



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

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him. Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us.

- DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Follow me.

- JESUS

Call to Worship - PSALM 59

In the morning I will sing of your strength and your love.

For you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

You are my strength, I sing praise to you.

You are my fortress, my God on whom I can rely.

HYMN OF GATHERING

Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging, mysterious, and unknown;

Your boundless love, unfailing in grace and mercy shown.

Bright Seraphim in endless flight around Your glorious throne;

They raise their voices day and night in praise to You alone.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm.

Surround us with Your angels; hold us in Your arms.

Our cold and ruthless enemy, His pleasure is our harm.

Rise up, oh Lord, and he will flee before our sovereign God (Chorus)

Let every creature in the sea and every flying bird,

Let every mountain, every field and valley of the earth,

Let all the moons and all the stars in all the universe

Sing praises to the living God Who rules them by His Word. (Chorus)

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 THANKSGIVING

This is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet!
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring;
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

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

Our good Lord, we are thankful to be yours. You welcome us into your family, and you love us as your very own sons and daughters. You have held nothing back in giving us your son, but we confess how quick we are to doubt your goodness and wander away from you. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Make us a people of good hope, and to share that hope with others. Help us to trust and follow you in all we do. 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 - PSALM 13:5

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

My Jesus I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Living Church - TO THE NEXT GENERATION

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.

Old Testament Lesson - PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.
Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

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 8:18-27

¹⁸ Now when Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹ And a scribe came up and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” ²⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ²¹ Another of the disciples said to him, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ²² And Jesus said to him, “Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.”

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” ²⁶ And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - TRUST AND FOLLOW

PASTOR JARED BRYANT

HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Lord is My Salvation

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea;
And I am safe on this solid ground--The Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls; His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun--The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus: Who is like the Lord our God?

Strong to save, faithful in love.

My debt is paid and the victory won--

The Lord is my salvation!

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My hope is hidden in the Lord; He flows each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come--The Lord is my salvation.
In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days--The Lord is my salvation. (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."

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave;
But I will rise, He will call me home--The Lord is my salvation! (Chorus)

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit--
The Lord is our salvation! (Repeat)

The Lord is our salvation!
The Lord is our salvation!

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

Written in the
second century, the
Apostles' Creed is
the oldest and most
universally recog-
nized summary of
the Christian faith.

*Catholic simply
means universal.

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

Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks,
You paint the evening skies with wonders.
The earth, it is Your throne, from desert to the sea;
All nature testifies Your splendor.

Chorus 1: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice! You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west, let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

You reached into the dust; in love Your Spirit breathed.
You formed us in Your very likeness.
To know Your wondrous works, to tell Your mighty deeds,
To join the everlasting chorus! (Chorus 1)

Let symphonies resound; let drums and choirs ring out;
All heaven hear the sound of worship!
Let every nation bring its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal.

Chorus 2: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Sing His greatness, all creation!
Praise the Lord, raise your voice! You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west, You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far, from sky to sea to shore,
Sing out forevermore! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Chorus 1)

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 - PHILIPPIANS 4:7,20

May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. *Amen!*

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

Life Together - SUNDAY 4.21.24

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.

Men's Baseball Event

Thursday, May 9th (7p.m. game time): Gwinnett Stripers. \$35 gets you a ticket and tailgate food starting at 5 p.m. Bring a chair and your own beverages. Venmo (see QR code) Andrew Betts no later than APRIL 25!



Spring Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday night women's Bible study has concluded its winter study on Isaiah. For the four remaining Tuesdays, April 16 - May 7, we will continue to meet at Dana Davis's home from 7-8:30 for fellowship, refreshments, and prayer. We will be guided by a different prayer from scripture each Tuesday night. Everyone is welcome, seasoned participants or newcomers alike!

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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