



Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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## **9:00 a.m. Service**

### **We Gather**

**Prelude**                      *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*                      arr. Jeffrey Hall  
Chancel Ringers, Festival Brass

**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**                      Rebecca Guzman

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

**Introit**                      *Hallelujah! Jesus Is Risen*                      David L. Ray  
Elizabeth Gentry, soloist

*Run to the tomb, come see it is empty.  
Run to the tomb; the stone's rolled away!  
Death is defeated; now, He's the Victor.  
Jesus has conquered the grave. Hallelujah!  
Jesus is Risen! Hallelujah! He is alive! Hallelujah!  
Lift up your voices and sing. Now and forever,  
He is our Savior. Praise Him; Christ Jesus is King!*

**\*Call to Worship**                      Gracie Carreira

One: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

**Many: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.**

One: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

**Many Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness,  
we focus on the light.**

One: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope. Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory. Christ is risen!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

**All: Let us worship our Risen Savior! Alleluia! Amen!**



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Rebecca Guzman

**Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own emptiness, our failures in love and justice, our shared guilt and brokenness. We remember how we have treated others, our families, our friends, our neighbors, and the ways we have turned away from compassion. We come with the pain of the world, the cries of the hungry, the wounds of war, and the loneliness within. At the tomb, we lay it all before you, seeking hope, seeking healing.**

**Assurance of God's Grace**

Rebecca Guzman

**\*Response of Praise**

**Gloria Patri**

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.***

**We Hear and Respond to the Word**

**Church Family Moment**

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1. **'Twas the Morning of Easter:** One of the best ways to enter the Easter story is through the beautiful book *'Twas the Morning of Easter* by Glenys Nellist. It tells the story from Mary Magdalene's perspective—full of wonder, surprise, and joy. Click [here](#) to listen to her read the story aloud.
2. **Count the Alleluias:** See if you can count the number of times we say, "Alleluia!" in worship today. Alleluia means "praise God!". Every Sunday is kind of like a little Easter, because we set aside time to praise God together, but on Easter Sunday, we remember especially that love always wins, and that makes us want to have a huge celebration!
3. **Easter Joy Hunt:** Create a little Easter basket or decorate a bag, then walk through your house or yard and collect five things that remind you of new life, hope, or joy. It could be a flower, a bright color, something soft, or a picture of someone you love. Afterward, talk with your family about why you chose each item.
4. **Journal, considering the following:**
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**Children's Liturgy**

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*As the children four years old through third grade gather for Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to sing (hymn no. 19):*

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God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong,  
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

**Congregation: God be with you there.**

Children: God be with you here.

*The children will return to join their families following the sermon.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Dr. Matthew S. Brown

**First Reading**

Isaiah 65:17-19, 24-25

Dr. Brown

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 forever 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. 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.

**Second Reading**

Luke 24:1-12

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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.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

A Gift of Perplexity

Dr. Brown

**\*The Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

The Apostles' Creed

Rev. Lindsey Odom

**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 Ghost, 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 sitteth 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Odom

**. . . (*unison*) 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.**

**Offertory**

*Resurrection Hymn*

arr. Steven Strite

Chancel Choir; Chancel Ringers; Festival Brass; Blythe Kinsey, piano

*Alleluia! See what a morning, gloriously bright with the  
dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
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as the angels announce Christ is risen!  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain,  
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Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! See Mary weeping,  
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Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
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The voice that spans the years,  
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
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One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,  
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned  
with power and authority! And we are raised with Him,  
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And we shall reign with Him, for He lives,  
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**\*Doxology**

***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 of Dedication**

Elizabeth Gentry

**Mighty God of resurrection and redemption, we offer our gifts alongside our alleluias! Please accept these gifts and offerings given today from all of us who have answered the call to be new life, who have seen the miracle of Christ risen, and have felt the renewing energy of your Holy Spirit. Use them to create new life in our community and world. Amen.**

**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn 232**

***Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

EASTER HYMN

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
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 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Any are invited to proceed to the choir loft during the last stanza  
 to join the choir in singing the Hallelujah Chorus.*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

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***Hallelujah Chorus***

G. F. Handel

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**Postlude**

***Symphony No. 5: "Toccata"***

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Chancel Ringers

Festival Brass: Kyle Gavagan, trumpet I; Patrick Butler, trumpet II; Rosy

Faires, horn; Justin Austenfeld, trombone I; Austin Vogelsang,

trombone II; Carol Stumpf, timpani

Blythe Kinsey, piano

Gracie Carreira, liturgist

Elizabeth Gentry, soloist, liturgist

**A/V Team:** Brad Alford, Michael Zagora

**Ushers:** Andy Burke, Bob Cushman, Dan DeChant, Gena DeChant, Bjorn Hansen, Curt Ireland

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Alleluia and Hosanna Choirs

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*Run to the tomb; the stone's rolled away! Death is defeated;*

*now, He's the Victor. Jesus has conquered the grave.*

*Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen! Hallelujah! He is alive!*

*Hallelujah! Lift up your voices and sing.*

*Now and forever, He is our Savior.*

*Praise Him; Christ Jesus is King!*

*Run to the tomb; come see it is empty.*

*Death cannot keep the Lord in the grave.*

*He is alive and reigns now in heaven; Jesus, forever, always!*

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**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

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**Offertory**

**On the Third Day**

Allen Pote

Chancel Choir, Jubilate Choir, Chancel Ringers,  
Festival Brass; Blythe Kinsey, organ

*Jesus was crucified. He died and was buried.*

*Jesus was crucified. On the third day Christ arose.*

*He ascended into Heaven and sitteth at*

*the right hand of God the Father Almighty.*

*He will come again to judge the living and the dead,*

*His kingdom will have no end.*

*Christ is risen from the dead,*

*He is risen as He said.*

*He is alive, Alleluia!*

*Christ has conquered death and sin,*

*died for us our souls to win,*

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**We Go Out to Serve**

**\*Hymn 233**

***The Day of Resurrection!***

LANCASHIRE

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 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

Dr. Brown

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Adeline Bloszinsky, Clara Guzman, liturgists

**A/V Team:** Chris Wilcox, Michael Zagora

**Ushers:** Andrew Brown, Phil Eatherton, Richard Franseen, Curtis Guy, Tom Klecker, Craig Parrish, Donna Podgorny, Jim Williams, Bob Williamson

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## Congregational Notes

We light a candle celebrating the birth of Cameron “Hales” McQueen, Jr., on April 10. Congratulations to the parents, Erin and Cameron McQueen; big sister, Emsley; and grandparents, Susan and Mac McQueen.

Welcome to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church! If you are joining us in person or online, are a first-time visitor, a long-term member, or anything in between, we are glad that you are worshiping with us and we want to stay connected with you. To receive our emails, sent on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, contact Adrienne Jaquith, Office and Database Manager, [adrienne@smpchome.org](mailto:adrienne@smpchome.org). Also, find us on Instagram: @southmeckpres and Facebook: @southmecklenburgpresbyterian.

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church? Our Session will gather to welcome new members on Sunday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. To learn more, contact Melissa White, Director of Hospitality and Connection, [melissa@smpchome.org](mailto:melissa@smpchome.org) or 704-887-7488

### Congregational Notes (as of April 17, 2025)

#### Remember in Prayer

- All those affected by conflict, displacement, and unrest around the world and at home.
- Our mission partners in Bayonnais, Haiti, as they navigate the chaos and challenges engulfing their country.

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:

[prayer@SMPChome.org](mailto:prayer@SMPChome.org).

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**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday: Closed**

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# Happy Easter!

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Welcome to South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church! We hope you will consider joining one of our many classes, events, ministries or groups this spring. For the most up-to-date list of events, please subscribe to our weekly email or go to our website, [smpchome.org](http://smpchome.org). Contact: Melissa White, [melissa@smpchome.org](mailto:melissa@smpchome.org).

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, a donation to One Great Hour of Sharing provides people with safety, sustenance and hope. Scan the QR code or use the envelope provided to donate.



## STUDY

**Conversations with Dr. Matt Brown, Wednesday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. McQueen Room or Zoom** - Join us every week as we discuss the scripture for the coming week's sermon. Contact for the Zoom ID#: Matt Brown, [matt@smpchome.org](mailto:matt@smpchome.org).

**Men's Evening Study, Tuesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Chapel 206** - Meets on the the second and fourth Tuesdays every month and welcomes new participants. Contact: Jon Myers, [jonmyers2@gmail.com](mailto:jonmyers2@gmail.com).

**Making Space Mom's Group, Thursday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., Chapel 206** - All moms are invited to join us for study, service and fellowship. Meets on the first and third Thursdays each month. Contact: Allison Reeves, [allison.tarwater@gmail.com](mailto:allison.tarwater@gmail.com).

**Friday Morning Men's Group, Friday, May 2, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Chapel 204** - Meets on the first and third Fridays of the month. All are welcome. Contact: Curt Ireland, [irelandcurtis00@gmail.com](mailto:irelandcurtis00@gmail.com).

**Adult Study: The Wired Word, Sundays beginning May 4, 9:00-10:00 a.m., McQueen Room or Zoom** - A three-week series that brings scripture into conversation with today's headlines. Register on Realm. Contact: Rebecca Guzman, [rebecca@smpchome.org](mailto:rebecca@smpchome.org).

**The Third Thirty: A Candid Spiritual Exploration of Realities and Challenges We Face in the Years 60-90, Sunday, May 4, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Commons** - A 12-session study that meets one Sunday a month over a light lunch after worship. Come to one session or all! Details and register at [smpchome.org/third-thirty](http://smpchome.org/third-thirty). Contact: Melissa White, [melissa@smpchome.org](mailto:melissa@smpchome.org).

**Believing and Belonging, Sunday, June 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** - For those who are visiting or considering membership, we will explore the beliefs of the Presbyterian church and how God uses our gifts to create community. Lunch is served and childcare available. Register on Realm. Contact: Melissa White, [melissa@smpchome.org](mailto:melissa@smpchome.org).

## SERVE

*For more opportunities and to sign up, go to [smcphome.org/serve](http://smcphome.org/serve)*

**Bag Lunches for Roof Above, Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m., In front of the Palmer Building** - On the fourth Saturday of every month, SMPC collects 100 bag lunches for our neighbors at Roof Above. Contact: Julie Durham, [julierdurham@gmail.com](mailto:julierdurham@gmail.com).

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Commons** - Bonus: All donors will receive a \$20 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice. Contact: Bill Ramsey, [jonbillramsey@gmail.com](mailto:jonbillramsey@gmail.com).

**Shelter Ministry, Thursday, May 8, 9:00 a.m., Mecklenburg Hall** - This ministry meets on the second Thursday of every month to fill empty medicine bottles with body wash for Roof Above. Contact: Carol Morgan, [morgancc43@aol.com](mailto:morgancc43@aol.com).

**Desserts for Center of Hope Shelter for Women & Children, Sunday, May 11, Before 10:10 a.m. Worship** - Bring desserts on the second Sunday of every month for us to deliver to Center of Hope. Contact: Terry Gaines, [terryg@carolina.rr.com](mailto:terryg@carolina.rr.com).

**Breakfast for Center of Hope, Saturday, May 17** - On the third Saturday every month we prepare and serve breakfast for residents. Servers, food and monetary donations are needed. Contact: Bob Williamson, [bobwill31@hotmail.com](mailto:bobwill31@hotmail.com).

**Harabee Reader at the Freedom School Partners, June 24-July 30, 8:15-9:00 a.m.** - Read a book aloud to children one morning. Contact: Lindsey Odom, [lindsey@smpchome.org](mailto:lindsey@smpchome.org).



## EVENTS

**Hops and Vine Around Town, Saturday, May 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Open Tap, 5010 Carmel Center Drive** - Fun and fellowship! Contact: Frank Graham, Frank.Graham@forvis.com.

**International Dining Group, Thursday, May 15, 6:00 p.m. Great Wall of China South, Carmel Commons** - All are welcome to join this group as it samples different cuisines around town! Sign up on Realm. Contact: Alice Tyler, rrt1317@aol.com.

**Lunch on the Grounds, Sunday, May 18, 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Mecklenburg Hall** - Join us for fellowship and delicious food from Brown Bag! \$12 per adult, \$6 ages 4-10, free for ages 3 and under. Register on Realm. Contact: Melissa White, melissa@smpchome.org.

## SMALL GROUPS

**Handiworkers Group, Tuesday, April 22, 10:00 a.m., Palmer 104** - All knitters, needlepointers, quilters, cross-stitchers and crocheters are invited. Meets weekly. All levels. Contact: Judy Jameson, jgjameson@gmail.com.

**Men's Breakfast Group, Thursday, April 24, 9:30 a.m., Big View Diner, 6637 Lancaster Hwy.** - Meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All are welcome. Contact: Bob Tyler, Btyler@unitedskates.com.

**A Caregiver's Journey, Tuesday, May 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m., McQueen Room** - For those caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia. Meets monthly on the second Tuesday. Contact: Kathy Garner, kathygarner15@gmail.com.

**Food for Thought Book Group, Thursday, May 15, 12:30 p.m., McQueen Room** - This group will discuss *Meredith, Alone* by Claire Alexander. All are welcome. Contact: Kathy Paquette, khesspaquette@aol.com.

## CHILDREN

**Bible and Music (BAM!), Sunday, May 4, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary** - BAM! is our Sunday evening program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. Register on Realm.

**Vacation Bible School/Mission Possible, Monday, July 21 - Thursday, July 24, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., VBS: Ages 3 - 4th grade, Mission Possible: Rising 5th & 6th grades** - Register on Realm.

Contact for Children's Ministry: Rebecca Guzman, rebecca@smpchome.org.

## YOUTH (MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL)

**Youth Mini Golf, Sunday, April 27, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., High Seas Mini Golf, 10001 Charlotte Hwy.** - Drop off and pick up will be at High Seas. Cost is \$12. Bring extra money for a snow cone at Pelican's SnoBall after golf! Register on Realm.

**May Big Youth Group (BYG), Sunday, May 4, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Mecklenburg Hall** - Bible study, small group time, good food, fun games and amazing company. We welcome our fifth graders to May BYG! Register on Realm.

More youth events: smpchome.org/youth. Contact for Youth Ministry: Lindsey Odom, lindsey@smpchome.org.

## MUSIC

**Chancel Choir, Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** - Do you enjoy leading worship through song? Contact: Zach Bowyer, zach@smpchome.org.

## SMPC PRESCHOOL

Our SMPC Preschool has a few spaces left in the 4-day fours and 5-day fours in the 2025-2026 school year. The preschool day is 9:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Contact: Tammy Winchip, tammy@smpchome.org.



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