

**“And He opened their understanding,
that they might comprehend the Scriptures.
Then He said to them,
‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ
to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,
and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached
in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.
And you are witnesses of these things.’ ”**

John 24: 46-48



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Our Weekly Services

**Sunday School9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
Sunday Evening Worship5:30 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting7:15 pm**

**We warmly welcome our visitors today and ask that you sign our Guest Register located in the foyer.
We hope to greet you in a more personal way following the services.**

The Lord’s Day
April 12, 2009

Call to Worship
Hymn of Praise

Pastor Stu Johnston
“Christ the Lord is
Risen Today”

1. “Christ the Lord is risen today,” Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high: Alleluia! Sing, ye heav’n’s, and earth reply; Alleluia!
2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia! Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise; Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died, our souls to save; Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll’wing our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!
5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav’n! Alleluia! Praise to Thee by both be giv’n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia! Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia! AMEN

Text: Charles Wesley, 1739 Music: Robert Williams, 1817

Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory Hymn

Revelation 1

“See, What a Morning”

1. See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the graveclothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce “Christ is risen!”
See God’s salvation plan, wrought in love, born in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
2. See, Mary weeping, “Where is he laid?” As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It’s the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound ’til He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow’r and authority.
And we are raised with Him; death is dead, life has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

(a cappella)
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Hymn of Preparation

#201 “The Strife is O’er”

Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory Hymn

Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston

Communion Service

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

1. How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot find an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

(a cappella)

*Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot find an answer.
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.*

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Baptism Service

186 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

441 “Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

GRBC Calendar and Announcements

We kindly request that you turn off all cell phones, pagers and watch alarms before the services. Please make use of our well-staffed nursery for children who may become freful or talkative.

Today

Morning Prayer Meeting - A prayer meeting to seek God’s presence for the day’s services is held each Sunday morning at 9:00 in the College/Career classroom.

Communion – Tonight we will share the Lord’s Table together following the preaching.

Baptism – Jenny Hicks will be baptized tonight at the end of the service.

April

Chorus Rehearsals for April are: NO REHEARSAL TODAY. Plan to practice: 4/19, 4:00 pm; 4/26, 4:00 pm.

High School/College aged youth are invited to go as a group to the Frank Turek event at Elon on Thursday pm, 4/16. You will be meeting at the Blue Ribbon Diner at 5:30 for dinner, (or if you do not plan to eat, please come to the Blue Ribbon to travel as a group at 6:30.) Please RSVP to the youth website if you plan to attend.

Senior Trip, 4/16 – The original plans have changed. Please see the bulletin board to sign up for a trip to the N.C. Aviation Museum, leaving the church at 12:30 pm. Dinner together and attending the Frank Turek lecture at Elon will complete the day’s activities.

Event at Elon, Thursday, 4/16, 7:30 pm – All are invited to hear Frank Turek speak on his book, “I Don’t Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist,” at Elon University, April 16, Koury Business Center, La Rose Theater (Rm. 101) at 7:30 PM. If you need more info, please see Michael Lopes.

“Worship via Music” with the Minute Band, 4/17, 7:30 pm– The group will be hosting an evening of music on Friday, April 17, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. in the church sanctuary.

Senior Breakfast, 4/18, 9:00 am – Plans for the spring Senior Breakfast are underway. Please see the bulletin board to volunteer. Our own “Seniors” need to sign up to attend , also.

7th & 8th Grade Youth Project, 4/18 - We are participating in the work day on April 18th at Siloam Missionary Homes. Time will be announced, soon. The youth group will be spreading mulch throughout the flower beds. Lunch will be provided by Siloam Missionary Homes. Drop-off and pickup are to be at the church. The youth will be collecting items for their “Country Store”. Please see the sheet on the board for info and items needed.

Campus Outreach Presentation, 4/19 – Following the evening service, Michael Lopes, Director of Campus Outreach on the Elon University campus, will speak to us regarding the college ministry. If possible, please plan to stay to acquaint yourself more fully with this exciting outreach opportunity.

“Town Hall for Hope” – (A free event,) this live nationwide web broadcast will be held here at the church, April 23 at 8:00 pm. Dave Ramsey will be speaking re: “The Economy, Your Money, Real Answers.” All are invited to attend. Visit www.grbc.net for more details.

Hawfields Ministry, 4/26, 3:00 pm

Monthly Youth Meetings, 4/26 following evening worship

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May

Upcoming Showers: A bridal shower for *Beth Allen* at the home of Michelle Griggs on **Sat., May 9, 2:00-4:00 pm.** A baby shower for *Jillian Hicks* at the home of Stephanie White on **Sat., May 30, 1:00-3:00 pm.** (a carpool sign-up sheet will be posted since Stephanie lives in Durham.)

MESSIAH CONCERT, 5/22, 7:30 pm. - The Chorus will be presenting portions of Handel’s MESSIAH, Parts 2 & 3, Friday evening, May 22, 7:30 pm.

Pictorial Directory

We will be doing another church photo directory this year. Olan Mills will be at the church on **Fri-Sat, June 26-27** and again on **Fri-Sat, July 10-11.** Mark the dates on your calendar, and look for sign-up sheets in a few weeks.

Visit the new GRBC blog: *Shepherds’ Pie* at:

<http://blog.grbc.net> or go to: grbc.net and click the “Blog” button. You will also find a “Subscribe” option on the main blog page that will keep you informed when new entries are posted.

