

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	Office Closed — Easter Monday
Tuesday April 22nd	Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm
Wednesday April 23rd	Wednesday Night Dinner
Thursday April 24th	Bible Study Choir 4:30pm
Saturday April 26th	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	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Parris
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Jackie Rochford
Greeter	Kent Shelton
Side door/Offering	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

	March ’25	FY 2025
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.



## GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**                “Christ Arose”     by Cynthia Dobrinski

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from the hymn “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” GtG, #232)

Leader: Jesus Christ is risen today!

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Our triumphant and holy day!

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Praise our God, ye heavenly host!

**People: Alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, today we come celebrating God, who looked beyond our faults and saw our needs. We come celebrating that victory is ours today. We come rejoicing that sin and evil did not get the last word. We praise you and we thank you for being a loving, patient God and for sending us Jesus Christ!

**\*HYMN# 232** **Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**You call us to hope, Savior God, but we despair. You call us to work for peace, but we doubt its power. You call us to community, but we judge and shun. Transform us, Holy One, by the joy of this Easter. Let us celebrate this day as a new beginning and a new life. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news. Live this resurrection. Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

**Leader:** Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God's blessings and then remain standing for the "Gloria Patri."

**\*RESPONSE** *“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.*

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

With glad and generous hearts, let us give from what we have received.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ's ministry with these offerings. Amen.

**OFFERTORY “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**  
Lowell Mason/arr. Ronald Kauffman for handbells

## \*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.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

**ANTHEM**                “Easter Alleluia” by Loonis McGlohon

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, we need your good news. We need the challenge of your Holy Spirit. We need this time of Word and worship. Help us to tune our hearts and minds to your will and your way as we approach the Scriptures today. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE:** (787/748) Luke 24:1-12  
(819/779) Acts 10:34-43  
(857/815) 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

**SERMON      “He is Risen Indeed!”      Jackson Weller**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*HYMN# 248**                      **Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**                      **The 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.**

**POSTLUDE**      **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**  
Stralsund *Erenwerten Gesangbuch*, arr. Charles Callahan

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* Please stand if able.**