



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

Forgiveness is a form of voluntary suffering. In forgiving, rather than retaliating, you make a choice to bear the cost.

- TIMOTHY KELLER, FORGIVENESS

For as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

- PSALM 103:12

Your sins are forgiven.

- JESUS

Call to Worship - PSALM 143

Let me hear of your unfailing love in the morning

For I have put my trust in you

Show me the way I should walk

For to you I lift up my soul

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

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go,

I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow

May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,

I yield my flickering torch to thee;

My heart restores its borrowed ray,

That in thy sunshine's blaze its day

May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,

I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

And feel the promise is not vain,

That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,

I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I lay in dust, life's glory dead,

And from the ground there blossoms red

Life that shall endless be.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend!
Who would have thought that a Lamb
Could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus:

You are the One that we praise; You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace!
You offer hope when our hearts
Have hopelessly lost the way;
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Chorus)

Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. (Chorus)

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.

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

Lord, our helper and sustainer, forgive us for all the ways we have fallen short. Break through our stubborn ways so our agendas and fears won't diminish the promise of your word. May this time of confession not become a place of desolation, but consolation because you are a God who welcomes us by grace. We thank you that our shame is washed away because your grace is more powerful than our sin. 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 - COLOSSIANS 2:13-14

God made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Thy Mercy My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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.

No Res Time on the last Sunday of the month. Res Time will resume
next Sunday, May 5th.

**SCRIPTURE
READING**

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

Old Testament Lesson - PSALM 32

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.

You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.

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GLORIA PATRI

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

Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.
Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 9:1-8

¹And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. ²And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." ³And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." ⁴But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ⁶But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷And he rose and went home. ⁸When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon - FORGIVEN

PASTOR JARED BRYANT

HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer, and his wondrous love to me:
On the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Chorus:

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With his blood he purchased me;
On the cross he sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
In his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. (Chorus)

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. (Chorus)

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. (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.

Confession of Faith - THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead; 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, 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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul are you weary and troubled,
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free!

Chorus:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus;
Look full in His wonderful face!
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion,
For more than conquerors we are! (Chorus)

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;
Believe Him and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell! (Chorus 2x)

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 - FROM MATTHEW 18

As we have been forgiven, may we share his forgiveness with others, bringing peace, hope, and God's love to all. *Amen!*

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

Life Together - SUNDAY 4.28.24

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



Meal Volunteers Needed for Bigger Vision

Looking for an opportunity to serve our community? We’re looking for a few additional volunteers to join a meal team in serving the Bigger Vision Community Shelter. This involves providing a portion of a meal every other month to serve the residents and staff. If available, please email Meghan Hudson at meghhudson@gmail.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.

Giving

You can give to Resurrection using the QR code located here. You can donate to our General Fund, Building Fund, and Mercy Fund. There is also a GIVE tab located on our website & a tithe/offering box at the back of the room.



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