

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you're visiting with us, we're glad you're here and would love to connect with you! There are visitor cards in the back of the chairs in front of you. If you would fill one out and drop it in the offering plate or hand it to any officer, we would appreciate it. We hope you stay after worship for a time of snacks, fellowship, and an informal congregational meeting.

Wednesday Bible Study & Fellowship will meet on **Wednesday, April 8th at 6:00 PM** at Grace Covenant. All ages will gather together for a study of The Ten Commandments followed by a time of snacks and fellowship. Please invite your friends and bring your favorite snack to share!

New Members Class: We will be offering a 3-4 week new members class **beginning Sunday, April 19th, 5:00-6:00 PM**, meeting at the church. If you are interested in the possibility of joining Grace Covenant, or you would like to learn more about the beliefs, practices, and government of our church and the PCA, please join us for this study. All are welcome.

Youth group will meet **Sunday, April 19th** from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Webb's. We typically spend time eating, playing games, and hanging out before we begin Bible study.

2026 Hymn Sings: Join us for a time of fellowship and singing! Bring a finger food to share and invite your friends. If you would like to host or have questions about hosting this or any of our future dates, (**May 31, August 30, December 13**), contact **Tim Chasteen at 678.896.3590**.

If you are not receiving **weekly church emails** and would like to, please reach out to Amy Rikard, Pastor Ross, or an elder about being added to the email list.



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Lord's Day Worship

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106:1

Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

#277

*INVOCATION & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 16

Page 453 in pew Bible

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, weakness, and our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us, forgive us, and grant that we may serve You in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

*HYMN OF FORGIVENESS

The Power of the Cross

Insert

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Worship Christ, the Risen King!

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SERMON TEXT

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Matthew 28:1-10

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

Do Not Be Afraid

Ross Hodges

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Behold the Lamb/Communion Hymn

Insert

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

#845

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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*BENEDICTION

**Please Stand*