

Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and

Bold text is read by the congregation.

respond to the Word.

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

You may access the online order of worship to follow along on any digital device:



In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

Glendale Presbyterian Church

March 31, 2024 | 10 AM Easter Sunday



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Welcome & Announcements | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Prelude | When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Traditional Melodies: Arr. by Tedd Smith and Don Hustad. | Peggy Mayfield, Organ and Carol Schmidt, Piano

Introit | GTG #228, 5-6 | Were You There?

*Call to Worship | Liturgist

One: This is the day:

All: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

One: This is the day the Lord:

All: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes; goes ahead of us into God's future.

One: This is the day the Lord has made:

All: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

One: This is the day - Easter Day! **All: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**

*Hymn | GTG #245 | Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Call to Confession | Liturgist

Prayer of Confession

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are, Emptier of tombs. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors.

Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service.

This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

All: On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God's people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

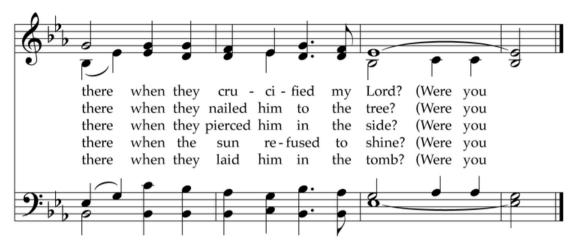
One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem | Easter Chorale and Alleluia, by John Purifoy | Chancel Choir

Were You There 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you 4 Were you there when the sun shine? (Were you re-fused to 5 Were you there when they laid the tomb? (Were you him in my Lord? there?) Were you there when they cru - ci - fied there?) Were you when they nailed him to there the tree? there?) Were you there when they pierced him in the side? when the there?) Were you there sun re-fused to shine? there?) Were you when they laid the tomb? there him in O! Some-times it caus - es me to trem - ble. Were you trem - ble, trem - ble,

Few hymns from any culture have captured the pathos of Jesus' crucifixion as movingly as this African American spiritual. Its emotional climax (and highest pitch) comes in the great "O!" at the center of each stanza, a moment that moves beyond anything words can convey.



Opt. 6 Were you there when he rose up from the dead?

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination | Liturgist

+Moment for Wonder | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Hymn | GTG #462, verse 1 | I Love to Tell the Story

Scripture | Isaiah 25:6-9 and John 20:1-18

Sermon | "Who Does Jesus Say That We Are?"

Respond to God's Word

*Hymn | Rejoice this Easter Morning by Samuel Stokes | Bell Choir

*Affirmation of Faith | The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Words of Offering | Liturgist

Prayer of Dedication | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

*Doxology | GTG #238, verse 1 | Thine is the Glory

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving | Responses to the tune of "Ode to Joy" arr. Carol Schmidt

One: The God of every morning be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: People of Easter morning, lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them to the One who has raised Jesus from the grave.

One: People of Easter's joy, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

All: We sing our hallelujahs to the God of everlasting love.
One: On this day of joy and hope,... singing our Easter joy to you:

All: Holy, holy holy, Lord God of the empty tomb Glad songs of resurrection joy are offered to you.

Hosanna in the Highest Hosanna in the Highest

Blessed is the One who comes bearing your steadfast love

Holy holy, Lord God of the empty tomb

One: Holy are you, God of every day,... we trust that mystery we call faith:

All: On the first day, Christ shaped all that is good and beautiful

Jesus welcomed death so we could enter life eternal

Bright morning star creator of all that is good Jesus Christ will call us to the Table of the Lamb

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One: It is here at this Table,... forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of the People | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

+At this time young and young at heart are invited to come forward to the front pew for conversation around our texts for the week.

The Apostles' Creeds from the ancient church comes as close as any other confessional statements to expressing the faith of all Christians, of all traditions, throughout church history.

Tithes and offerings may be left in the offering plate. Those who prefer to donate electronically are invited to donate through our church website:



Our congregation has a practice of staying seated for the duration of the postlude.

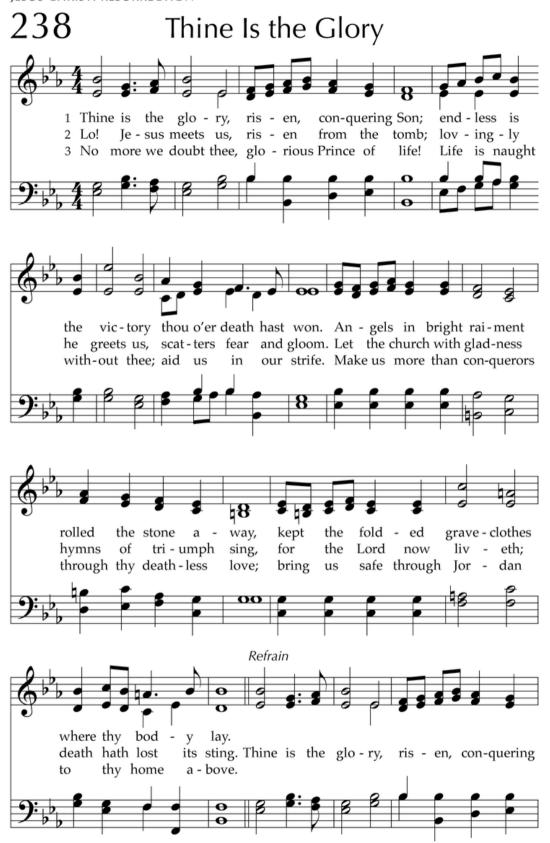
Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues out into the world, where we are sent to love and care for God's people.

Our featured image today is Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection by Alexander Ivanov. It is located in a window sill on the North Sappington side of the sanctuary.



This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.





This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION





In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Communion of the People

*Hymn | GTG #246 | Christ is Alive!

*Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Postlude | Easter Alleluia!, John Purifoy | Carol Schmidt

Some Liturgies come from Thom M. Shuman's Lectionary Liturgies: http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/

Prayer Requests

Healing and Wholeness

Prayers for John Eidson, Carol Cook's son's father-in-law who had surgery for kidney cancer.

Prayers for Judy Wood, Carol Cook's niece's mother-in-law in hospice.

Prayers for Pastor Kathleen's friend, Sarah upon the loss of her father.

Prayers for Janet McFadden, Clarice Fleming's sister-in-law, who was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Continued prayers for Joan's granddaughter, Ellen, and for her Aunt Joan.

Joy, Celebration, and Thanks

Happy Birthday to Matt Krob and Katie Niesen Cook on March 30.

Have a question about an event? An announcement Announcement to share? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepresegmail.com

Building and Grounds

Grubby Saturday will be April 13th. Work time will be between 9:00 and 2:00, whenever it works for you. Lunch will be provided.

A sign up sheet for jobs and lunch will be posted a week before.

If you see a job that needs to be done, have a job in mind you would like to work on, have a special talent you would like to use please let Leslen know.

We will be looking for:

window cleaners, gardeners, mulchers, rakers, servers of lunch, bush trimmers, cookie bakers. Flipping for Per Capita

Sunday, April 14th will be "Flip for Per Capita Day". Pancakes and sausage will be served during Fellowship Time on that Sunday. This is a good time to pay your Per Capita of \$36 per member or celebrate that you have already paid it. It is a sweet deal either way!

Pastor Kathleen Out of Town

Pastor Kathleen will be in Louisville, KY at PCUSA headquarters at the end of next week, so she will not be doing Coffee Shop Office Hours. Rev. Christi Tennyson, Senior Development Officer for Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services will be preaching on April 7th.



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FEBRUARY 14 - MARCH 31, 2024

We will be accepting donations to OGHS through Easter Sunday.

Welcome

Welcome to Glendale Presbyterian Church! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to GPC, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At GPC, we share God's love through our work and play in our church and community.

Children & Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. The "Prayer Ground" is located in the front of the sanctuary where children are welcome to sit as is most comfortable to them and to engage with the materials up there throughout the service. In addition, the nursery is available for use by small children and their grown-ups near the Parking Lot Entry to the church. Most Sundays during the school year, children are invited to attend Sunday School following "Opening the Word with Young Disciples."

Worship Bags

All ages are invited to pick up a GPC worship bag in the Narthex (back of the sanctuary) that has items to be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

New Members

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the GPC family. Please contact Pastor Kathleen at 314-944-3334 or pastorhenrion@gmail.com for further information.

Prayer Request Cards

Blue prayer request cards are available upon entry to the building, as well as in pews. Please use them to note any joys or concerns you wish to have lifted in prayer. Place your prayer request card in the basket at either entrance to the Sanctuary before worship begins. If you need to fill it out during the beginning of worship, feel free to drop your prayer requests in the basket during the first hymn. The cards will be shared with the congregation, in worship, on the video of worship, and in the newsletter unless otherwise requested on the card.

Pastoral Care

To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange for Home Communion, Please contact the church office at 314–822–2545 or by e-mail to glendalepresegmail.com or you are welcome to contact Kathleen directly via call or text at 314–944–3334. Or by email at pastorhenrionegmail.com

Serving the Church

Interested in serving the church in some way? Contact the church office at 314-822-2545 or by e-mail to glendalepresegmail.com and we'd love to connect you.

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Liturgist | Leslie McKinstray
Song Leader | Debbie Rose
Ushers | Kathy Foresman & Jan Nolan
Greeter | Jaime Krob
Online Host | Matt Krob
Communion | Debbie Rose
Counters | Vicki Sorrells, Bob Bidstrup
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Liturgist | Beth Ford
Song Leader | Paige Stroud
Usher |
Greeter | Jan Nolan
Online Host | Katie Niesen Cook
Fellowship | Clarice Fleming
Counters | Vicki Sorrells, Bob Bidstrup
Music Director | Carol Schmidt
Pastor | Rev. Kathleen Henrion
Preacher | Rev. Christi Tennyson



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Glendale Presbyterian Church is a member of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy (glpby.org), the Synod of Mid America (synodma.org), and the Presbyterian Church (USA) (pcusa.org).

We are members of More Light Presbyterians and the Covenant Network, which are working toward a fully inclusive church.



