



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

If we are to love our neighbors, before doing anything else we must see our neighbors. With our imagination as well as our eyes, that is to say like artists, we must see not just their faces, but the life behind and within their faces.

- FREDERICK BUECHNER, WHISTLING IN THE DARK

Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless.

Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.

- HENRI NOUWEN, COMPASSION

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (9:36)

Call to Worship - PSALM 105

Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name
Make known among the nations what he has done
Sing praises to him and tell of all his wonderful works
Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

HYMN OF GATHERING

All My Boast is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this, that Christ would die for me?
His goodness, His merit, His righteousness, this sinner's only plea.
O foolish pride, be crucified; the work is finished!

Chorus 1:

All my boast is in Jesus; all my hope is His love.
And I will glory forever in what the cross has done.

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled with graces undeserved;
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill, let praises now return.
Rise up, my soul, and bless the Lord; Who else is worthy? (Chorus 1)

O praise the One forever blessed!
Him alone my heart adores.
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord. (Repeat)

I boast not in riches, in strength or might, but in the grace of God.
I glory in weakness: to live is Christ, in plenty or in want.
That I may know, that all may see His pow'r within me. (Chorus 1)

Chorus 2:

Now I stand in His freedom, ransomed, clean in His sight.
And I cannot be ashamed, for my boast is Jesus Christ!
My boast is Jesus Christ! Forever my boast is Jesus Christ!

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.

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.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Steadfast

I will build my house whether storm or drought on the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in Your love, O Lord, and Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus: You are steadfast, steadfast.

By the word You spoke, all the starry host are called out by name each night.
In Your watchful care I will rest secure as you lead us with Your light. (Chorus 2x)

I will not trust in the strength of kings; on Your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice: hallelujah to the Lamb! (Chorus 2x)

In the moment of emptiness, all was fulfilled.
In the hour of darkness, Your light was revealed.
In the presence of death, Your life was affirmed.
In the absence of holiness, You are still God. (Chorus 4x)

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 Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have done those things we ought not to have done. In all our wandering, you are the one we truly need. In your mercy, forgive us and bring us back fully to yourself, through your Son who seeks and saves the lost. 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 - ROMANS 5:5

Our hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain!

Chorus

Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place. (Chorus 2x)

Baptism - KATHERINE KIRBY BROCK

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 - EZEKIEL 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

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 9:35-38

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon - SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

PASTOR JARED BRYANT

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Feast or Fallow

When the fields are dry and the winter is long,
Blessed are the meek, the hungry, the poor;
When my soul is downcast and my voice has no song,
For mercy, for comfort, I wait on the Lord.

Chorus:

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
My certain hope is in Jesus found;
My lot, my cup, my portion sure.
Whatever comes, we shall endure;
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

On a cross of wood His blood was outpoured.
He rose from the ground like a bird to the sky,
Bringing peace to our violence and crushing death's door:
Our Maker incarnate, our God who provides. (Chorus)

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When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,
Not a sparrow falls nor a hair from my head,
Without His hand to guide me, my shield and my strength;
In joy or in sorrow, in life or in death. (Chorus)

Chorus:

In the harvest feast or the fallow ground,
My certain hope is in Jesus found;
My lot, my cup, my portion sure.
Whatever comes, we shall endure;
Whatever comes, we shall endure.

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.

RES TIME KIDS

Special Music - JESUS STRONG AND KIND

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

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion;
We will sing with our hearts restored.
He has done great things! we will say together,
We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;
He is the Lord, our God.
We are not consumed by the flood--
Upheld, protected, gathered up. (Chorus)

In the dark of night, before the dawn,
My soul, be not afraid.
For the promised morning, oh how long?
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength! (Chorus)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed--
You are the Faithful one.
And from the garden to the grave,
Bind us together, bring shalom. (Chorus)

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 - MATTHEW 28:18-20

Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Amen!

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

Life Together - SUNDAY 5.19.24

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



Student Ministry

Things are starting to come together for our exciting Student Ministry launch in the Fall! We’re so excited to get to know our students and parents better as we learn to live in and live out the Gospel together. If we don’t have your email, contact the office: office@resurrectionathens.com to make sure you are getting our church newsletter, and keep an eye out for updates as well as details and signups for some of the fun events we have planned for the Summer!

Kids Kickball

Rising Kindergarteners-5th Grade- join us at the church on Sunday, June 9th at 3:30 for a fun afternoon of kickball. Register your children on Church Center Signups!

Women’s Summer Study

This summer we are inviting the women of Resurrection to spend time reading through the book of Philippians in groups of 2 or 3. We will be covering the 4 chapters over the 8 weeks of summer. Check your email this week for more information about this opportunity. Please contact Dana Davis with any questions: dana.homeyer@gmail.com

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