

11:00 AM

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

April 20th, 2025

⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:42-43

PRELUDE

Debbe Picerno

CALL TO WORSHIP
L: The darkness is banished!
P: The glory of God has been revealed!
L: Christ is risen from the dead!
P: He is alive forevermore!
L: Christ is risen!
P: He is risen indeed!

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMNS

“Worship Christ, the Risen King”
“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”

No. 361

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Lord, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and new life, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, Jesus, we pray. Amen. (Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Believe the good news of the Gospel.
P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONFESSION RESPONSE:

“He Is Exalted”

No. 36

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Because He Lives”

By: Choir

*OFFERING RESPONSE:

“Doxology”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ezekial 37:1-14

ANTHEM

“Come, Celebrate This Easter Day”

By: Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

“Graves and Gardens”

Rev. Dr. Stephen Franklin

*CONFESSION OF FAITH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*HYMN

“Living Hope”

POSTLUDE

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*Those who are able please stand.

Ushers: Siefker Family
Welcome Desk: Cora Murtha
Liturgist: Michael Barton

Greeters: Barton Family
Fellowship Hour: Autumn Moore & Lori McCann
Childcare: Sarah Murtha

	<u>THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR</u>	
Tuesday:	1 PM	Quilting
Wednesday:	6 PM	College & Career Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Choir
Friday:		Youth Group Spring Retreat
Saturday:	10 AM	Grief Fellowship Hour
Sunday:	10 AM	Worship
	11 AM	Sunday School

GRIEF FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Scripture instructs us to care for and support anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Whatever part of the journey you are on, we invite you to attend for a time of sharing, memories, prayers, and friendship. Saturday, April 26th at 10 AM in the Library.

COLLEGE & CAREER BIBLE STUDY- This group will have their first meeting on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6 PM at Eat N Park located at 214 New Castle Road in Butler.

CHRONOLOGICALLY SUPERIOR DINNER- We will be hosting a 55 and older dinner at the church on Tuesday, May 6th at 5:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. There is a signup sheet in the fellowship room if you would like to attend.

CLUB 35- Grades 3rd-5th will meet on Sunday, May 4th from 12-2 PM at the church for a lesson and a picnic. Please see Pastor Mike or Laura for more details.

SAVE THE DATES SUMMER PROGRAMS- Register at www.meridianpres.org
 June 7th: Block Party
 July 7th-11th: Summer Blast
 July 20th-24th: Vacation Bible School



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