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## Church of the Resurrection, Greenwood, Upper South Carolina

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 10/31/18.

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

For several years, the Church of the Resurrection has partnered with our closest neighboring church, Macedonia Baptist, located a half mile away, to hold the Stations of the Cross service on Good Friday. This service sees members of both churches taking turns carrying a wooden cross, reading scripture and singing together as the death of Christ is remembered. As younger and older members of both churches share in a walk through the streets of the neighborhood, which sometimes separates our two churches, we are bonded together in our core Christian beliefs, remembering the sacrifice of Christ for us and sharing the hope of the coming resurrection. Given the divisive times within which we live, this connection reminds us of how rewarding, and essential, it is to love our neighbors.

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How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

The Church of the Resurrection has just recently finished a complete remodel of the main church, including a new organ as well as new construction of a modern and inviting church campus to better support our congregation and ministries. With new offices for staff and ministry activities, modern worship and daycare rooms, youth room and beautiful outdoor landscaping, our church has set the wheels in motion for growth in our congregational worship. Our new kitchen, dining hall and gathering space have helped strengthen our congregation and increase awareness of Episcopal ministry in Greenwood through social events, fundraisers and community outreach programs. Our new community garden and large community lawn are inviting spaces for our neighbors and members of our church to interact and share in our ministry. These physical and aesthetic improvements are part of an overall effort to attract new members to our worship who will, in turn, continue the legacy of Resurrection in the greater Greenwood community.

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Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

**Gospel-based Preacher/Teacher; Engaging Ministry Leader; Strong Theological Grounding**

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world. Our Sunday morning 8:30 service is a quiet, intimate, traditional service using Rite 1 without music. Our Sunday 10:30 service is Rite 2 with organ, choir, and congregational hymns, and children ages 4 to 3rd grade may attend an interactive children's worship, and rejoin the congregation during the Peace. We have a nursery for our younger members, but we invite them to attend and participate in church when they and their family are ready. We also have a weekly service of healing, and services at Wesley Commons for our church members who have difficulty traveling to our church. Special services include joining our neighbors and friends at Macedonia Baptist Church to walk the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, a simple foot washing service on Maundy Thursday, Christmas Eve services featuring children and special music, and celebrating Easter with beautiful flowers and brass instrumentalists to enrich our worship.

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How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

If ministering is serving, then we think it becomes a reciprocal act. We are sustained in our own ministry by serving others. Working together in the church, working together on community projects, welcoming strangers, trying to reach out over cultural, racial, gender differences are all ways of incorporating others in ministry, as well as helping us grow as individuals. It is a constant process that requires prayer and patience on many levels, and may be at the very heart of the Christian faith. To quote Tennyson, "My idea of heaven is the perpetual ministry of one soul to another."

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As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

We are led to offer our lives, labor, and treasure as sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving. Our Eucharistic visitors take communion to those who cannot worship with us on Sunday mornings. The Order of the Daughters of the King prays for our parish, as well as offering loyal aid to both our rector and parish. The Primetimers, typically those parishioners who are retired, meet at least quarterly for fellowship. Our coordinators of Christian formation and youth provide weekly gatherings to educate and cultivate our children and youth, and they are celebrated at the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. We also make our neighborhood our wider parish. Several years ago, dedicated parishioners created a community garden so that we can share our bounty with those around us (the "Back Lot Fellowship"). We have learned that feeding others' souls nourishes our own.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Our parish has a strong commitment to all the members of the Greenwood community. We help meet the basic needs of others through participating in and organizing the Greenwood Soup Kitchen and raising donations for the Greenwood Food Bank. The United Ministries is an organization our church is part of which helps provide medical and dental care to those who cannot otherwise afford it. The Thanksgiving Day Race to be Thankful 5k is organized and run by our church as a way of encouraging physical activity and community while raising funds for multiple groups in our community. In addition, our Vacation Bible School is open to all children and we are hosts to Camp Kanuga Day Camp which allows children to participate in a summer day camp who otherwise could not.

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Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Resurrections parishioners have a reputation as leaders and/or active participants in our community Soup Kitchen, United Ministries Free Clinic, Habitat for Humanity, United Way, Rotary, and other community service organizations. We provide our Parish Hall as meeting space for various community organizations. We participate in the revitalization efforts of the low income neighborhood that surrounds our parish. We have members who serve on Diocesan commissions and committees; others participate in overseas mission trips. We are faithful in meeting our Diocesan financial commitment and supporting Diocesan outreach efforts. We strive to exemplify Christ's love beyond our walls.

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Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Our parish developed a ministry called "CO3R Tutoring." This ministry mimics the ministry of Jesus as described in 1 Corinthians in that it is life-giving both to participants and volunteers. The volunteers in CO3R meet students where they are, walk alongside them, and demonstrate the love of Jesus. The ministry calls for parish volunteers to tutor children after school at our local library, which sits next door to our property on Main Street. Local elementary students utilize this after-school one-on-one program which offers free tutoring for English language learners, those struggling with academic achievement, and those students who may not otherwise have access to supplemental educational resources. The ministry is a true reflection of our best outreach efforts in the name of Christian love. For more information, please contact Chuck McDonnell at [mcdonnell.chuck@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonnell.chuck@gmail.com).

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

Stewardship is alive and well at Resurrection! It is important to divide our stewardship into two categories, external and internal. External: Resurrection historically contributes \$25,000 to local charity organizations within the wider Greenwood community (Our Mardi Gras fundraiser alone raised \$17,000 of this amount!). In addition to supporting these organizations monetarily, church members also donate many hours of their time in various volunteer capacities. We look forward to sharing this diverse list with interested applicants. Internal: Financially, Resurrection is on solid ground. We consistently meet our church budget during our stewardship campaign held each fall. This budget has supported 100% of the Diocesan Quota for the past 10 years. In 2011, the church held our first successful capital campaign to support a new Parish House and Gathering Space. This project totaled \$2.1 million. During the spring of 2018, a second capital campaign was launched. By its completion in seven years we will reduce the parish's debt on the building to approximately \$250,000-\$300,000. The Finance Committee feels this debt can be handled within the current church budget.

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What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

Locally, in my worshipping community, actual experiences of conflict seem to have been rare. Most of us are probably aware of past denominational tensions, which led to the establishment of a local Anglican Church in our community, as well as problems in other churches in our state that are still being resolved, and greater concerns within the larger international Church. However, as part of the older worshipping community within our church, our response to these issues has mostly been one of prayer, patience, and hope. Perhaps many of us have realized that conflict can be a force for change and growth; our deepest hope is that when it occurs, whether spiritually, economically, or politically, it will lead to positive growth.

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What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

An example of when change went well follows: Our Parish set out in the summer of 2010 to discern a renewed vision to guide us to the year 2020. We gathered for meals, took guided walks through our parish buildings and surrounding neighborhood, gathered in oral history sessions, met prayerfully in small groups, and conducted a parish wide survey. As the Holy Spirit worked among us, we sensed the centrality of worship in our common life. This process gave us a wonderful foundation for reimagining all our Parish ministries. We learned that to make positive change, both internal and external, we must be guided by the Holy Spirit and intentional in building ministries that further God's Kingdom. An example of when change went poorly follows: We had to confront the effects of deferred maintenance on our facilities. Following the above process, we made the necessary sacrifice to build the beautiful new facilities we now occupy.



# Ministry Portfolio

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### Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Nicholas M. Beasley	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2007-01	2018-07

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Peter Hawes	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2001-01	2006-01

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
Thomas Van Brunt	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	1990-01	1996-01

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
	3	10

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
1	2	2	15

Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School



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Worshipping Community Web site: [www.episcopalgreenwood.org](http://www.episcopalgreenwood.org)

Media Links:

Online References:

Languages Significantly Represented:

**English**

Provide Worship or Classes in:

**English**

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### References

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