



# WAKE FOREST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To follow Christ by welcoming all as we seek to listen, understand, and learn how to serve our church and community with love and hope.

**10:00 am Service    April 20, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

**Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Praise the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised! Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #232**

**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**

***Jesus Christ is Risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

***But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Forgive us, God, when good news lands in our lap and we refuse to believe it.  
Forgive us, God, when grief and fear crowd out any room in our hearts for hope.  
Forgive us, God, when we dismiss the stories of others and minimize the voices of our neighbors.**

In a world that teeters between grief and hope, show us how to be like Peter.

**Show us how to hold onto hope. Show us how to run toward you.**

*(time of silence)*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNG RESPONSE

*Jesus loves the little children,  
all the children of the world.  
Stranger, friend and neighbor too,  
He loves them as he loves you!  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON

“Trust the Catcher”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed!”

\*DOXOLOGY #609

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

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #238

“Thine Is the Glory”

*Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hast lost its sting.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you...  
...and also with you.

POSTLUDE