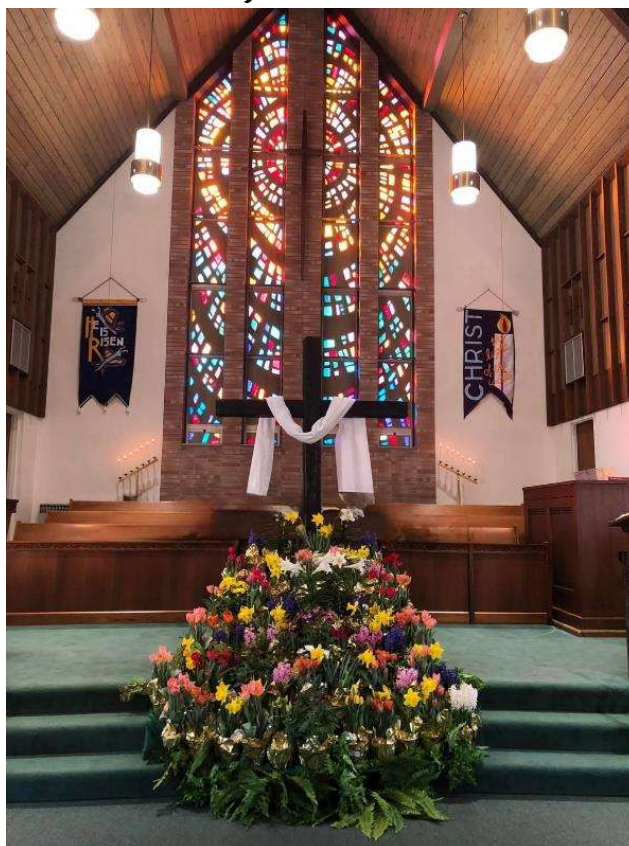


Grace Community Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2026



Thought for Meditation

The Empty Tomb tells the story of the power of resurrection, which has been the bedrock of the Christian faith. This historical event signifies victory over sin and death. The tomb in which Jesus was buried is found to be empty—just like that; it is empty! The tomb doesn't hold a dead person; rather, it represents the defeat of death itself. The empty tomb is a symbol of hope, renewal, and the promise of eternal life. That is the significance of the empty tomb, and this is why we celebrate today.

Happy Easter!

—GATHERING —

Prelude

“Easter Processional”

H. Hopson

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call To Worship**

Cathy Brady

“The Lord Has Risen” (Hymnal Worship Sequence) -**responsively** #364

* Hymn of Praise

“Christ Arose”

#357

Prayer of Confession *adopted from CWT 57 digital.* Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grace Church, let us approach the mercy seat of God with confidence and seek forgiveness and restoration.

Almighty God,

You raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share Your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new. Amen. *Silent Prayer of Confession*

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16

L: For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Grace family, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

P: In Christ Jesus we are forgiven, renewed, and sent!

All: Hallelujah!

*** Passing of the Peace**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

Please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbors in the pews and introduce yourself to those you do not know.

*** Gloria Patri**

#813

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.

Anthem

“Lift High the Cross”
(S. Nicholson)

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Sermon

The Empty Tomb!

*** Hymn of Response**

“Because He Lives”

#358

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (debts & debtors)

Call for Tithes and Offerings 2 Corinthians 9:7

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Offertory

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

arr. W. Held

*** Doxology** #815

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication** **Psalm 22:25–31**

*** Hymn of Dedication** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (v.1-3) #367

*** Charge and Benediction** (*Responsively*)

Now go forth and live boldly; death has no power over you!
Go, live a life filled with love and service to one another
Go in Peace, proclaim, the Good News—Jesus is Risen today!
P: Christ is risen! He is alive! Hallelujah!

*** Congregational Response** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (v.4) #367

*** Postlude** "Trumpet Tune" P. Catelinet

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

Welcome to Grace Community Presbyterian Church

Today's Music: We welcome Dane Skroupa to our service and thank him for serving our church during this difficult time.

We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today and we hope that you will return. There is no coffee fellowship today . Today's Deacon greeter after the service is Terri Ludwig.



Rev. Dr. Ojulu (Pastor Owar) is available anytime if you have any concerns, want to schedule a meeting, or if you need a prayer. You can contact him at the office @ 724-339-9661 or his cell 507-304-5958.



Help fill shoeboxes all year long! Samaritan's Purse recommends small stuffed animals for the month of April for Operation Christmas Child. Donations may be placed in the OCC box in the Narthex. Thank you.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2- Jackie Chickerella

April 4- Rich Artman

April 5- BeenyJwok Ojulu

April 8- Grant Claypool

April 9- Joe Biernoski

April 22- Michelle Claypool

April 25- Terri Ludwig

April 28- Pat Cochran

If your name does not appear, or if the listed information is incorrect, please contact the church office so that the records can be updated.

This Week's Calendar

April 5, 2026- April 11, 2026

Today	Sunrise Service- Greenwood Cemetery	6:30am
	Worship- "He is Risen- Hallelujah"	10:00am
Thursday	Meals for Kids- Packing	1:30pm
	Cub Scouts- Den Meeting	6:00pm

Looking Ahead

April 12, 2026- April 18, 2026

April 12	Reach Out Meeting	9:00am
	Worship Service-Communion	10:00am
	Coffee Fellowship- Cana Hall	11:00am
	Adult Sunday School- Library	11:00am
April 14	Garden Club	6:00pm
April 16	Cub Scouts- Pack Meeting	6:00pm
	Ladies Group	6:30pm

Sermon Notes:

For Sunday __/__/____

Scripture Reference _____

What spoke to my heart from today's sermon:

Prayer Concerns for this week:



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