

## THIS WEEK AT THREE RIVERS

April 5<sup>th</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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### Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> | Easter Sunday!

There is NO Sunday School!

Sunday Worship @ 10:00am

Easter Potluck @ the Sheffields | After Worship



### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday School @ 9:00am

Sunday Worship @ 10:00am

C.R.E.W. Youth Group @ 6-8pm

Women's Bible Study: Galatians and Ephesians @ 6-8pm



**THREE RIVERS**  
Presbyterian Church

Knowing God and Making Him Known

Lord's Day Worship: Resurrection Sunday  
April 5th, 2026



**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!**

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## Welcome!

We are so glad you are worshipping with us today. Three Rivers is a community of saved sinners, who have been redeemed by God's amazing grace. If you are visiting with us today, we would love to connect with you. Please scan the QR code to fill out a connect card (or fill out a connect card located in the back of a chair and place it in the basket during the offering). We will reach out to answer any questions you have, provide more information about the church, and add you to our weekly emails.



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## Worship



Our worship service tells the story of the gospel. A gospel-centered worship service produces a gospel-centered people. If there are elements of the worship service that are unfamiliar to you, that is okay. We encourage folks to worship with us at least four or five times before deciding whether this is the church for you. The more familiar you get with our liturgy (the order of service), the more you will see how it tells the story of God's grace, renews our relationship with him, and transforms us into the image of Christ.

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## Request Prayer

How can we pray for you? The Apostle Paul says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:4). Our pastor and elders would love to pray for you. Please use this QR code to share your prayer requests with us.



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## Giving



When we give, we demonstrate our gratitude to God, and we declare that God is more valuable to us than money. Our offerings are an expression of worship to him. You may give by placing your offering in the basket during the service or by scanning this QR code to give online. If you are visiting with us today, there is no obligation to give.

## Sermon Questions for Further Study:

1. The sermon walks through three pieces of evidence for the resurrection: the empty tomb, the eyewitness accounts, and the transformation of Peter. Which of the three do you find most convincing, and why? And do you think evidence alone is enough to produce faith, or does something else have to happen?
2. In the original language, "He has risen" is actually a passive verb – meaning God is the one who raised Jesus, and it was God's way of declaring that Christ's sacrifice was accepted on our behalf. How does that shape the way you understand what Jesus actually accomplished on the cross.
3. The sermon makes the point that the women came to anoint a dead body even though Jesus had told them three times he would rise. Although the women were committed followers, they were living as if the resurrection didn't really change anything. Is there an area of your life where you're still living like Jesus is in the tomb? What would it look like for the resurrection to make a practical difference in that area?
4. Mark ends his Gospel on the jarring note of the women fleeing in silence. This is intentional on Mark's part because it puts the reader on the spot and forces a decision. Where do you feel that tension between fear and faith most in your own life right now? How does faith in the resurrected Christ help resolve that tension?
5. The Westminster Shorter Catechism says that Christ's resurrection is part of his exaltation (Q28). How does seeing the resurrection as Christ's victory and exaltation strengthen your confidence in him as you face the daily challenges of life in a fallen world?

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Deacons: Clayton Baker and Ricky Couch

Music Director: Caleb Bolick

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Women's Ministry: Vanessa Byers, Amber Funderburk, and Katrina Murphy

Men's Ministry: Spencer Murphy

**YOU'RE UP! See if you are volunteering at Three Rivers next Sunday.**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026:**

Audio/Visual: TBD

Greeters: Katrina Murphy

Nursery: Tessie and Ellen Horning

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Christianity rests on the certainty of Jesus's resurrection as a space-time occurrence in history. All four Gospels highlight it, focusing on the empty tomb and resurrection appearances, and Acts insists on it. Paul regarded the Resurrection as indisputable proof that the message about Jesus as Judge and Savior is true." - J.I. Packer.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope.**

Leader: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**People: To an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.**

Leader: Kept in heaven for you,

**People: Who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader: For Christ has risen!

**People: He has risen indeed!**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION

## SONG OF ADORATION

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today/Praise*  
(LYRICS ON PAGE 4)

**SONG OF ADORATION**  
**CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY/PRAISE**

Brandon Lake | Chandler Moore | Chris Brown | Cody Carnes | Pat Barrett | Steven Furtick Charles Wesley | Samuel Arnold  
(1739, 2023)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia  
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia  
Where O death is now thy sting? Alleluia  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia  
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

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Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than  
You

Praise the Lord oh my soul  
Praise the Lord oh my soul  
I won't be quiet  
My God is alive  
How could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord oh my soul

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

In the benediction, God  
sends his people into the  
world with the assurance that  
they belong to him, bear his  
name and have been  
strengthened for the work to  
which he has called them.

**SENDING**

And now let us go forth in peace as sons and daughters of the  
King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**DOXOLOGY**

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

**BENEDICTION**

Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to  
shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his  
countenance upon you and give you peace.

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### JESUS IS ALIVE

James Tealy | Jaywan Maxwell | Jesse Reeves | Michael Farren | Niki Shepherd | Tiarne Tranter  
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My Eleiht Songs

There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days  
For the One that once was buried lives again  
Now the tomb is bare and empty  
And the stone is rolled away  
Praise the risen One who overcame the grave  
All you brokenhearted all you worn and weak  
Come find living water everlasting streams  
To the wandering spirit  
Lost and searching wanting something more  
Find the risen King who overcomes the world

#### Refrain

*Let there be dancing in the darkness  
And let our song break through the night  
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King  
For Jesus is alive*

No more condemnation no more doubt and fear  
For our sin and shame they have no power here  
In His resurrection  
Perfect love has set the captives free  
Praise the risen King who stands in victory

#### Refrain

*Let there be dancing in the darkness  
And let our song break through the night*

*Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King  
For Jesus is alive*

Hallelujah death is undone  
Hallelujah Jesus has won  
Hallelujah we overcome  
Oh in Jesus oh in Jesus

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We join with Christians throughout history and around the world in reciting the historic creeds, confessions, and catechisms of the Christian faith. The confession of faith reminds us of what we believe and builds us up in the truth.

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostle's Creed*

**People: I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From there he shall 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. Amen.**

*\* The word catholic refers to the universal church, not the Roman Catholic Church.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 32:5-7

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**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.**

*We pause for a moment of private, silent confession.*

Confession of sin is the natural response to being confronted with the holiness of God (Isa. 6:5). We confess our sins because it renews our relationship with God and gives us peace through Jesus (1 John 1:8-9; Ps. 32:3-4).

The assurance of pardon is God's declaration that if we have sincerely confessed our sin, then we have peace with him through Jesus' life, death and resurrection (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 8:1).

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Cor. 15:54-57

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## SONG OF ASSURANCE

*Death Was Arrested*  
(LYRICS ON PAGE 7)

## READING FROM GOD'S WORD

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. The Bible is our ultimate rule for faith and practice (2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:19-21).

## SONG OF RESPONSE

### LIVING HOPE

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham  
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How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### *Refrain*

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

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*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
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There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus Yours is the victory

#### *Refrain*

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
God you are my living hope*

We give to God his tithes and our offerings as a testimony that everything we have belongs to God and should be stewarded for his purposes. By giving cheerfully and freely we participate in the expansion of God's kingdom work (2 Cor. 9:7; Acts 20:35).

The Lord's Supper was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ on the night before his crucifixion. We partake of this meal in remembrance of Christ's death on the cross. The broken bread and the cup represent Christ's broken body and shed blood for the sake of our salvation. However, the Lord's Supper is more than a memorial. In it we also enjoy spiritual fellowship with Christ himself who is present through the Holy Spirit. By partaking of the bread and the cup, we not only proclaim our salvation hope in Christ, but we also enjoy communion with him, which nourishes our faith and enables us to grow in grace.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

There are four ways to give:

- In the basket during the service
- By mail, to PO Box 451029, Grove OK 74345
- Online at [www.3riverspca.com](http://www.3riverspca.com)
- Through the Tithe.ly app

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The minister will say: Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed for us! Hallelujah!

And the people respond: **Hallelujah!**

*We practice open communion, which means that all believing, baptized Christians, who are a member or regular attender of this or another congregation are welcome to receive the bread and the cup. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. The bread is gluten free. We come up the center aisle, receive the elements, take them with us back to our seats, and then partake all together.*

*If you are not a believer, we are so glad you're here! But we do ask that you not partake of the elements, since scripture warns against taking them in an unworthy manner. Please feel free to stay seated. The pastor or elders would love to talk to you about what it means to follow Christ.*

## SONGS OF RESPONSE

*Living Hope*

*Jesus is Alive*

(LYRICS ON PAGES 11-12)

## SONG OF ASSURANCE DEATH WAS ARRESTED

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Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin  
Lost without hope with no place to begin  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in  
When death was arrested and my life began

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains  
My orphan heart was given a name  
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance  
When death was arrested and my life began

### **Refrain**

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You*

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend  
When death was arrested and my life began

### **Refrain**

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You*

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand  
That's when death was arrested and my life began

### **Refrain**

*Oh Your grace so free washes over me  
You have made me new now life begins with You  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us  
You have made us new now life begins with You*

Oh we're free free forever we're free  
Come join the song of all the redeemed  
Yes we're free free forever amen  
When death was arrested and my life began

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Come join the song of all the redeemed  
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Prayer is an expression of our dependence on God's grace to supply all our needs.

The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation (WSC Q.89).

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup> And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *(Notes available on pg. 9)*

## "A Surprise Ending" | Rev. Spencer Murphy | Mark 16:1-8

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Sermon in a sentence: Since Jesus is risen, the only right response is not fear and silence, but faith and proclamation.

### I. What They Expected (v. 1-3)

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### II. What They Found (v. 4-7)

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### III. How They Responded (v. 8)

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