

Announcements

Wed. April 8th
Thurs. April 9th

Choir Practice 6:30
KD Lunch

An offering plate can be found on a small table in the center aisle. By receiving peoples' gifts each week, worshipers are given an opportunity to contribute to the ministry that Christ does in and through our church family. During the Stewardship Moment of the service, these gifts will be brought forward and dedicated to this purpose.



Mission Moment

In Malawi, Debora was raised by her grandparents after her father died and her mother left due to mental health struggles. Unsure how to afford secondary school, she received support to fund her studies and to pay for meals and accommodations at university. "What I've learned is to be kind—to be kind not just to people so close to you, because you guys never knew about me. You never knew I existed, but you still had a heart to give," Debora shares. She hopes her experience motivates girls in her village: "And me, being a girl, when they look at me, they get inspired and some are even going back to school." PWS&D supports the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program in Malawi in this initiative.

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~ April 5th, 2026 ~
Easter Sunday

*"to know, love and serve God wherever we are
and to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds"*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

We give thanks to you, O God, for you have answered us –
you have become our salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone!**

This is your doing, O God – a wonder in our eyes.

**This is the day that you have made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Save us, we pray, O God – bring life out of death, hope out of despair.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
We come to worship with joy and thanksgiving.**

You are our God, and we will give you thanks;
you are our God, and we will praise your holy name! (Psalm 118:21-29)

Hymn #243 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Opening Prayers

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, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Love

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Time & Hymn #254 Jesus is Risen from the Grave

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings: John 20:1-18

The Word of God in Scripture. The Word of God among us.
The Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

Ministry of Music: "He Lives " ~ A.H. Ackley, setting by Joel Raney

Sermon

Hymn #674 In the Bulb There is a Flower

Our Response to God's Word

Stewardship Moment

Reflection / Doxology & the Presentation of Gifts / Prayer

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high & low
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God.** ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Hymn #258 Thine Be the Glory

Benediction & Dismissal: **Go in the Grace of the Lord**

Postlude: Finale Jubilante ~ Healey Willan* * * * *
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As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on
the following...

""The good news is that God's love is stronger than anything we can ever imagine.
The worst things that happen to us can never be the last thing."
~ Desmond Tutu



Where do you most need to hear the good news that the worst things in
your life are not the last word?

Where have you experienced God bringing hope, renewal, or
unexpected life out of something difficult?

Things to pray for this week...

God of new life and of hope, fill us with peace, joy and the desire to
be new people and to live in the new life Christ gives, guided by
your Spirit. Give us, we pray, a renewed and growing awareness of
what it means to live as Christ lived, to love as Christ loved and to
serve as he served.

God of justice and mercy, fill us with courage and hope as we
engage in repentance, repairing and healing the harm the church
has caused by excluding and marginalizing Two-Spirit and LGBTQI+
people.

In this season of celebrating the resurrection and new life,
we pray for congregations seeking a vision of God's
future, and for those serving them as intentional interim
and transitional ministers. May God's Spirit guide them as
they continue in their journey of discernment.



Scripture Reading: John 11:1-57 (NIV)

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) ³ So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, ⁷ and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. ¹⁰ It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." ¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶ Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

²⁸ After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." ²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

"What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation."

⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. ⁵³ So from that day on they plotted to take his life.

⁵⁴ Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

⁵⁵ When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. ⁵⁶ They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts they asked one another, "What do you think? Isn't he coming to the festival at all?" ⁵⁷ But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was should report it so that they might arrest him.