



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 Simonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910**

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026
10:30am**

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Celebration of Worship
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Silent Meditation

The space left behind
when matter has turned to energy,
even death turned into love
needing nothing, even its own flesh.
After pure change
what once had to be is now missing,
Light splits open the darkness,
revealing its innards, transparent.
The substance of weakness and failure
evaporates into a vast generosity,
escaping the heaviness of necessity,
as light as light.
-Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Easter Acclamation

Easter Introit

Easter Alleluia Canon

arr. Patrick Liebergen

Call to Worship

8:30am Sue Dason

10:30am Lori Higgins

One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen, indeed!
One: The tomb stands open and empty!
All: Christ lives! Alleluia!
One: Let us worship the risen Christ!

***Hymn # 245**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

***Invocation**

Rev. David Johnson

Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving and surprising God, we confess that we often reduce Easter day from a world changing event to egg hunts, chocolate bunnies, and brunch. We limit Jesus' resurrection to a fact to be believed rather than a way of life to be lived. We confess that all too often we restrict resurrection to a chosen few, failing to trust that there is new life for us all. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Response #240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks¹*
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*Affirmation of Easter Faith

One: In the darkness before dawn, curious women walk alone in a cemetery.

All: The earth quakes; an angel appears in blinding light; the stone rolls away; a tomb opens wide.

One: Angels announce the news. He is not here. He is risen! Go and tell the others.

All: Despair turns to hope; courage overcomes fear; Easter changes everything!

One: Women run to share the news. Tears are wiped away. Shattered hearts are mended.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*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. Johnson

(Children may leave for Kid's Space during 10:30 service only)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 32)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"A Bigger Bang"

Rev. David Johnson

Hymn # 238

Thine is the Glory (vv. 1, 2)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. de Beer

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

Christ Is Risen, Alleluia
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

***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. de Beer

***Hymn #268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

***Benediction**

Rev. Johnson

***Postlude**

Fanfare

by William Mathias

*** 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.

The church office is closed on Monday for the Easter holiday.

If you ordered Easter Flowers, please pick them up after the 10:30am service. If this is not convenient and you desire to pick up later, plants will be available in the sanctuary for several days after Easter. Remaining flowers will be used in our sanctuary and given to those who are ill or grieving.

Please remember with your prayers:

Dennis Eubanks

Marilyn Gearhart

Jerri Hanna

Judy Wells

The flowers on the pulpit today are to the Glory of God, given by Judy and Jerry Wells in appreciation and gratitude for their LPC family. They have felt overwhelming love and continuous prayers as Judy continues with her medical challenges. (These flowers were meant for last week, but there was a mix up with the flower delivery last Sunday.)

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.

Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 11:00am in the parlor. The group, open to all LPC women and friends, meets every 2nd Tuesday for a relaxed time of connecting and exploring God's word together.

A Year of Biblical Womanhood by Rachel Held Evans is the focus book for the year and chapters are designed so you can jump in at anytime! Participants are asked to review pages 131-145 (from March: Modesty) and read April: Purity, pages 146-173 before our 4/14 meeting. Contact Pam Davis-Webb (psdw44@gmail.com) or Venus Holland (reidallenholland@gmail.com) for more information.

Adult Sunday Class meets in the parlor at 9:15am. The topic April 12th will be from *The Wired Word*.

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

Dine Around - Time to sign up for the next round of Dine Around. Join other church members in a small group to dine together about once a month; either Sunday Brunch or some night for Dinner. Most groups choose to meet in a local restaurant for their meal. Please note that Sunday Brunch has two options - a Solos group for singles is available. The next round goes from May through October. Please sign up by noon on Tuesday April 14th.

Temple Oseh Shalom Invites you to join us for a Yom Hashoah Program, On Sunday, April 12th at 7 pm. This program commemorates the ten million men, women and children who were killed by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during the Holocaust. The program will include many musical moments of reflection and remembrance. Your presence would be appreciated. Any questions please email Ruth Moroknek, at ruthmoroknek@gmail.com. **Thank you**

Men of Purpose meets Saturdays at 9:00am in the parlor. Their current book study is, *Matthew for Everyone* by N.T. Wright. You don't need a book to attend. For questions, please contact: Bill Walker –kamwheeling@gmail.com.

A BIG THANK YOU To the many who contributed “goodies” and/or time serving and cleaning up today.

Included are: Jan Alpert, Annette de Beer, Gail Box, Sharon Heisey, Bonnie Dove, Dari Pillagalli, Anne Redlus, Patti Rozonkiewicz, Marjorie Wilno, Connie Copeland, Dale Wilkes, Maureen Kalmbach, Karen Johnson, Harriet Senior, Linda Smith, Betsy Hamburger.
Sincerely, Carol Hissom

The Building and Grounds Ministry has formed a committee under the leadership of Brenda Wildt to work on the beautification of our patio and refurbishing the fountain area. Any artists or gardeners in the congregation willing to assist with this project are encouraged to reach out to Brenda at (404) 606-0499 **by April 10th**. Spring planting season is upon us, so now is the time to move forward.

¹*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

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Sermon Notes: