



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your
servants for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

April 5, 2026

SUNDAY TIMES

8:45am Prayer
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room 158: Parables of Jesus
Room 167: Ecclesiastes
Room 168: Romans
Parlor: Presbyterian 101

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:00pm Soli Deo Gloria
5:30pm Meal
6:00pm NextGen & Youth
6:15pm Adult Choir
6:30pm Adult Groups

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

OUR IDENTITY

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

CORE VALUES

Worship: Reverent and Relevant
Community: Close-knit and Outward-facing
Discipleship: Robust and Transformational
Service: Compassionate and Bold

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

Song of Assembly:

Come People Of The Risen King¹

Come, people of the risen King,
Who delight to bring Him praise.
Come all, and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in.

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,
And those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won,
And those struggling in the fight.
For His perfect love will never change,
And His mercies never cease;
But follow us through all our days,
With the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O, Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, young and old from every land,
Men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands,
Find the riches of His grace.
Over all the world His people sing;
Shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age,
“Our God is All in All.”

Welcome & Announcements

Jesse Pawley, Church Administrator

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from Psalm 118

At God's command and invitation, we
enter his presence and respond with
WORSHIP.

Call to Worship

LEADER: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

PEOPLE: His steadfast love endures forever.

LEADER: Open to us the gates of righteousness,

PEOPLE: that we may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

LEADER: This is the gate of the LORD;

PEOPLE: the righteous shall enter through it.

LEADER: I thank you that you have answered us and have become our salvation.

PEOPLE: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

LEADER: This is the day that the LORD has made;

ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

Hymn of Praise

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!

Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids His 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!

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!

Worship involves the whole person:
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing
hymns and songs grounded in biblical
truth engages all our faculties in worship
together.

Reading of the Word

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

O Lord, I do not deserve a glimpse of heaven, and I am unable with my works to redeem myself from sin and death. Nevertheless, you have given me your Son, Jesus Christ who is much stronger than sin and death. Through him, you promise to take these from me, and grant me all that belongs to him

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Death Is Swallowed Up Forever

adapted from a prayer of Martin Luther

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

Romans 8:1-2

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

Assurance of Forgiveness

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

King Of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting,
without hope, without light
'Till from Heaven You came running,
there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory,
to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, majesty,
praise forever to the King of Kings.*

And the morning that You rose,
All of heaven held its breath
'Till that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs,
and the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come,
to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old,
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name,
in His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ,
who has resurrected me.

Worthy Is The Lamb/Crown Him

In the cross, in the cross, by my glory ever;
'Til my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Thank you for the cross, Lord.
Thank you for the price you paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love you came and gave amazing grace.

Thank you for this love, Lord.
Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know...Your forgiveness and embrace.

*Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns You reign victorious!
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God.
Sent from Heaven, crucified...worthy is the Lamb.*

Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon the 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.

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Connor Ross

(Immediately following this prayer, during the 10:45 service only, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)

Singing to the Lord

Worship Choir (8:15 service)

All Choirs (10:45 service)

Rising by the Power of His Name

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

His Tithes & Offerings

Sermon

A Defenseless Enemy

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (Page 962)

Pastor Scott Phillips

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)

In Christ Alone

In Christ Alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
My every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

To those not taking the Supper

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

SESSION

John Elder	Jason Seale
George Godwin	Greg Smith
Jeff Keith	Stuart Smith
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Connor Ross	Blake Temple
Allen Schmidt	Andy Thompson

DIACONATE

James Fudge	Steve Sasser
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Wade Littrell	Sam Thompson
Scott Missildine	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

CHURCH STAFF

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Jessica Keith	NextGen Coordinator
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Men's & Women's Bible Studies



If this is your first time joining us, we'd love to get to know you better. If you're willing, please scan the QR code and share a little about yourself. This helps us follow up, answer any questions you might have, and find ways we can serve or pray for you.



CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS

One Service

Beginning Sunday, April 12, we will return to one unified worship service at 10:30am. We look forward to gathering together as one congregation each week. Sunday School will begin at 9:15am.

Iron Man Night

Men 16+, join us at Gil Cook's farm (88 Akins Mountain Rd, Hartselle) on Friday, April 24, from 6:00–8:00 PM for food, fellowship, and encouragement. Enjoy smoked meats (drinks provided, BYOB) and bring a side or dessert to share. Come early to shoot and hang out!

Officer Nominations

We are accepting nominations for Elders and Deacons throughout April. Nomination cards are available in the foyer and should be turned into the church office. Thank you for prayerfully considering those called to serve!

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