

†Benediction

Courtney Allen Crump

# Church Calendar

Deacon of the Week: Jay Wanner

Postlude

*All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Theresa Steward, organ

arr. John Hebden  
Schaffner

## Sunday, April 14:

### Third Sunday of Easter

- 9:45 am Combined Sunday School Brunch, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Worship
- 2:00 pm *Peace Begins At Home: An Interfaith Gathering for Healing & Peace*, Richmond Public Library (Main Branch)

## Tuesday, April 16

- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting, Zoom
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 17

- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## April 19-21: GBC Youth Retreat

CBFVA Mission Madness

## Sunday, April 21:

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:15 pm Deacons Meeting

## Tuesday, April 23

- 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 24

- 5:45 pm Quarterly Business Dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 pm Quarterly Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Saturday, April 27

- 9:00 am Creation Care Service Project with Fit4Kids GBC Volunteer Workday

## Sunday, April 28:

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9:45 am Combined Sunday School with Dr. Mark Biddle and Dr. Melissa Jackson, Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 am Creation Care Worship

## Tuesday, April 30

- 7:00 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, May 1

- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## May 3 -5: GBC Youth Camping Trip

Westmoreland State Park



Nursery Care is available to babies and toddlers as needed during worship.

## About Grace

*Because we believe in God's radical love for all creation as incarnated in the life of Jesus, Grace Baptist Church authentically welcomes all people to join a faith community where we take part in God's unfolding story and practice love of God and love of neighbor in our daily living. We continually seek the Spirit's wisdom in using the gifts of grace for the transforming and healing of the world.*

The flower on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Logan Elizabeth Walker, born April 7, to proud parents, Faith and Taylor Walker, and older sister, Reese.

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April 14, 2024  
 Third Sunday of Easter  
 Eleven O'Clock in the Morning

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome Courtney Allen Crump

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *Caprice on This Joyful Eastertide* arr. John Barr  
 Theresa Steward, organ

†Call to Worship Barbara Smith

When doubts arise in our hearts,  
 Christ offers us peace.

**For we are children of God.**

When we wonder and disbelieve,  
 Christ invites us to see for ourselves.

**For we are children of God.**

When suffering and death are upon us,  
 Christ offers us the new life of resurrection.

**For we are children of God.**

Forgiveness starts with us,  
 Healing starts with us,  
 Transformation starts with us  
 because we are witnesses to God's love.

**For we are children of God.**

†Hymn 229 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* PUER NOBIS  
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The Epistle Reading 1 John 3:1-7 Greg Miller  
*Found on pg. 990 of the pew Bible.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Call to Stewardship

If we profess to love Christ, we know what we must do:  
 Pursue Love at all costs. Love for the rejected,  
 love that is confident in the face of evil's threats, love for each other.

**As a community committed to the work of this love,  
 let us bring our gifts and offerings to the One who guides and upholds us.**

Giving of Our *An Easter Song of Praise* by Tom Mitchell  
 Tithes and Offerings The Chancel Choir

Come join our song of praise for Jesus Christ, the Lord, is risen!  
 The light now rules all days, God's son has overcome death's prison!  
 Forever joyful be, and always let your voices raise glad songs of Easter praise:  
 For Jesus Christ is risen.

They crucified God's Son upon a cross of wood,  
 and many people were afraid that evil had conquered good.  
 An angel then appeared and said, Good news I bring this day!  
 Your savior is not dead: But he, instead is risen!

Good people, one and all, come join our Easter song, our song of praise!  
 And following Christ's call, we'll live rejoicing, giving thanks always  
 to God, who gave us music so that we may sing this day our song of Easter praise:  
 our Savior, Christ, is risen!

†Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God who calls creation, "good."  
 Praise God for wisdom understood.  
 Praise God who died yet lives again.  
 Let all God's people sing, "amen."  
 Amen!

Time with Children Lauryn Everic

Prayers of the People Mason Dimick

Hymn *Peace Be With You* SALZBURG

The Gospel Reading Luke 24:36b-48 Courtney Allen Crump  
*Found on pg. 861 of the pew Bible.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Invitation to Respond Lauryn Everic

†Hymn 231 *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us* HOLY MANNA

† Please rise in body or in spirit.  
 Elements in bold print are to be spoken by the congregation.