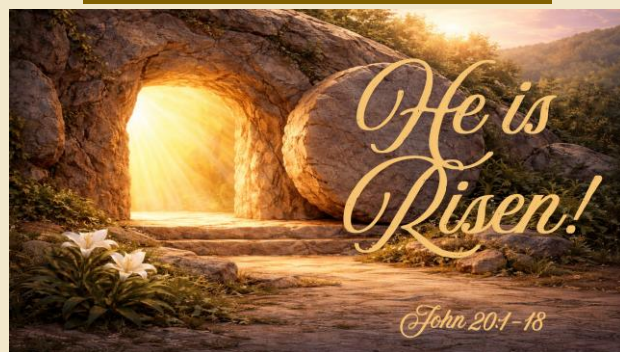


SSCC HIGHLIGHTS



- **Easter Lilies** – Please refer to the bulletin insert to read the dedications for the Easter Lilies and Spring plants which are beautifying our sanctuary this special day.
- **Regional Assembly** – We have space for one more voting member to attend the assembly at Ray of Hope Christian Church, Decatur and represent SSCC. If you would like to do so, please let Rev. Teddy know.
- **Baptisms** – With much joy, we would like to announce that four of SSCC’s children will be baptized May 3rd during the service. Campbell Torbert, Ellis Torbert, James Torbert, and Asher Rathinam will be taking this important step in their religious journey. Please join us for this special service!



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April 5, 2026 **Easter Sunday** 10:15 am

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Teddy Ivey

Prelude “O Filii et Filiae” Ella Lewis
François Dandrieu/arr. E. Power Biggs

Call to Worship Carie Whittaker
Leader: In the early morning, while it was still dark, Mary came to the tomb carrying her grief.

ALL: We come carrying much as well.
Leader: She wept, believing all was lost, unable to see what God was doing.

ALL: We, too, struggle to see through our tears, yet we keep looking.

Leader: Then a voice spoke her name and everything changed.

ALL: In being known, she came to recognize new life.

Leader: God is at work, even when we cannot yet see.

**ALL: The stone is rolled away and hope is reborn!
Let us worship with joy, hope, and expectation!**

Passing the Peace Rev. Teddy Ivey

***Opening Hymn** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #216

Invitation to Children’s Worship

At this time, children Pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to meet their children’s worship leader in the back of the Sanctuary for Children’s Worship. They will return to the sanctuary for communion.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Rev. Linda Whitmire

*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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Musical Offering “Resurrection Alleluia” SSCC Choir

Scripture John 20:1-18 NRSV Fran Michels

Message “When Grief Becomes Recognition” Rev. Teddy Ivey

Hymn of Response “Because He Lives” #562 – v.1, 3

Call to Giving Deanna Lloyd

Offertory “The Old Rugged Cross” Ella Lewis
arr. Mark Hayes

***Offertory Response** #46

*He Lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives: He lives within my heart.*

Blessing Our Gifts Mike Bradford, Elder

Invitation to the Table Rev. Linda Whitmire

Prayer for Bread and Cup Pat Kapphahn, Elder

Words of Institution Rev. Linda Whitmire

Communion
(Please come to the front, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. For gluten free - please take your elements from the communion table and come to one of the serving elders or ministers for a blessing if you wish.)

Communion Music “Amazing Grace” SSCC Bell Choir

Welcome to Visitors Cindy Brown
Visitors please come by the Welcome desk in the lobby for a gift and information. Thank you for visiting.

Disciples Affirmation and SSCC Mission Rev. Teddy Ivey
As Disciples, we believe God calls us to be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth...and Sandy Springs Christian Church shares God’s love through inclusivity, service, and spiritual growth.

Invitation

***Closing Hymn** “Christ Arose!” #224

***Benediction** Rev. Teddy Ivey

Postlude “Toccata, from Symphony No. 5” (excerpt) Ella Lewis
Charles-Marie Widor

*All that are able please stand.



We wish to thank our guest musicians for their contributions to Easter worship today.

Thank you to members and friends who donated and dedicated the beautiful Easter Lilies and Spring Plants to beautify our sanctuary on this special day.