



Resurrection

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I am the resurrection and the life.

JOHN 11:25

Welcome

Resurrection Presbyterian Church is a gathering of imperfect people who are loved by a perfect Savior. The heart of our life together is to see the good news of Jesus bring new life to the city of Athens and beyond.

Our worship follows historic Christian services and brings us into the bigger story of God's redemption, where God calls us, forms us, and sends us out to love and serve the world. As we worship, we enter into a personal engagement between God and his people, where we join together to taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8).

We are glad you are here and would love the opportunity to connect with you.

Reflections

I am beginning now to see how radically the character of my spiritual journey will change when I no longer think of God as hiding out and making it as difficult as possible for me to find him, but, instead, as the one who is looking for me while I am doing the hiding.

- HENRI NOUWEN, RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

If we want to feel a deeper love for God, we must learn to see him more clearly for who he is.

- JEN WILKIN, WOMEN OF THE WORD

“Lord, I believe; help my unbelief”.. is the most natural and most human and most agonizing prayer in the gospels, and I think it is the foundation prayer of faith.

- FLANNERY O'CONNOR, THE HABIT OF BEING

Call to Worship - PSALM 96

Sing to the Lord a new song

Sing to the Lord all the earth

Sing to the Lord - praise his name

Tell of his salvation from day to day!

CALL TO WORSHIP

In our relationship,
God always takes the
first step, calling us
to bring all that we
are before the One
who loves freely and
generously.

HYMN OF GATHERING

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

Chorus: I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound (I am bound), I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. (Chorus)

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face and in His bosom rest? (Chorus)

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

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ADORATION & THANKSGIVING

As we worship, we remember that God is both good and good to us, and so we give thanks for who he is and what he has done.

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur.
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Chorus)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Chorus)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art. (Chorus)

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

God invites us to be completely honest about our struggles and failings, trusting that he is full of compassion and loves to forgive.

Confession of Sin

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(After we confess our need for Jesus together, take a moment for personal reflection and confession, returning to the God who welcomes us with joy.)

Assurance of Grace - 1 JOHN 3:1, 4:19

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. We love, because he first loved us.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus: Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see:

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided--

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

Baptism - LIANA ESTELA SHAW

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has
welcomed us, so
we welcome one
another in his love.

Children K-2nd are dismissed for their ResTime class during the sermon.
They can meet their teachers in the lobby and will return after class.

SCRIPTURE READING

God speaks to us
in the words of
scripture, revealing
Jesus and reshaping
our life together.

New Testament Lesson - HEBREWS 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

In this fourth
century doxology
we celebrate the
fullness of God as
Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.

Gloria Patri

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. Amen.

Sermon Lesson - MATTHEW 9:14-26

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch tears away from the garment, and a worse tear is made. ¹⁷Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

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¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, ²¹ for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³ And when Jesus came to the ruler’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶ And the report of this went through all that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - REASON FOR JOY

PASTOR JARED BRYANT

HYMN OF RESPONSE

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast.
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life’s fearful path;
For my love is often cold-- He must hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast!
He will hold me fast!
For my Savior loves me so--
He will hold me fast!

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Those He saves are His delight; Christ will hold me fast.
Precious in His holy sight; He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost-- His Promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost; He will hold me fast.

Chorus:

He will hold me fast!
He will hold me fast!
For my Savior loves me so--
He will hold me fast!

For my life He bled and died; Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last! (Chorus)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we join together
in prayer, we ask for
the help that only
God can give. Please
close your prayer
with "Lord, in your
mercy" - and the
congregation will
respond, "Hear our
prayer."

Prayers of the People

The risen Jesus is in our midst, so with Jesus we pray:

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.

Preparation for Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

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.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

SURSUM CORDA

Latin for “lift up your hearts,” this Eucharistic liturgy dates back to the 3rd century, reminding us that communion is a meal shared in the presence of the risen Jesus.

COMMUNION

We invite all baptized followers of Jesus to join in this time of Communion with our Lord Jesus and with one another. If you are not a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time in reflection or prayer.

Wine is on the outer ring with grape juice in the middle. All crackers are gluten free.

HYMN OF BLESSING AND SENDING

Living Waters

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, rest beside these living waters.
Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone; rise up in these living waters.

Chorus:

There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God.
There our hope is secure;
Do not fear anymore!
Praise the Lord of living waters!

Spirit moving, mercy washing, healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline; life is in these living waters. (Chorus)

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters. (Chorus)

BENEDICTION

Simply means
“good word,”
reminding us that
God is always for
us and gives us
everything we need
to live with faith,
hope, and love.

Benediction - ROMANS 15:13

May the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you might abound in hope. *Amen!*

Go in peace to love and serve the world. *Thanks be to God!*

Life Together - SUNDAY 5.12.24

New to Resurrection?

If you are new to Resurrection and are looking for more information or hoping to connect with us, we would love to hear from you on our “Connect Form” located on our website or through the QR code. respresathens.com/office@resurrectionathens.com



Movement of Mercy

As a church, we are intentionally trying to meet the physical needs of those around us with our ongoing Movement of Mercy campaign. Can you think of anyone in your life who could benefit from a tangible gift of mercy? We want to hear about it! You can send in a request on our website under the GIVE tab with your idea, or speak directly with a deacon. We are also in need of those who can donate to the fund, and that fund is an option under GIVE on our website or Church Center as well.

Kids Kickball

Rising Kindergarteners-5th Grade- join us at the church on Sunday, June 9th at 3:30 for a fun afternoon of kickball. Register your children on Church Center Signups!

Women's Summer Study

This summer we are inviting the women of Resurrection to spend time reading through the book of Philippians in groups of 2 or 3. We will be covering the 4 chapters over the 8 weeks of summer. Check your email this week for more information about this opportunity. Please contact Dana Davis with any questions: dana.homeyer@gmail.com

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