



Resurrection

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

I am the resurrection and the life.

JOHN 11:25

Welcome

Resurrection Presbyterian Church is a gathering of imperfect people who are loved by a perfect Savior. The heart of our life together is to see the good news of Jesus bring new life to the city of Athens and beyond.

Our worship follows historic Christian services and brings us into the bigger story of God's redemption, where God calls us, forms us, and sends us out to love and serve the world. As we worship, we enter into a personal engagement between God and his people, where we join together to taste and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8).

We are glad you are here and would love the opportunity to connect with you.

Reflections

The point in saying that Jesus is lowly is that he is accessible. For all his resplendent glory and dazzling holiness, his supreme uniqueness and otherness, no one in human history has ever been more approachable than Jesus Christ. No prerequisites. No hoops to jump through. The minimum bar to be enfolded into the embrace of Jesus is simple: open yourself up to him. It is all he needs. Indeed, it is the only thing he works with.

- DANE ORTLUND, GENTLE & LOWLY

It is not so much the case that God has a mission for his church in the world,
as that God has a church for his mission in the world.

- CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT, THE MISSION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

- JESUS

Call to Worship - ISAIAH 55

Everyone who thirsts - come to the waters

Those who have no money - come buy and eat

Listen carefully to the Lord, and enjoy what is good

We come to you - fill us, O Lord

HYMN OF GATHERING

All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the bitterness and gall,

Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;

Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with all the heav'nly throng we at his feet may fall;

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;

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CALL TO WORSHIP

In our relationship,
God always takes the
first step, calling us
to bring all that we
are before the One
who loves freely and
generously.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

Chorus: May the peoples praise You,
Let the nations be glad!
All Your blessing comes that we may praise,
May praise the Name of Jesus.

ADORATION & THANKSGIVING

As we worship, we
remember that God
is both good and
good to us, and so
we give thanks for
who he is and what
he has done.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own;
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard;
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. (Chorus)

This our holy privilege to declare your praises and Your name;
To every nation, tribe, and tongue your church proclaim. (Chorus)

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty!
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty!
All creation praise Your glorious Name! (Chorus 2x)

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

God invites us to be
completely honest
about our struggles
and failings, trusting
that he is full of
compassion and
loves to forgive.

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Our good and merciful Lord, you welcome us as we are, but we are slow to receive and rest in your love. You call us to follow you, but we insist on going our own way. You moved towards those with great need, but we are content to keep to ourselves. You suffered and died for those you love, yet we are reluctant to sacrifice for others. In your mercy, forgive us. In your power, make us more like your Son, who loved us and gave himself fully for the good of the world. Amen.

(After we confess our need for Jesus together, take a moment for personal reflection and confession, returning to the God who welcomes us with joy.)

Assurance of Grace - 1 TIMOTHY 1 & 2 TIMOTHY 1

Here is a trustworthy statement that deserves full acceptance - Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfil thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgement throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

Living Church - SHARING A MEAL

Passing of the Peace

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

As God has
welcomed us, so
we welcome one
another in his love.

Children K-2nd are dismissed for their ResTime class during the sermon.
They can meet their teachers in the lobby and will return after class.

SCRIPTURE READING

God speaks to us
in the words of
scripture, revealing
Jesus and reshaping
our life together.

New Testament Lesson - LUKE 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GLORIA PATRI

In this fourth
century doxology
we celebrate the
fullness of God as
Father, Son and
Holy Spirit.

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.

Sermon Lesson - MATTHEW 9:9-13

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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Sermon - LOST AND FOUND

PASTOR JARED BRYANT

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Without money, without money come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness He requires is to feel your need of Him.
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of His blood.
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we join together in prayer, we ask for the help that only God can give. Please close your prayer with "Lord, in your mercy" - and the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer."

Prayers of the People

The risen Jesus is in our midst, so with Jesus we pray:

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

Written in the second century, the Apostles' Creed is the oldest and most universally recognized summary of the Christian faith.

*Catholic simply means universal.

Confession of Faith - THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen.

Preparation for Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

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.

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

SURSUM CORDA

Latin for “lift up your hearts,” this Eucharistic liturgy dates back to the 3rd century, reminding us that communion is a meal shared in the presence of the risen Jesus.

COMMUNION

We invite all baptized followers of Jesus to join in this time of Communion with our Lord Jesus and with one another. If you are not a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time in reflection or prayer.

Wine is on the outer ring with grape juice in the middle. All crackers are gluten free.

HYMN OF BLESSING AND SENDING

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love,
My deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken; for by my side, the Savior He will stay.
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated! Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh, the chains are released; I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day, I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus! All the glory evermore to Him!
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

BENEDICTION

Simply means
“good word,”
reminding us that
God is always for
us and gives us
everything we need
to live with faith,
hope, and love.

Benediction - 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen!*

Go in peace to love and serve the world. *Thanks be to God!*

Life Together - SUNDAY 5.05.24

New to Resurrection?

If you are new to Resurrection and are looking for more information or hoping to connect with us, we would love to hear from you on our “Connect Form” located on our website or through the QR code. respresathens.com/office@resurrectionathens.com



Movement of Mercy

As a church, we are intentionally trying to meet the physical needs of those around us with our ongoing Movement of Mercy campaign. Can you think of anyone in your life who could benefit from a tangible gift of mercy? We want to hear about it! You can send in a request on our website under the GIVE tab with your idea, or speak directly with a deacon. We are also in need of those who can donate to the fund, and that fund is an option under GIVE on our website or Church Center as well.

Meal Volunteers Needed for Bigger Vision

Looking for an opportunity to serve our community? We’re looking for a few additional volunteers to join a meal team in serving the Bigger Vision Community Shelter. This involves providing a portion of a meal every other month to serve the residents and staff. If available, please email Meghan Hudson at meghhudson@gmail.com

Giving

You can give to Resurrection using the QR code located here. You can donate to our General Fund, Building Fund, and Mercy Fund. There is also a GIVE tab located on our website & a tithe/offering box at the back of the room.



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