



## Order of Worship April 19, 2026

PRELUDE	<i>Ain't No Grave</i>	LowerTown Project
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Darin
INTROIT	<i>Carry Me Through</i>	
CALL TO WORSHIP		Pastor Darin
<p>The risen Christ walks with us, even when we do not recognize him. <b>Our hearts burn within us as he speaks to us along the way.</b> Come, let us worship the Lord who opens the Scriptures. <b>And reveals himself in the breaking of the bread.</b></p>		
OPENING PRAYER		Pastor Darin
*HYMN	<i>His Mercy Is More</i>	(On screen)
CALL TO CONFESSION		Randy Hammond
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Randy Hammond
<p><b>Gracious God, we confess that we do not always recognize your presence among us. We walk our own roads, filled with worry, doubt, and fear. We fail to trust your promises and overlook your work in our lives. Forgive us, Lord. Open our eyes to see you, open our ears to hear your word, and renew our hearts to follow you faithfully. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</b></p>		
WORDS OF ASSURANCE		Randy Hammond
<p>In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. <b>Thanks be to God.</b></p>		
*RESPONSE	<i>Alleluia</i>	(On screen)
*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST		Pastor Darin
<p>The grace and peace of Christ be with you all. <b>And also with you.</b></p>		

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Randy Hammond

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:36-41

Randy Hammond

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”<sup>37</sup> When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Darin

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Darin

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Easter Surprise” Pastor Darin

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Brief Statement of Faith, adapted Pastor Darin

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: **preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed, and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*MUSIC *Glorious Day* (On screen)

WE GIVE OUR OFFERINGS  
Invitation to Give  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Randy Hammond  
Randy Hammond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER Pastor Darin

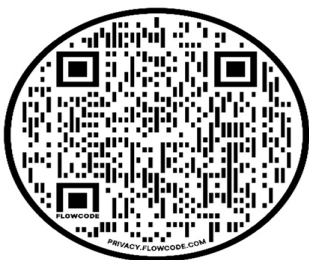
\*HYMN *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* No. 834

\*BENEDICTION Pastor Darin

\*POSTLUDE *The Lord’s Prayer*

\*Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

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# First Presbyterian Church Happenings

## Serving Us Today April 19, 2026

Randy Hammond (Worship Leader), Leroy & Paula Tift (Ushers), Nancy Coleman (Greeter), Lori Smith, Ariel Yu (Nursery), John Scott, Jay Espelien, Karen Ondracek (AV), Rhonda Siltman (Equal Exchange), Lowertown and Jullian Euteneuer (Music).

## Community Dinner

Join us after worship today for the April potluck. We meet in fellowship hall.

## Family Outing

After today's potluck join us at SCSU (Atwood Center) for bowling. We'll meet around 12:45 –1:00 pm. There is no cost for the event.

## Spring Cleanup

Join us this Saturday morning (April 25) at 8:30 am as we spruce up the grounds. Bring a rake, gloves and a great attitude.

## Pattison Certificates

Plant certificates from Pattison Farms are now on sale. A portion of the sale is to help support campers attending Clearwater Forest. Tickets will be on sale after worship or by contacting the church office at 320-251-8277.

## First Friday Concert Series

Come on Friday, May 1 here at church from 7:00 - 8:15 pm to enjoy an evening of world-class music with Grammy-winning guitarist Pat Donohue and a cast of his talented friends. Tickets can be purchased on-line at the GCFS ([www.granitecityfolk.org](http://www.granitecityfolk.org)) home page.

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### Mon., April 20

6:30 pm - Session

7:00 pm - Focus on Recovery Group

### Calendar

### Thurs., April 23

4:30 pm - Closer Walk

6:00 pm - Special Music Rehearsal

### Tues., April 21

9:00 am - Men's Bible Study

5:30 pm - LowerTown Rehearsal

### Fri., April 24

7:00 am - Men's Bible Study

4:00 pm - Sewing Group (AWA)

### Wed., April 22

9:15 am - Women's Bible Study

2:00 pm - Online Prayer Group

5:00 pm - Chancel Choir

5:20 pm - CORE

6:00 pm - Ring Bell Choir

### Sat., April 25

8:30 am - Spring Cleanup

12:00 pm - South Sudanese Meeting

### Sun., April 26

9:00 am - Youth Sunday School

10:00 am - Worship Service