

## SENDING

\*Closing Hymn: #247 - "Now the Green Blade Rises" NOËL NOUVELET

\*Benediction Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

\*Benediction Song: "Go Now in Peace" Don Besig

Postlude: "He Lives" Alfred H. Ackley  
Jim Moore, Organist

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

Sara Kaczmarks—Spiritual Growth Assistant

Jim Moore—Organist

Jewel Tones

Chancel Choir

Shawn Blunt—Liturgist

Elder-in-Charge: 8:45 am—Sherry Roberts 11:00 am—Vicky Methot

Ushers: 8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Snapper & Ramona Jasso

11:00 am—Lionel Lawson, Mary Summers, Covington & Janice Sharp

Flowers—The flowers are given to the glory of God by Shawn and Franklin Blunt in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary.



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### DID YOU KNOW?

Our Jewel Tones ensemble was formed in 2005 by former choir director Deborah Styles and Andi Stem while in Montreat. A trio was formed quickly after that and then four more ladies joined the group.

They started singing at Third Thursday events and today they are singing one of their favorites "His Eye Is On the Sparrow". They are also offering a full concert of their greatest hits here at SPC on May 3 at 4:00 pm.

## SUNDAYS AT SPC

Nursery is available 8:30 am-12:15 pm in Room 203

8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau)

10:00 am—Sunday School (Education Wing)

Pre-Reader—Room 103

K-4th—Room 104

Tween (5th-8th)—Room 303

Under the Hill—Room 106

Genesis—Room 101

Seekers —Room 201

10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)

11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

11:00—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)

## WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

**Children and Nursery**—Nursery is available in Room 203. We offer two nurseries, one for ages 0-2 years and the other for ages 3-4 year-olds. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Murphy at [summervillepresnursery@gmail.com](mailto:summervillepresnursery@gmail.com)

## STAFF

Rev. Dr. Anita Herbert—Senior Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ralph Herbert—Discipleship Pastor

Sara Kaczmarks—Spiritual Growth Assistant

William Bennett—Director of Music

Jim Moore—Organist

Joe Swisher and Julia Miller—Co-Directors of Contemporary Worship

Cecelia Bond—Finance Manager

Julie McCormick—Administrative Office & Communications  
Coordinator

Sheila Wilson & Lauren Sanders—Co-Directors of Mother's Morning Out

Kelly Murphy—Nursery Coordinator

Shirley Gay—Sexton

Bob Hirsch—Sexton

## SESSION

**Fellowship:** Zachary Storti (Chair), Vicky Methot

**Nurture:** Charlie Harris (Chair), Sharlene Douthit Schneidmuller

**Service:** Kelli Kemmerer (Chair), Sherry Roberts

**Spiritual Growth:** Hunter Harris (Chair), Amy Price

**Property:** Jade Hill (Chair), Doug Hess

**Finance:** Jeff Bowers (Chair), Robert Pratt

**Personnel:** Jeff Bowers (Chair)

**Worship:** Mike Homola (Chair), Kathryn Tupper

**Clerk of Session:** Oden Semones

## DEACONS

**Class of 2026** - Sue Avenel, Perry Harris, Barbara Norris, Marylou

Semones, Marilyn Shaughnessy

**Class of 2027** - Rachel Altman, Vera Devito, Jim Ferro, Skip Fetters,

Rose Warrell

**Class of 2028** - Barbara Grube, Carol Hetu, Matthew Keller, Carol Wilkins,

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# SUMMERVILLE Presbyterian Church

Share Christ, Serve Others, Grow Together in Faith



"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,  
"Child, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:5

## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 12, 2026

## GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.  
“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46:10

**Prelude: 8:45 am**—“His Eye is on the Sparrow” Tom Fettke  
Jewel Tones

**11:00 am**—“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” Melchior Vulpius  
Jim Moore, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

**Minute for Mission:** Vicky Methot, Grace Table Ministry

### \*Call to Worship:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
By his mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**We rejoice, for we are children of God.**

We proclaim our faith:

no power can overcome Christ’s love,  
and as his body, we have received salvation.

**In love and joy, we praise the Lord!**

**\*Opening Hymn:** #248 - “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” HYMN TO JOY

### \*Confession and Pardon

God shows us the path of life,  
offering companionship along the way.  
Therefore we trust in God, knowing that we can admit the ways  
we struggle to stay on that path. Let us pray:

**Loving God,  
through the resurrected Christ,  
You show us grace and patience time and again.  
We experience Your presence,  
but are quick to judge those who do not believe as we do.  
We look down on those who ask for proof,  
we scorn those who scoff at our faith.  
Forgive us and soften our hearts.  
Remind us of our own human doubts,  
that we might have compassion for all  
and freely share Your grace. Amen.**

(Time for silent confession)

**Song of Assurance:** “Lord Have Mercy” KYRIE  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

God has given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,  
and into an inheritance that is imperishable.  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Song of Praise:** “Glory Be to the Father” 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.

### \*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### \*Passing the Peace

Please introduce yourself as you pass the peace of Christ.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Church Family Moment** Sara Kaczmarek

### Prayer of Illumination:

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of Your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the  
good news of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus 2 it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands  
and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!”

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;

6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness  
and streams in the desert;

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

**Musical Offering: 8:45 am**—“Grace” Mark Hayes  
Jewel Tones  
**11:00 am**—“Give Me Jesus” Mark Patterson  
Chancel Choir

### \*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

**\*Reflection Hymn:** #250 - “In the Bulb There is a Flower” PROMISE  
April Hymn of the month

**Second Scripture Reading:** Mark 2:1-12 Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported  
that he was at home. 2 So many gathered around that there was no  
longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was  
speaking the word to them. 3 Then some people[a] came, bringing to  
him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4 And when they could  
not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof  
above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat  
on which the paralytic lay. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to  
the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” 6 Now some of the  
scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, 7 “Why does  
this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins  
but God alone?” 8 At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were  
discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them,  
“Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9 Which is easier:  
to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up  
and take your mat and walk’? 10 But so that you may know that the  
Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the  
paralytic— 11 “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your  
home.” 12 And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went  
out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified  
God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

**Sermon:** “Five Guys” Rev. Dr. Ralph R. Herbert