

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

The paraments today are white representing the ongoing celebration of the risen Lord during Eastertide.

The flowers are given by Delores Shelton to the glory of God and in love and gratitude for our staff at Weatherly Heights.

Gathering for Worship

Welcome Bonita Rodkey
Church at Work Rev. Madison Watts
Trinity Chimes
Prelude Gary Sims, pianist
Jesus, I my Cross have Taken Shackley
*Passing the Peace Rev. Madison Watts
*Hymn of Praise No. 250 LLANFAIR

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, alleluia! But the pains which He endured, alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia! our salvation have procured; alleluia!
Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia! now above the sky He's King, alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly King, alleluia! where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

*Prayer of Invocation Rev. Valerie Burton
*Litany Little Hardeman

One: We celebrate good news:
All: Jesus Christ is risen!
One: God is our strength and our song;
All: God is our salvation.
One: When believing does not come easily and we are more skeptical than faithful,
Christ's presence comes to us with words of assurance...
**All: Words that remind us of new life all around us – the seed of new life
planted within us.**
One: Our assurance is in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

As we sing together, the children may come forward for the Sermon on the Steps
and then K-1st are dismissed to Children's Church.

**Gloria Patri (no. 805)*

GREATOREX

*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.*

Proclaiming the Word

Sermon on the Steps

Rev. Watts

Reading from the Epistles

Ruth Ann Konantz

1 Peter 1:17-23

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Linder Gilmer

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Instrumental Meditation

Aleta Hunt, Organist

Love One Another

Trapp

Prayers of the People

Handy Avery

*Hymn No. 383

ST. DENIO

For Beauty of Meadows

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
as creatures who hear your most urgent
command,

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace;
all nature around us is ours but on lease;
your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

*Offertory Prayer

Rev. Watts

**Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Choral Worship

Chancel Choir

At the Name of Jesus

Berry

*Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God
but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory.*

*Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like man.
He humbled Himself, He humbled Himself,
and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross!*

*At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,
every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.*

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every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.*

*That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

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that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

At the name of Jesus! At the name of Jesus!

Sermon

Rev. Burton

Rooted in Resurrection

Responding to the Word

**Hymn of Response No. 242*

GARDEN

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses

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.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. [Refrain]
I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Rev. Burton

*Benediction Response (No. 238)

Congregation

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. Amen.

*Postlude

Aleta Hunt, organist

I Know That My Redeemer Lives Burkhardt

*All who are able may stand.

Our Vision Statement

Weatherly Heights Baptist Church is an inclusive, discovering fellowship that exists, under the lordship of Jesus Christ, to...

- Worship God with reverence while expressing warmth and joy;
- Educate one another by blending heartfelt Biblical faith with intellectual integrity;
- Practice personal evangelism and social justice;
- Champion Baptist distinctives while embracing inter-Christian and interfaith dialogue; and
- Genuinely care for one another as a family in faith.

THIS WEEK AT WEATHERLY

DEACON ON CALL This Week:

Bonita Rodkey

SUNDAY, May 3

Sunday School 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:10 am
Deacons Meeting 4:00 pm

TUESDAY, May 5

Book Club 1:00 pm
Cinco De Mayo Dinner 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, May 6

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

THURSDAY, May 7

Pickleball 6:30 pm

FRIDAY, May 8

Women's Pickleball 9:00 am

SUNDAY, May 10

Sunday School 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:10 am

Rev. Valerie Burton, Senior Pastor
Rev. Madison Watts, Associate Pastor for Families
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Upcoming at Weatherly:

Spiritual Autobiographies—Come hear the personal journeys of fellow Weatherly travelers:

May 6, Murray Carroll, Spiritual Autobiography
May 13, Susan Kirkpatrick, Spiritual Autobiography
May 20, Nancy Scruggs, Spiritual Autobiography

Cinco De Mayo—Tuesday, May 5, 2026 5:00-7:00 Youth, children, families and young adults join us at the Watts residence for an evening of Tacos and fellowship! Contact Madison Watts for more information.

Graduation Sunday—Graduation is 17! Know someone who's graduating? We would love to be able to recognize your graduate, high school, college or graduate program. Please contact Rev. Watts with any questions.

VBS—Vacation Bible School is just around the corner June 8-12! Each night enjoy dinner with us at 5:00 pm before we kick off our opening ceremony at 5:30 in the Sanctuary. will be from 5:30-7:30.