

WEATHERLY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

Eastertide

April 12, 2026

Today we worship without walls or ceilings to limit our vision, where the green trees and blue skies are our liturgical colors. May every breeze be a reminder of Spirit's nearness and every sound of creation join in our praise.



We have gathered this morning to worship God.
In order for these moments to be focused on worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Rev. Valerie Burton, Senior Pastor
Rev. Madison Watts, Associate Pastor for Families
Mrs. Terri Womack, Ministry Intern
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Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Unclouded Day* Bluegrass Band
Welcome Pat Lewallen
Church at Work Rev. Madison Watts
*Call to Worship Terri Womack

Leader: Easter is more than just one day. Easter is a season! For this reason, we can say again, "Christ is risen!" Say it with me:

All: Christ is risen!

Leader: He is risen, indeed! The news is so good we can say it again and again! Christ is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia, Amen!

*Passing the Peace Terri Womack

*Song of Praise *This is the Day* THE LORD'S DAY

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord as made.

*You are our God, You are our God; we will praise Your name, we will praise Your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks for Your faithfulness, for Your faithfulness.*

You are our God; we praise Your name; we will give thanks for Your faithfulness.

You are our God, You are our God; we will praise Your name.

Repeat Verse 1

*Responsive Invocation

Leader: What are the signs of resurrection you see in the world?

All: We see sunlight, rainbows, and flowers on trees!

Leader: What else do you see?

All: We see people helping, caring, and doing good deeds!

Leader: We are God's people! We believe in resurrection.

All: Thank you, God; thank you, Jesus; thank you, Holy Spirit. Amen and Amen.

As we sing together, the children may come forward for the Sermon on the Steps.

Congregational Hymn *This Little Light of Mine* LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Repeat Verse 1

Proclaiming the Word

Sermon on the Steps Rev. Watts

Lesson One We See the Empty Tomb Barbara Buckner
Matthew 28:1-2,5-6

Worship in Song *The Darkest Hour is Just Before Dawn* Bluegrass Band

Lesson Two We See Jesus in the Garden Cindy Durst

John 20:11-16

Worship in Song *In the Garden* Bluegrass Band and Congregation

Please join in singing the refrain.

Refrain: *And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.*

Lesson Three We See Evidence of New Life and Resurrection in the World Art Dohrman

Isaiah 55:12-13

Worship in Song *I saw the Light* Bluegrass Band and Congregation

Please join in singing the refrain.

Refrain: *I saw the light, I saw the light, No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the light*

Prayer Experience Rev. Valerie Burton

Lesson Four We Bring the Good News into the World Mary Dohrman

Matthew 28:16-20

Congregational Hymn *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

*O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Three Alleluias for the World Rev. Watts

Leader: ...we say,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

Leader: ...we say,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

Leader: ...we say,

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

Responding to the Word

Closing Hymn *Because He lives* RESURRECTION

*God sent His son, They called Him, Jesus; He came to love, Heal and forgive;
He lived and died To buy my pardon, An empty grave is there To prove my Savior lives!*

Refrain: *Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! Because He lives, All fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!*

*How sweet to hold A newborn baby, And feel the pride And joy he brings;
But greater still The calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! **Refrain**
And then one day, I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final War with pain;
And then, as death Gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory And I'll know He lives! **Refrain***

Benediction

Rev. Burton

Leader: May we go into the world remembering the very good news we have been told: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Benediction Response

Will the Circle be Unbroken

Bluegrass Band and Congregation

Will the circle be unbroken by and by, Lord, by and by?

There's, a better home awaiting in the sky, Lord, in the sky?

Postlude

I'll Fly Away

Bluegrass Band

*All who are able may stand.

Please join us for lemonade on the lawn!

Many thanks to our Guest Musicians:

Wes Ellard - Guitar
Pat Lewallen - Banjo

Steven Lewallen - Bass
Kelsey Faivre - Fiddle
Brett Godbee - Dobro
Suzanne Marquez - Vocal

- Laurel Ward will be sharing her Spiritual Autobiography Wednesday evening in the Sanctuary at 6 pm.
Faith Formation and Fellowship Lunch for Children and Youth with their Families - Are you looking for a practice to do during dinner with your family? Or maybe a ritual for the eve before a big event? Traci Smith has lots of lovely ideas for family faith formation at home, no matter how young or old the children in your family range from! On April 19 following worship join us for a meal, a shared practice, and ideas to take home! Contact Madison for more information.

WELCOME April 12, 2026

TO OUR GUESTS:

Welcome and thank you for joining us today! We are grateful you are here.

Please allow us to get to know you by completing the form on the QR code.



This Week at Weatherly Deacon on Call Pat Lewallen

SUNDAY, April 12

Sunday School 9:00 am
Outside Worship 10:10 m
Messy Church 4:00 pm
Deacons Council mtg 4:00 pm
Messy Church Dinner 5:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, April 15

Donuts and Discipleship 7:30 am
Women's Pickleball 8:30 am
ESL Classes 9:30-noon
Spiritual Autobiography 6:00 pm
ESL Classes 6:00 pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

THURSDAY, April 16

Sr. Adult BBQ 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, April 18

Rummage Sale 8:00-noon

SUNDAY, April 19

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:10 am
Faith formation and Fellowship lunch 11:15 am

The flowers today are given by Bob and Sally Hershberger to the glory of God and in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Kingdom Faithfulness in Revolutionary Times: A weekend seminar with David Gushee. Weatherly Heights Baptist Church April 25-26. Includes QR code to register and contact info.

VBS AT WEATHERLY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH JUNE 8-12. SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE. FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD! CORESBURY KIDS.