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# Welcome to Church Creek Presbyterian

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

**Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Please locate a 'Visitor's Card', and fill out any info you'd like to share with us so that we may get to know you better. You can place it in the offering plate during the collection or hand it to the pastor or an usher.

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# Announcements for Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

If you or anyone in your household becomes infected with COVID-19 and you attended worship in person at CCP, please notify the church by e-mailing [session@church-creek.org](mailto:session@church-creek.org) or call and leave a message at the church office: 843-766-1381. Your identity will be kept confidential.

**Pastoral Candidate Visit Schedule**– Reverend Nick Batzig and his family will visit Church Creek for a candidating visit April 8-11. You can learn more about him at [feedingonchrist.com](http://feedingonchrist.com).

Congregational Town Hall - April 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:30am- in sanctuary and livestreamed

Fellowship Lunch - April 10<sup>th</sup> at noon - catered/free in Fellowship Hall

Sunday School - April 11th at 9:30am - Rev. Batzig will give his testimony

Morning Worship - April 11th 10:45am - Rev. Batzig will be leading worship, preaching and administering the Lord's Supper

Virtual Meeting - Wednesday, April 14th at 6:00pm - Zoom meeting with Rev. Batzig for any who are out of town or unable to meet in person at the above events.

Congregational Meeting - April 18th following morning worship for the purpose of voting on whether to call Reverend Batzig to be our pastor.

## **Sunday School and Nursery RESUME next Sunday**

- Adult Sunday School will be held in the Sanctuary.
- Nursery will be available for children 3 and under starting at 9:30 and also be available during morning worship. Volunteers needed: please email [churchcreekpres@gmail.com](mailto:churchcreekpres@gmail.com) with your availability.
- Children's Sunday School will gather on the playground at 9:30 with a lesson starting at 9:45am.

**Men's Bible Study:** Richard Cooper is leading a study of Genesis that will meet *every other* Thursday at 6:30 pm. Their next study is **April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cooper's home** (41 Broughton Rd., Charleston, SC 29407).

## **Women's Bible Study:**

•**Morning group** is studying *The Word of the Lord: Seeing Jesus in the Prophets*, by Nancy Guthrie every Wednesday from 10:30 am-noon at Mary McLellan's. Contact Karyl Doyle for details.

•**Evening group** is studying *Learning Evangelism from Jesus* by Jerram Barrs. They meet *every other* Wednesday at 6:30 pm via Zoom and in person at alternating locations. **April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Alex Casey's** (1836 Gammon St., Charleston, SC 29414).

**April Ladies Luncheon** – Mark your calendars for Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. when we will meet on the church lawn for a picnic lunch.

**Today's service is being livestreamed in the Fellowship Hall, which is designated as a mask-required, no-singing space and offers physically distanced seating.**

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Lord's Supper  
Deacon's Offering  
Food Pantry

Copies of the Updated Church Directory are available in the church Narthex.

Calendars for the month of April are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

## **Deacon On Call For April**

Ken Fipps  
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Backup  
Matt Guffey

# The Order of Public Worship

April 4, 2021

Morning Service

10:45 a.m.

Our passion is that Church Creek Presbyterian  
be a place where people experience  
the awesome presence of God in Word and worship,  
the restful presence of Jesus through a transformed community,  
and the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in witness and ministry.



Mrs. Joanne Janus

## PRELUDE

## GREETING

## CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

✠ Congregation  
Standing

from *1 Peter 1*

NOTE: Italicized  
words in readings  
are read by the  
congregation

## ✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
*He has given us new life and hope.*  
*He has raised Jesus from the dead.*

God has claimed us as his own.  
*He has brought us out of darkness.*  
*He has made us light to the world.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*He is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

## ✠ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

## ✠ HYMN

*Worship Christ, the Risen King!* 286

*Rise, O church, and lift your voices,  
Christ has conquered death and hell.  
Sing as all the earth rejoices;  
resurrection anthems swell.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the risen King!*

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*See the tomb where death had laid him,  
empty now, its mouth declares:  
"Death and I could not contain him,  
for the throne of life he shares."  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the risen King!*

*Hear the earth protest and tremble,  
see the stone removed with power;  
all hell's minions may assemble,  
but cannot withstand his hour.  
He has conquered, he has conquered,  
Christ the Lord, the risen King!*

*Doubt may lift its head to murmur,  
scoffers mock and sinners jeer,  
but the truth proclaims a wonder  
thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.  
He is risen, he is risen,  
now receive the risen King!*

*We acclaim your life, O Jesus,  
now we sing your victory;  
sin or hell may seek to seize us,  
but your conquest keeps us free.  
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph,  
worship Christ, the risen King! Amen!*

## WRITTEN SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

### GOSPEL LESSON

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths

*The Gospel of  
John 20:1-10, 19-29*

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lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave  
and crowned him Lord of all.*

*We confess that often 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 up out of our 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.*

(continued...)

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**ABSOLUTION**

**SING TO GOD A HYMN OF GLADNESS**

**COLLECTION**

**✠ OFFERTORY HYMN**

*Alleluia! Alleluia!* 283

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:  
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled.  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.*

You may carry your offering to the plate on the table in the front of the church during the Offertory Hymn or place it in the plate nearest you as you leave.

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*Christ is risen, Christ the firstfruits of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:  
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour, who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. Amen!*

## THE UNFOLDING OF GOD'S WORD

*Romans 4:25*

### SERMON TEXT

...Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Pastor John Olson

### SERMON

"Jesus Our Lord, Raised For Us"

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

#### ✠ HYMN

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* 277

*"Christ the Lord is risen 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 hath 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!*

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Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

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*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!*

*Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!  
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia! Amen!*

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **DOXOLOGY OF PRAISE**

*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.*

✠ **POSTLUDE**



## **Mission to the World's PCA Compassion Offering**

On this Easter Sunday, MTW is encouraging PCA churches to participate in a mercy offering for unexpected needs around the world due to crises arising from COVID-19 lockdowns. A flier about this stewardship effort and how to give is available in the Narthex if you wish to participate in this compassion offering. Proceeds will help MTW meet physical needs and share the love of Christ through MTW missionaries and their national partners.

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## **Morning Sermon Notes**

### **Romans 4:25**

**“Jesus our Lord, Raised For Us”**

1. Faith in Jesus, alive and living today
2. Union with Jesus, the source of our life
3. Access to all that Jesus accomplished for us
4. Washing away our sin by the blood of Jesus
5. Introduction by Jesus into God’s holy presence

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