

### About the Anthem:

Loonis McGlohon, originally from Ayden, North Carolina, was a famous songwriter and jazz pianist. He fell in love with music while listening to big bands on the radio and sought out music lessons from his church's organist. After finishing college at East Carolina University, Loonis enlisted in the US Air Force where he became an official pianist. After World War II ended, he moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and worked at both radio and television stations. McGlohon formed a jazz trio which performed at Carnegie Hall and throughout the world. Mr. McGlohon collaborated with Alec Wilder to host 'American Popular Song' for South Carolina radio station ETV. They won a Peabody Award for this program. His compositions were performed by many well-known musicians, including Frank Sinatra, Rosemary Clooney, Eileen Farrell, Judy Garland, and Margaret Whiting. For many years, Loonis McGlohon served as the music director at Carmel Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. This anthem retells the familiar Easter narrative and "sings a new song" accompanied by many syncopated rhythms as well as extended jazz harmonies. McGlohon employed many jazz and twentieth century compositional techniques including quartal chords and ostinatos. It is apparent that he was an exceptionally talented pianist, because the tempo he indicated is very, very fast. I love the parallels drawn between the new birth of the plants and flowers, and the rebirth of the soul upon celebrating Christ's resurrection. I also love the sweet, quiet ending on the most familiar lyric of all, "Amen." This anthem is a wonderful testament that we can sing familiar music in fresh, new ways, and new music with touches of familiarity.

"Easter Alleluia"

by Loonis Reeves McGlohon (1921-2002)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the stone is rolled away, Alleluia, alleluia.

Raise your voice on high, sing with one accord:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Bless the risen Lord.

*Refrain:* Alleluia, it is time to sing, Alleluia, to our Lord and King.

Christ is risen from the dead, Alleluia, alleluia!

He is risen as He said, Alleluia, alleluia!

It is spring again; flowers dot the earth.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Easter brings new birth!

*Refrain repeats*

Alleluia to Christ, the risen King! Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday April 21st

Tuesday April 22nd

Wednesday April 23rd

Thursday April 24th

Saturday April 26th

Office Closed—Easter Monday

Handbells 5:00pm

Ladies Dinner 6:00pm

Wednesday Night Dinner

Bible Study

Choir 4:30pm

Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

If you are applying or reapplying to college—it's time to get your scholarship application from FPC. Call the church office for more info. We will email or mail you an application today! **Deadline is April 30th!**

~ Scholarship Committee

It's time to spring clean your closet and bring your casual wear clothes you don't wear anymore to church. We have scheduled a free clothes give away for our Saturday lunch program guests for May 3rd. Bags of clothes can be left in the church parlor.

One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected this morning. This special offering helps neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disaster, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

We will have breakfast for supper, a fruit salad and a tasty dessert for our Wednesday Night Dinner. Team 3 will be in charge. Please use the reservation form in the bulletin or call the office by noon Wednesday if you plan to attend.

### SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship

Music Director

Sound

Video

Liturgist

Greeter

Side door/Offering

Jackson Weller

Ashley Stanley-Robey

David Parris

Alex Walthall

Jackie Rochford

Kent Shelton

Ava Barrett

### List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford

Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett

Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton

Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

### BUDGET UPDATE

	<b>March '25</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>
Contributions	\$57,701.30	\$140,060.63
Expenditures	\$36,063.82	\$106,475.52
Difference	\$21,637.48	\$ 33,585.11

*If you enter the hospital*, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

### A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.



