



**Embodying Jesus'  
All-Encompassing  
Hospitality**

Florida's first Presbyterians, since 1824

*\*Please stand as you are able*

April 19, 2026

11:00 a.m.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship. Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.*

### GATHERING

#### TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.*

PRELUDE

"Cortège et Litanie"

Marcel Dupré

INTROIT

"He is Risen, He is Risen"

Cecil Alexander

He is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice:  
He has burst His three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice:  
Death is conquered we are free, Christ has won the victory.

Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day;  
Not one darksome cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray,  
Breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast.

GREETING (*responsive*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen, indeed!**

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Psalm 116, adapted

We love the Lord.

**Because the Lord has heard our prayers.**

Gracious is the Lord.

**Our God is merciful.**

How shall we respond to the Lord for our blessings?

**Let us worship the Lord with our whole lives.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN NO. 451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of wonder and mystery, You walk alongside us on the journey of our lives. Yet like those on the Emmaus road, we are often oblivious to Your presence. Like them, we are so focused on our own fears and uncertainties, we miss you walking with us. Forgive us, Lord. Encourage us to remember that you are near to us, bringing Your resurrection life and hope.

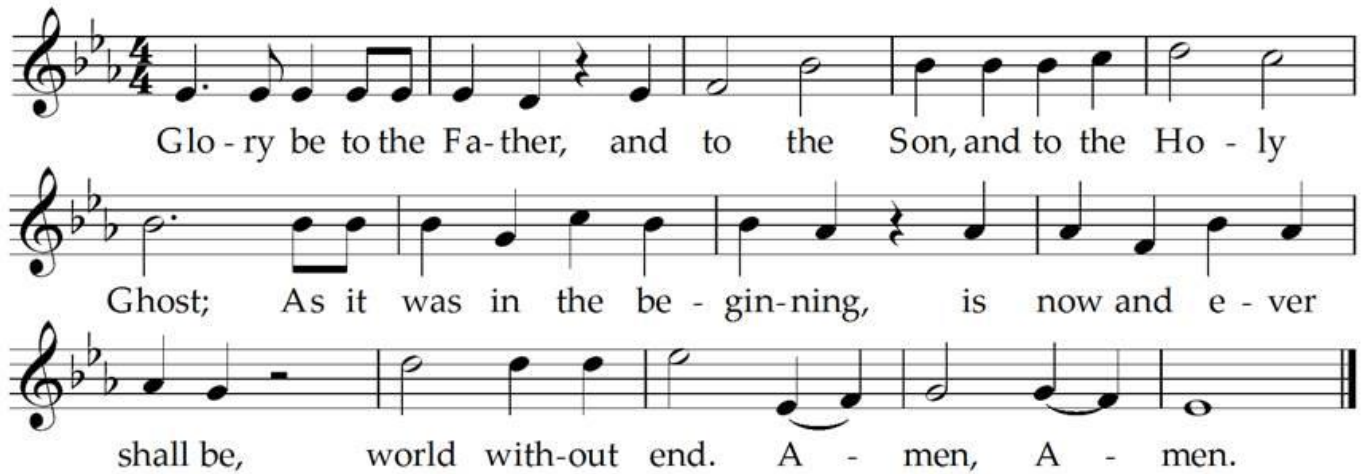
*A brief silence is kept*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*responsive*)

Hear now the Good News of Easter: You, Oh Lord, overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We are forgiven. By Your grace, O Lord, we are daughters and sons of resurrection light and life.

**Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and e - ver  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

\*THE PEACE (*responsive*)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*The children of the church gather at the baptismal font*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Earth Day

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148:1-12

O.T. pg. 546

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

N.T. pg. 78

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

“May You See”

Dr. Camp

*Silent meditation on sermon*

\*HYMN NO. 248

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna”

HYMN TO JOY

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

The Confession of 1967

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Please use this time to reflect on how we might offer ourselves, and our resources, to God*



*Four ways to give: Please drop a check/cash in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, text STAMPC to 73256, or use the QR code printed here to connect to the Church’s secure online giving platform to make your gift.*

OFFERTORY

“With a Voice of Singing”

Martin Shaw

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

*Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!*

*O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of His name,  
Make his praise to be glorious.*

*With a voice of singing....*

\*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

*(some substitute "God" for "Him")*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all blessings, we thank You for the beauty that the eye can see, for the joy that the ear may hear, for the unknown wonders of the universe.

**We thank You for setting us in communities: for families, for friends, for companions at work, for strangers, and for children who offer us hope for the future. We thank You for Your promise to be with us, to be our God.**

For these, and all blessings, we give You thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

**Amen.**

SENDING

\*HYMN NO. 157

"I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

\*POSTLUDE

"Tuba Tune"

C. S. Lang

*\*Please stand as you are able*

*Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave bags in  
the pews at the conclusion of the service*

# MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

## VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff:** Greeting, Call to Worship, Prayer of the Day, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

**Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children and Young Family Ministry:** Invitation to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, The Peace, Children's Moment, Gospel Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist**

**Minute for Mission:** Liz Scarbrough

**Lector:** Maggie Barbieri

# Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



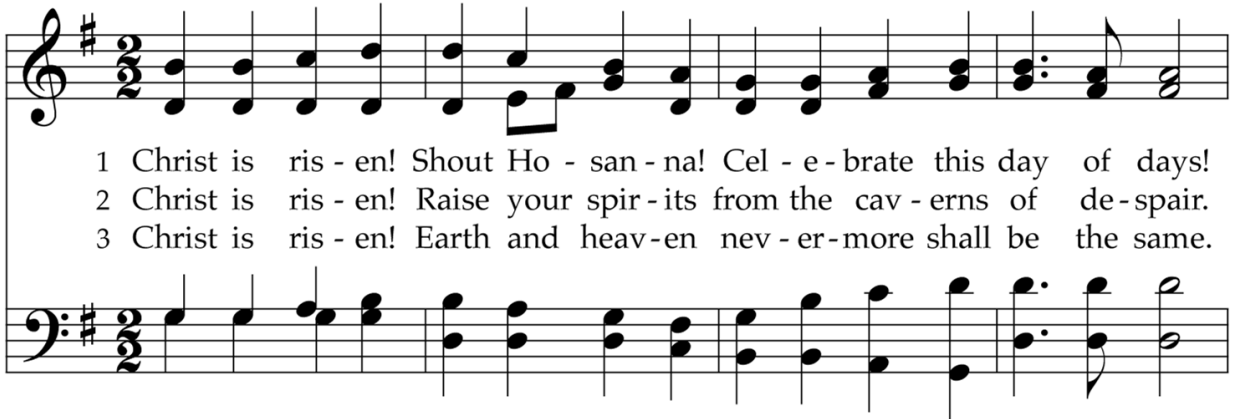
set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



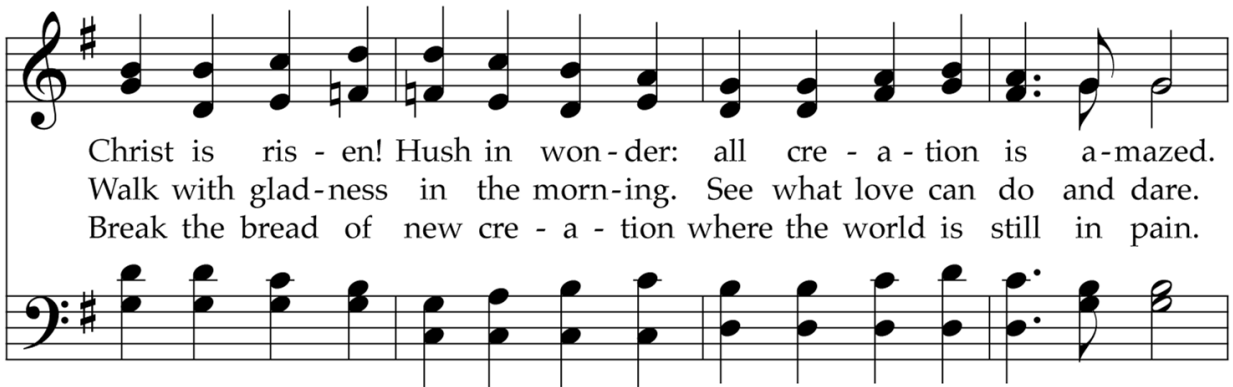
will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



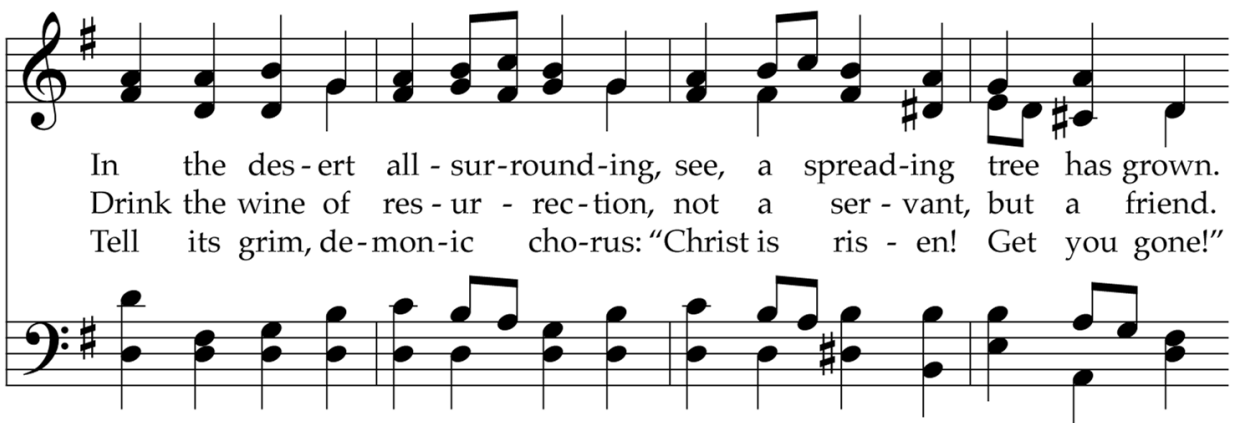
# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



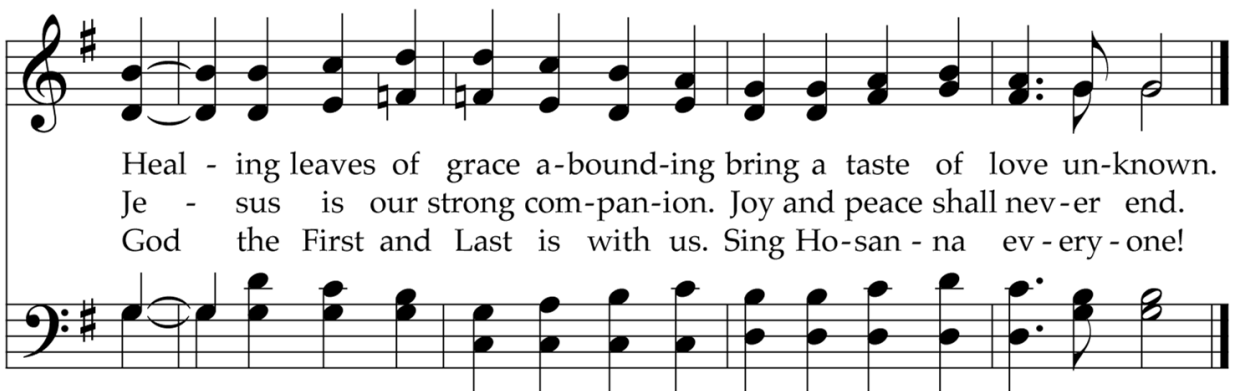
1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.  
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - er - y - one!

# 157 I Danced in the Morning

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
 F Dm Am Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
 3 I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame. The  
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †

(Em) (A)  
 Gm C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)  
 F Dm Am Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 Bb F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die.  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



# MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 19, 2026

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

## Children's Sunday School: "Doubting Thomas"

- Preschool: Room 204, with Lindsey Dailey
- K – 2<sup>nd</sup>: Room 209, with Beth and Tracy Upchurch
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>: Room 224, with Judy Robb

## Youth Sunday School:

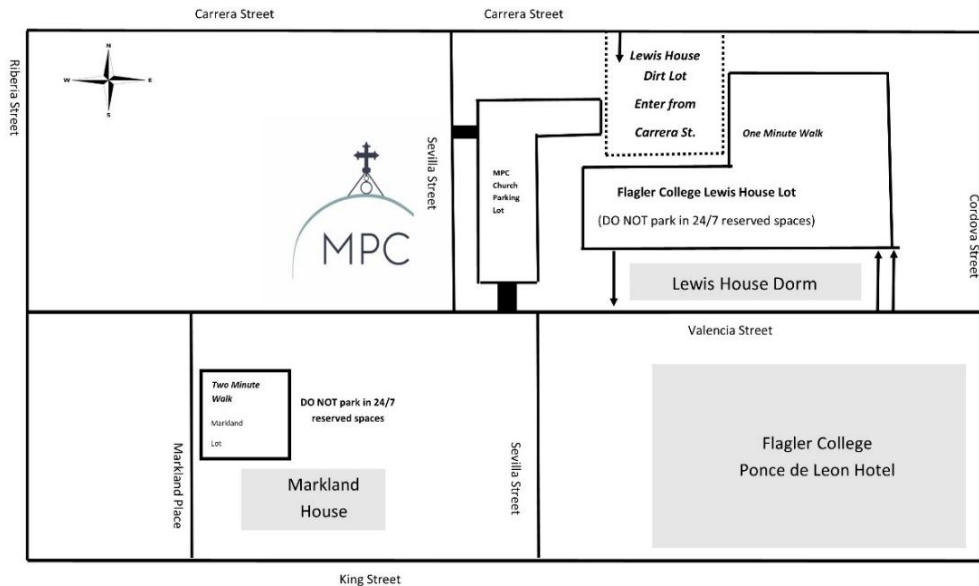
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Room 207, "Paul Says Farewell; Paul's Journey to Jerusalem" with Robin Pyles and Lisa Hill
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>: Youth Loft

## Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): **Start time – 9:40 a.m.** A study of the 4<sup>th</sup> gospel written by the disciple "whom Jesus loved." One can't study John without taking a wonderful spiritual walk with Jesus. Welcome to the journey, Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: "Soul-Care and Self-Care for the Tired Heart" with Kyla Salmond, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: "Mark, the Good News of Jesus", come join us, enjoy, learn, grow, Lewis Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "Reaching Out by Henri Nouwen", Room 205
- Christian Meditation: **Start time – 9:40 a.m.** "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Class meets in the Church Office building parlor. This room is downstairs next to Dr. Camp's office and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at [marccraddock@mac.com](mailto:marccraddock@mac.com). Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyRWV5UT09>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

### MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm and Markland House parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings, until 12:15 pm. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



## MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 4-19-26

**Happy Birthday** to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, April 19 - 25: Leon Corbett III, Cynthia Gross, Dr. Yvan Kelly, Lacey Lago, Janet Lee, Leah Mahan, Susan McGee, Esther McNeal, Paxton Millard, Karen Minder, Kate Morcom, Rowan Osborne, Theresa Petty, Amy Ryan, Andrew Van Wicklen, Peggy Warner, Adele Wright, Aaron Zabriskie

**Celebrating 25 Years of Ministry:** Pastors Hunter and Amy Camp are both celebrating 25 years since their ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament—Hunter on March 18 and Amy on April 29. Please join us for a joint celebration (with cake!) today, in Lewis Hall between services.

**Family Faith Night:** Tonight, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., in Lewis Hall. Parents of children and students (college-aged and below), we invite you to join us for a special evening of connection, encouragement, and faith formation. Dinner will be catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill, and there will be engaging programs for all ages—so every member of your family has a place to connect and grow. Come enjoy a meal, meaningful community, and a night centered on sharing the joys and challenges of parenting. We hope to see you there!

**Wildflower Clinic Needs Supplies:** From Sunday April 12 through Sunday, April 19, bins will be placed on the office porch for supplies needed at the Wildflower Clinic, which provides free medical and dental care to uninsured, low-income adults in St. Johns County. Items needed are bandage scissors, Coban/Paper tape/2-inch gauze, alcohol prep pads, small dry-erase calendars for providers, copy paper, sticky notes, paper clips, folders/inserts, ring binders with pockets, pens: blue and black, disinfectant wipes, Lysol spray, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels and soap dispenser refills.

**Homeless Coalition:** We invite you to visit our campus and learn how families are rebuilding stability in our community.

- When: Monday, April 20 | 4 PM - 5 PM.
- Where: 62 Chapin Street | St. Augustine, Florida 32084.

Tour the campus, ask questions, and see firsthand how stable housing and coordinated support are helping families move forward. We hope you will join us.

**Extended Detour of the King Street Bridge over San Sebastian River Scheduled to Begin April 13:**

As part of the King Street Bridge over the San Sebastian River rehabilitation project, an extended detour is necessary to complete the work safely. The bridge will close Monday, April 13, and remain closed for approximately seven months, weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting. During the closure, roadway users will follow posted detour signs to U.S. 1 and Malaga Street to access King Street. A temporary signal at U.S. 1 and Malaga Street has been installed to assist drivers through the detour safely.

**Final FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program:** This is our last FEAST until fall. Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

**This Wednesday, April 22, 2026:**

- Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Lewis Hall. **"Sheet Pan Shrimp Boil"**. Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child. Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.
- Grab 'N Go Meals: If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Lewis Hall.
- Program at 6:00 p.m. (2 options):
  - "New Member Orientation" (must pre-register, [membership@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:membership@memorialpcusa.org))
  - "Children's Spring Concert"

**Children's Choir Spring Concert:** Please join us on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in Lewis Hall for our spring concert! It's important for our children to be surrounded by church family as they offer their talents and gifts. Many thanks to Anastasia Forrest and Ellen Blaise for serving as our Interim Choir Directors this semester!

**GOT GRIEF?** You are not alone. GriefShare meets the next three Thursdays (4/23, 4/30, 5/7). Please join us this Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> for our weekly grief share group from 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. in Lewis Hall Parlor.

**A Fundraiser That's Above Par!** If golf is your game, here's an opportunity to play and benefit a Memorial Presbyterian Outreach program: Safe Families for Children. The Southeast Coil Classic, hosted by Vested Metals, also offers something fun for everyone: a cigar roller, games, giveaways and a silent auction. Proceeds benefit seven nonprofits. The event starts at 12:30 p.m. on April 27 at Marsh Creek Country Club. And, for more information about Safe Families for Children, go to <https://safe-families.org>. To sign up for the golf tournament go to: <https://www.vestedmetals.net/golf/>

**Connect! Moms** meets every last Thursday of the month (April 30) from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in room 214 of Lewis Hall. Whether you're raising littles, guiding teens, or supporting grown children, moms in every season are welcome. Come enjoy connection, conversation, and community.

**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH:** You are invited to join us for Dinner and a Variety Show on April 26! Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will go toward sending our high schoolers to Montreat Youth Conference this summer. Enjoy dinner made served by our youth, all while enjoying the talents of our youth. Tickets will be for sale Sunday mornings on April 19 and April 26, or you can get tickets at the door.

**Dine with Nine:** Dine with Nine is a rotational dinner program. Let's share a meal, meet new people and grow in God's love. Dine with Nine is a simple gathering with nine (or so) people--some couples, some singles, some new to the church, some life-long members, some older and some younger. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners take place. Four dinners will be held, one each month, starting in May and ending in August. **Why not** step out of your comfort zone for an opportunity to make lasting friendships? We will grow deeper in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with God. You can sign up with the QR code or here <https://bit.ly/MPCDineNineMaythroughAugust2026> or if you prefer, contact Judy A. Thomas, [judyaathomas@gmail.com](mailto:judyaathomas@gmail.com), (770) 906-7619 for more details. Groups are forming now. Registration ends on April 30, 2026. We hope you will join us! **Please note, even if you were previously in a group, you will need to register every time new groups form, i.e. three times a year.**



**Celebration of Life:** A Celebration of Life for Barbara Strauss will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 in the Chapel of Westminster St. Augustine (235 Towerview Drive), with a reception following the service, in the lobby. Rev. Jean Hilton, Chaplain, will officiate.

**Easter Egg Thank You:** Our congregation's generosity shines! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed filled Easter eggs. Thanks to you, our annual Easter morning hunt was full of joy, and the children's baskets were overflowing.

**MPC Communication:** With so many wonderful things happening in our church, we want to keep you in the loop about all that God is doing in our midst. Please regularly read your **Weekly Email Newsletter** (arrives in your inbox every Monday), **Facebook and Instagram** posts, and these **Bulletin Announcements**. Thank you!

**Need Prayer?** Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email [amycamp@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:amycamp@memorialpcusa.org) for private prayer or [krissings@yahoo.com](mailto:krissings@yahoo.com) for MPC's public prayer chain.

**Who is my Deacon?** If you are a member of MPC and do not know who your deacon is (and would like to know who your deacon is), please contact Priscilla Durkin, Parish Associate at [pdurkin@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:pdurkin@memorialpcusa.org) or 910 894-3216.

**Al-Anon at MPC:** Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

**Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministry is confidential Christian caring for those enduring difficult times. The Stephen Ministry at Memorial Presbyterian Church has provided over 1,030 hours of care to over 34 care receivers. For more information on receiving care please email: [stephenministry@memorialpcusa.org](mailto:stephenministry@memorialpcusa.org).

**Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:** *Bayview:* Bill and Verna Bacon; *The Blake at St. Johns:* Betty Hinely; *Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of St. Augustine:* Chris Wollny; *The Haven at Regency Point, Rainbow City, AL:* Eileen Coleman; *Health Center, Westminster:* Bill Baker; *The Ponce Rehab:* Dorothy Dornblaser; *Riverside Cottages:* Carolyn Smith; *Silver Creek Memory Care:* Sarah Moore; *Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN:* Sue Holder

**Recovering at Home:** Betsy Haynes, Gail Garriott, Beki Moyer, Michael Vanata

**Seminarians and Candidates for Ministry:** Emma Livingston, Brennan Gagnon

**Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:** Commander Adam William Broos, serving at Naval Station Mayport, FL; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, Medical Team with the National Guard; Matthew Giles, serving at Tyndall AFB, FL; Marsha Howell, serving in St. Augustine, FL



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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sun. 4-19-26	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 – 10:45 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 – 2:30 pm 12:30 – 3:30 5:00 – 7:00 pm 5:00 – 7:00 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Service with Holy Communion and Anastasia Forrest Usher Training – Sanctuary Ordination Anniversary Celebration for Hunter and Amy Camp Sunday School (Friendship Class and Christian Ed start at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-streamed) Deacons Mini-Retreat! – Upper Landing in LH Sanctuary Open for Tours Family Faith Night! – LH, Room 218, Youth Loft Youth Group (Middle and High School combined) Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 4-20-26	3:30 – 8:00 pm	Sacred Music Academy – LH, Nursery, Choir Room, Sanctuary
Tues. 4-21-26	8:30 – 11:00 am 9:30 – 3:30 10:00 am 5:30 – 9:00 pm	SAFE – Families Staff Meeting – Room 218 Sanctuary Open for Tours Tuesday Al-Anon – Room 205 St. Augustine Community Chorus Rehearsal – Lewis Hall
Wed. 4-22-26	9:30 – 3:30 10:00 am 11:15 – 12:00 4:00 pm 5:15 – 6:00 pm 6:00 pm  6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sanctuary Open for Tours Easy Outdoor Yoga – Church Green Yard by East Doors Chair Yoga – Room 205 Children’s Choir Run Through Rehearsal - LH FEAST Dinner – Lewis Hall FEAST Program - 2 options: Children’s Concert (LH); New Member Orientation (must pre-register, Location TBA) College – Ukirk – LH Parlor Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
Thur. 4-23-26	9:30 – 3:30 9:30 – 12:00 10:30 – 12:00 1:30 – 3:00 pm 5:00 – 8:00 pm	Sanctuary Open for Tours Sew & Sow - Offsite GriefShare – LH Parlor Stephen Ministry Continuing Education – LH Parlor Youth Variety Show Rehearsal - LH
Fri. 4-24-26	9:30 – 3:30 9:30 – 11:00 am 11:00 – 1:00	Sanctuary Open for Tours SMAART Men’s Group – LH Upper Landing Bob Elliot Internment – Extended Committal and Reception
Sat. 4-25-26	8:30 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon - Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205



“But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you,  
and the fish of the sea will declare to you.

Who among all these does not know that the Lord has done this?  
In his hand is the life of every living thing  
and the breath of every human being.” Job 12:7-10

Since 2022, Memorial Presbyterian Church has been a certified Earth Care Congregation by PCUSA, and recently re-certified through February 2027. What does this mean? We have intentionally dedicated ourselves to the care of God’s earth.

We are the caretakers of God’s creation-nurturing, defending, healing and immersing ourselves in creation. We focus on worship, education, our church facilities and grounds, and outreach.

#### Worship Pledge:

Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God’s grace and glory in creation and declare that God call us to cherish, protect and restore this earth.

#### How:

Sermons and hymns emphasize care of the earth.

Palm Sunday eco-palms harvested and grown in a wildlife habitat by people in one of the lowest economic regions in the country.

Easter Sunday sunrise service conducted outdoors.

#### Education Pledge:

We will be intentional in seeking opportunities to lead by example both in words and actions to share and understand the threats to God’s creation.

Finding ways to encourage and strengthen our existing education channels, their leadership and all participants to seek healing of the damage already inflicted and mitigate future activities, in response to God’s call to earth-keeping, justice and community.

How:

Children, youth and adult Sunday school classes had earth care themed activities, projects and lessons.

Announcements about earth care appeared in bulletins and weekly news.

Facilities Pledge:

Facilities will be managed, maintained and upgraded in a manner that respects and cherishes all creation, human and non-human, while meeting equitably the needs of all people. In our buildings and our grounds we will use energy efficiently conserve resources, and share what we have in abundance so God's holy creation will be sustainable for all life and future generations.

How:

Perform energy audits-HVAC checkups. High efficiency furnaces and air conditioners.

Purchase recycled paper products. Recycle aluminum, glass, plastic, and/or paper. Reusable plates, cups, flatware.

No fossil fuel-based fertilizers or chemical pesticides or herbicides used.

Outreach Pledge:

We will encourage public policy and community involvement that protects and restores the vulnerable and degraded earth as well as oppressed and neglected people. We will be mindful that our personal and collective actions can positively or negatively affect our neighborhood, region, nation and world. We will seek to achieve environmental justice through coalitions and ecumenical partnerships.

How:

Youth group sponsored trash pick-up. Participate in camping trips, nature walks, outings.

Used materials donated to re-use in social justice projects, Rethreaded.

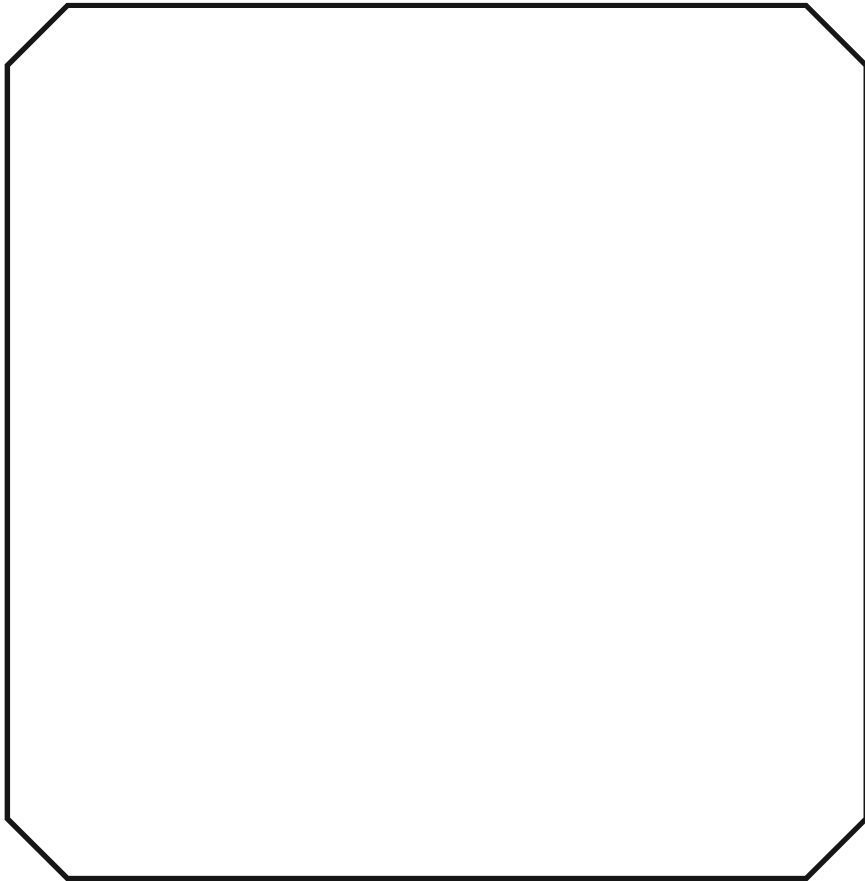
Carpool, use church van for activities and trips.

Attend environmentally-related events with River Keepers and Friends of Anastasia State Park.



# DRAW IT

In 1 Peter 1, we are reminded that through Jesus, we are “born anew.” This means we have a fresh start. Think of a time when you got to have a fresh start. Draw a picture of it here.

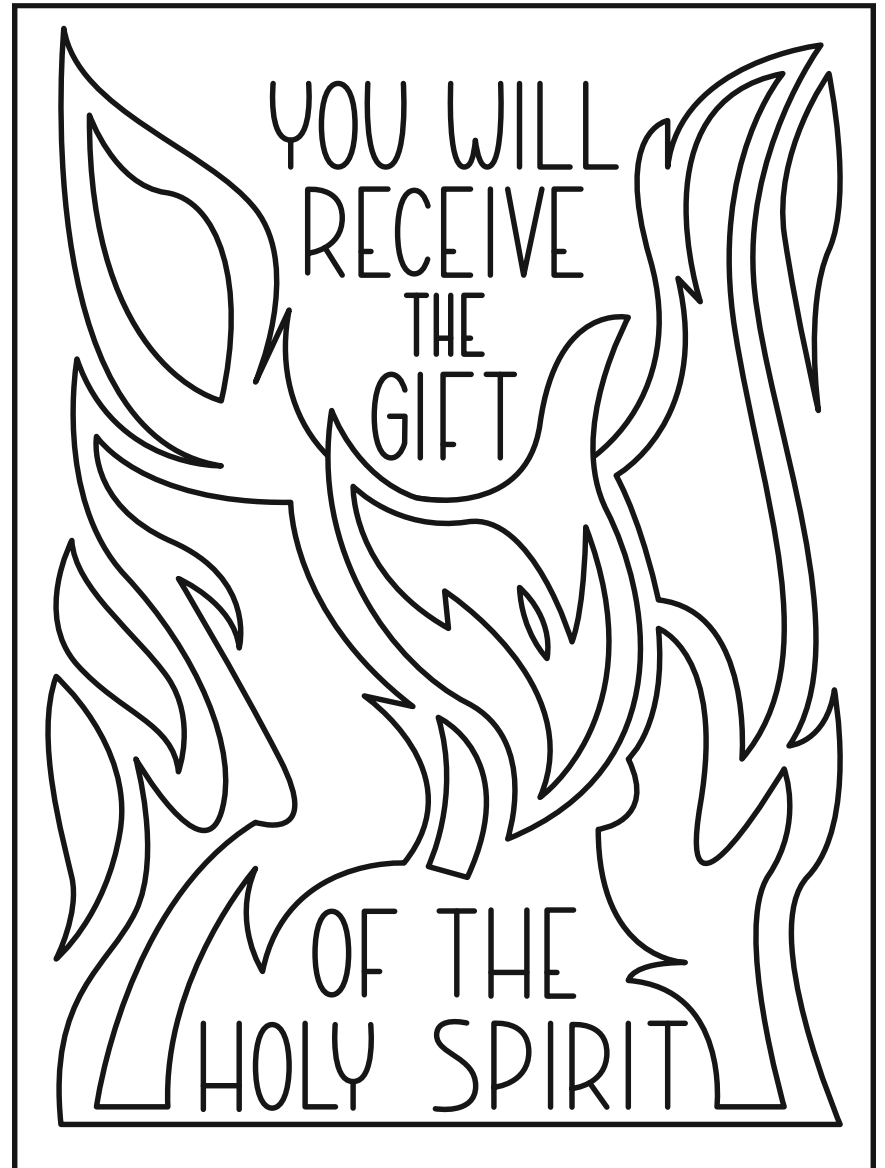


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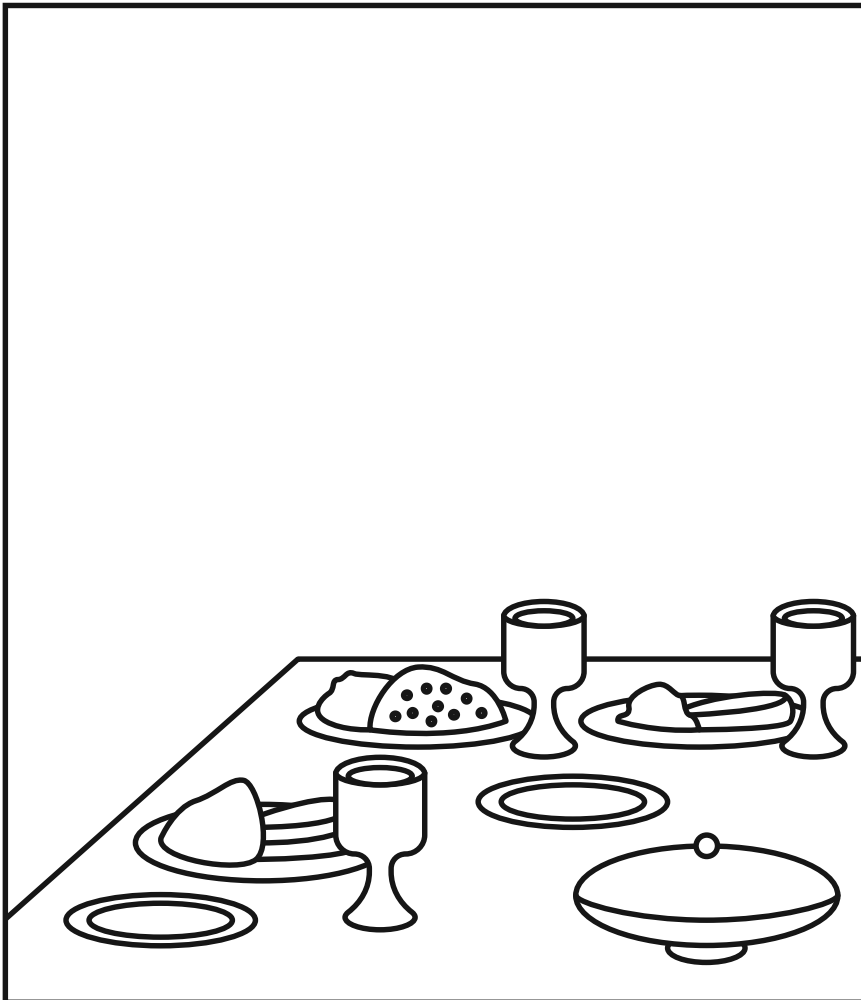
# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 2: 14a, 36-41, Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19,  
1 Peter 1: 17-23, Luke 24: 13-35.



# FINISH the DRAWING

In Luke 24, Jesus appears to two of his disciples, but it takes them a long time to recognize him. They finally realize it is him when Jesus breaks bread and feeds them, just like he did at the Last Supper. Finish the drawing of them eating together. Maybe you want to draw speech or thought bubbles for what the disciples were thinking as they ate together!



# UNSCRAMBLE IT

What does the psalmist praise God for in Psalm 116? Unscramble the words to find out!

T V O L E D G O ,

C S U A B E E O G D S H A

R A H D E Y M T E O C V

A D N Y M Y S A E R R P .

# DOODLE AREA

Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.

