



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith joined together through Christ, offering meaning and hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.

**10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
Sunday, April 19, 2026 – 10:30am

Silent Meditation

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair: We are the Easter people, and Hallelujah is our song.”

~ Pope John Paul II

Prelude *Joyful, Joyful* Beethoven/arr. Karen Ball

Welcome and Announcements Rev. David Johnson

Introit *Seek Ye First* Hymn #175 (v. 1)

Call to Worship Sue Dason

One: Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People: **By his rising we are free from the fear of death. By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.**

All: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

***Hymn #232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

***Invocation** Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption:

power disguises itself as truth;

convenience masquerades as goodness;

selfish pleasure imitates love.

We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world’s sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus’ resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response # 829 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* (v. 1)

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,

Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in an astounding God, who surprises us on Easter morning, who reveals through an empty tomb how overflowingly full of God the creation is. We believe in God, who is light in the darkness, who never gives up on love, who is always working for our good, who weeps when we weep and laughs when we laugh, who calls us to be more than we are as God relentlessly transforms our tears into alleluias.

We are people of faith in the risen Christ, and we see our Christ in everyone and in everything. We strive to live in such a way that the world will see Christ rising again, in us and through us, with the message of Easter. God cannot be contained; Not by books, not by traditions, not by institutions, and not by tombs. God lives. Christ is risen. Alleluia. Amen

***Gloria Patri # 581**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Children's Moment

Rev. de Beer

(Children may leave for Kid's Space)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13–35 (pg.84)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“we had hoped...”

Rev. Dr. Daniel de Beer

***Hymn #729**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Johnson

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings and Change Can Make A Change

Offertory

Like a River in My Soul

Chancel Choir

***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**

Rev. Johnson

***Hymn #839**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

***Benediction**

Rev. de Beer

***Postlude**

Ceremonial March

by Herbert Sumsion

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

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Welcome to worship! All visitors are welcome to LPC where we seek to love and serve Christ. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack and dropping it in the offering basket. Care for infants through 6 years old during worship is provided in the nursery. Activity bags for elementary age children are available in the Narthex.

Friendship Pads - To help us extend a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today, we invite you to sign the friendship pad, located on the aisle side of your pew. Please include your name and contact information you'd like to share. After signing, pass the pad along and take a moment to greet those around you. After all, have signed, return it to its original place, remove the signed sheet, and place it in the offering basket during the offertory.

Please remember with your prayers:

Dennis Eubanks

Marilyn Gearhart

Jerri Hanna

Judy Wells

**The flowers today are to the Glory of God, given by
Bill and Robyn Wilkey in loving memory of Bob Wilkey.**

Change Can Make a Change for April is for One Great Hour of Sharing

sponsored by the Presbyterian Church USA. The One Great Hour of sharing envelopes can be used for CCMAC contributions this month. Place your donation in the offering plate on any Sunday in April. You will be joining with Presbyterians worldwide in responding to Christ's call to ministries of compassion for the most vulnerable around the world. "If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot! Thank you for your continued support of Change Can Make a Change.

Blessing Box - Thank you for your support of the Blessing Box. We have been blessed with a great response to our ask for shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste and toothbrushes. We would like to shift our ask to small bottles of laundry detergent, dish soap and cleaning products. The bottle size that you can buy in the dollar store is perfect.

Short Stories of God's Presence - This once-a-month reading group will look for signs of the spiritual life in stories by contemporary authors in the book "Listening for God: Contemporary Literature and the Life of Faith, Vol. 1".

We will meet in the church parlor at **4pm Thursday, April 23rd** to discuss Chapter 7, by Garrison Keillor.

Adult Sunday Class meets in the parlor at 9:15am. April 26th we'll explore the lectionary readings, Psalm 23:1-6 and John 10:1-10, and the theme of listening for God's voice. How do you recognize God's voice? What gets in the way? What does it mean to follow His voice? Come join the conversation!

Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month.

Brunch on the Patio – Sunday, May 17th at 9:00am

Brunch foods will be provided by the Congregational Care Committee on the patio before the worship service. All you need to bring is your own lawn chair. Please sign-up online or on the bulletin board by May 11th.

Our LPC Earth Care ministry invites you to the town of Bluffton's May River Clean Up on Saturday morning, May 3. The work is not difficult, but is rewarding, as we join with other churches, civic groups, and individuals to clear the shores of the river, parks, and roads of litter and other debris. We meet at 8:30am at Oyster Factory Park and will be finished by 11am. This is a wonderful way that we can care for God's world.

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am in the parlor. Their current book study is, *Matthew for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. April 25 discussion will be centered on Session 4 "Don't be Afraid, Jesus Goes with You".

You don't need a book to attend. For questions, please contact: Bill Walker – kamwheeling@gmail.com.

Sermon Notes: