

The lights will be dimmed at 7:00 am.



### “The Empty Tomb”

Based on John 20:1-18

by Sharon Kay Chatwell

Presented by the Children and Youth of Union ARP Church

### The Proclamation of the Resurrection

One: Hear the Good News; He is not here. Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

### \*The Hymn: *Trinity Hymnal*, 277

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

### The Welcome and Announcements

Reverend H. Neely Gaston, DD

### The Invocation

### 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.*

### \*The Hymn: *Trinity Hymnal*, 281

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

SHOUT ON

### The Prayer

**Preparation** (all sing once)

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” (refrain only)

*“In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;*

*Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.”*

NEAR THE CROSS

### Silence

### Prayer (unison)

*Heavenly Father, on this Easter Sunday, we come humbly before You, confessing our need for Your grace and forgiveness. We surrender our lives, wills, and desires to You, trusting in Your perfect plan for us. Cleanse us of all unrighteousness and fill us afresh with Your Spirit. Amen.*

### The Anthem

“Crown Him the Lord of Life”

arr. Lloyd Larson  
Steve Jackson, trumpet

### The Scripture: **Luke 24:1-12** ESV

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup> He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

### The Sermon

“He Is not Here”

### The Prayer

### The Hymn: *Trinity Hymnal*, 274

“Thine Be the Glory”

MACCABEAUS

### The Prayer

### The Blessing of the Meal

### The Benediction

### The Postlude

“Postlude on FESTAL SONG”

arr. Gordon Young

**Announcements April 5, 2026**

Our celebration of the resurrection will continue at 11:00 a.m. in the Edgemoor ARP Church sanctuary.

Members of Union may place tithes and offerings in a plate in the vestibule or on desk in the hallway outside the sanctuary. We are still taking up the Easter Offering. Brice Sanders (Camp Joy) was approved by Synod last year. Any amount can be written on the envelope. All agencies included in the Easter offering will receive 20% unless designated otherwise. Extra envelopes for the Easter offering are beside offering plates.

PACCC's 2026 Community Smokeout will be on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at Richburg Fire Department. Tickets are \$15. See Dee Gordon.

We will be doing a Teacher Appreciation Lunch for all teachers in the county on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Special Offerings:**

In Honor of James "Jimmy" Gaston Simpson by H. Neely Gaston (Union Cemetery)

In Memory of Augusta McCallister by Barry & Robin Dodson, Dr. Malcom & Jeannie Marion

**Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday April 8**

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal, 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 9**

6-8 p.m. Girl Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, April 11**

8-3 p.m. – Free SLED Concealed Permit Class

**Sunday, April 12**

10:00 a.m. – Child/Adult Bible Study

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Diaconate meets

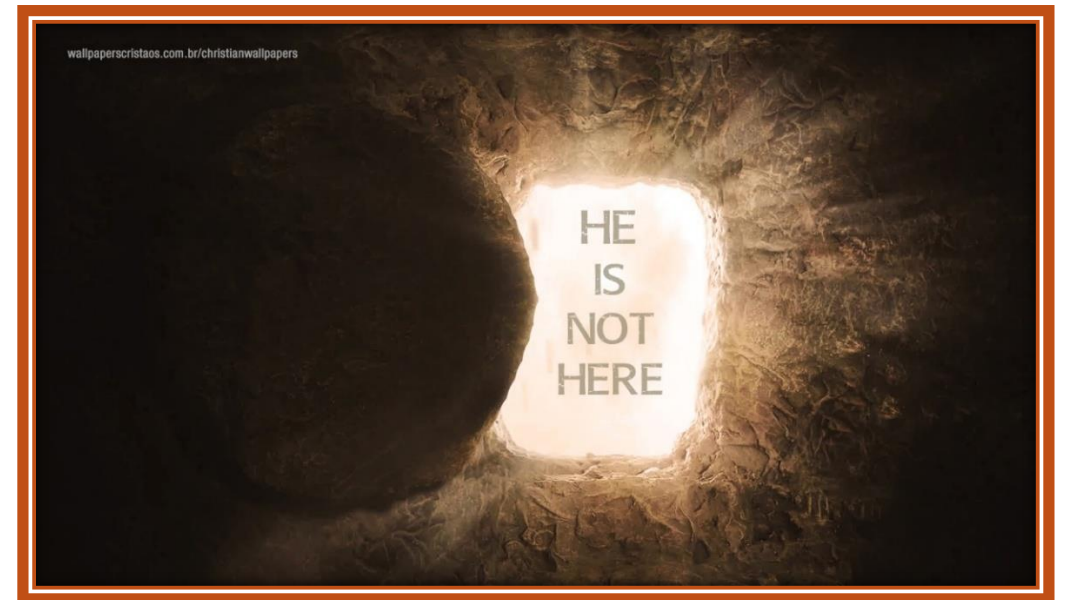
3-4:30 p.m. –Girl Scouts Church

**April Birthdays & Anniversaries**

April 3 – Sally Rishebarger	April 20 – Ryan Powers
April 6 – Connie Agee	April 24 – Ella Kelley
April 13 – T. & Sherry Melton	April 28 – Debbie Bennett
April 14 – Evan & Nicole Graybill	

# UNION ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Richburg, South Carolina  
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**The Order of Worship  
Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026  
7:00 AM**