednesday, Apr 23

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, Apr 25

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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Lilies for Easter



April 20, 2025

*To represent the light and love that come down at Easter,
these lilies and donations are given to the glory of God:*

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Eddie Ballard
Michael Carmichael
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