

# From the Rafters

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**Our Mission** We are a people rooted in worship, branching out into the world.

# Dear Church of the Resurrection Family,

Several months ago, your vestry began working with a group called Partnership for Renewal. You can learn more about Partnership for Renewal here: www.partnershipforrenewal.com.

Partnership for Renewal facilitates conversations with vestry members about who we are as a parish, what God is calling us to be, and what our divine purpose might be. Your vestry has worked hard to



represent you as a parish, to pray and think about who we are as God's precious children and what it is that makes the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection so special.

Over the coming months we will be making you aware of the work of the vestry, but I wanted to start with our Divine Purpose Statement. This is who the vestry believes we are as people of God and a community of believers in Jesus Christ.

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection exists as a witness to God's grace. We seek to serve the community with hospitality, gratitude, and generosity as we continue to grow in our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.

WE BELIEVE as people rooted in worship, we gather in Jesus' name, welcoming and embracing all with no hesitation, branching out into the world with our doors always open. We go in peace, loving all while serving the Lord.

WE WORSHIP as a loving Christian family, within the structure of the Episcopal liturgy. We are affirming of all people, and we strive to be nonjudgmental as we follow the teachings of Jesus. WE SERVE God and neighbor as instruments of God's will in the Resurrection parish through mission partnerships with our neighboring communities and with the larger world around us.

Think and pray about this statement. We will put it on our website, in our hallways, and most importantly continue to live into these words to all those we encounter and for ourselves.

As we approach Easter, remember that the gift of Jesus Christ is within all of us and that you are very loved!

Love,

Mary Balfour+

## That Chill

The air is just beginning to change We've been bundled and shivering cold But as the months pass A new season approaches There was a time that we stayed indoors, working by lamplight But as time passes The temperature rises And that chill is gone We are *so blessed* with Spring

By Murray Dunlap

## A Little Religious History Lesson: Ukrainian Orthodox Christianity

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is filling the prayers of many. Nearly half a world away, we may feel powerless to help the Ukrainian people in any other way. Our thoughts and prayers should be guided by an understanding of the geopolitical context in which this crisis is taking place, which alas, I cannot provide. That context is intimately connected to the region's religious history, which is something I have been studying in EfM this year. I'll do my best here to share what I am slowly coming to understand.

The eastern European region that includes Ukraine was first settled by Scandinavian people called Rus'. They eventually established a capital along the Dnieper River and named it Kyiv<sup>1</sup>. In the local Slavic language, the kingdom became known as Kyivan Rus'. Kyiv was first exposed to Christianity long before, but the official introduction occurred in 988, and it was due to a marriage of a Kyivan prince to a Byzantine princess. Following their union, Kyiv became an Orthodox Christian city filled with astounding religious architecture in its churches. St. Sophia's Cathedral in Kyiv dates to the 11<sup>th</sup> Century and was modeled on the Hagia Sophia in Constantinople.



Constantinople appointed a bishop to be situated in Kyiv and preside over all bishoprics in the region; Kyiv's bishop thus became a metropolitan governing all Orthodox Christians of the region. In 1240, the Tatars conquered Kyiv (as they had much of eastern Europe), and though he remained the Orthodox Metropolitan to all Christians in Kyivan Rus', he could not reside safely in that city. At times, he situated himself in the heart of a newly emerging clan, the Muscovy, whose capital, Moscow, had been mostly left alone by the Tatars. The Muscovites cultivated a relationship with the Tatars and were rewarded with political rank, while Kyiv's political power declined and came under the control of Lithuania. The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople ultimately had to choose a new location for orthodoxy's center in the north, and due to a web of political maneuvering, the favor fell to Muscovy instead of Lithuania.

Largely due to its geographic location, Kyiv and much of what is now Ukraine remained in a tugof-war between west and east, as the two regions entrenched their differing interpretations of Christian doctrine and liturgical tradition. Kyiv's battleground status intensified further when the Ottomans conquered Constantinople, and Moscow asserted itself as Constantinople's successor for the center of Orthodoxy in the east. In the midst of all the religious wrangling, Kyiv fell under the political protection of Lithuania, then Poland and, ultimately, Russia. Following WWI, Ukraine became part of the Soviet Union.

When the Soviet Union collapsed, Ukraine gained its independence politically and over time the orthodox people of Ukraine have regained some of their own religious identity. The majority of Ukrainians who are religious profess membership in the Orthodox Church. In 2014 the Patriarch of Kyiv asked the Russian Orthodox Church to grant Ukraine its own autocephalous status. The Russian church refused, but the Patriarch claimed independence anyway and later received recognition from the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople (now situated in Istanbul). The Russian Orthodox Church severed its ties with the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 2019 as a result and appointed a Russian Orthodox patriarch in Kharkiv. The Russian Orthodox Patriarch still

may see is Kiev, which is how Russia spells it. Kyiv is pronounced KIH-yeev.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I chose to spell the capital city's name, Kyiv, because that is the English spelling preferred by Ukrainians and is reflective of their independence. The other spelling you

governs several thousand orthodox parishes located in Ukraine. Currently, Ukraine has a somewhat diverse religious population: about 80% Orthodox (split between the Russian Patriarchate and the Ukrainian Patriarchate), 10% Greek Catholic, 1 % Jewish and many Protestant traditions. Considering the rhetoric, it seems Putin will coerce the Ukrainian Orthodox back into the Russian Patriarchate if he accomplishes his military goals. Putin argues that Kyiv and all of Ukraine should be rejoined to Russia as the motherland. He forgets that Kyivan Rus' existed long before there ever was a Moscow and its realm included what is now Poland, Lithuania, Belarus and Russia.

As far as I tell, the doctrine of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church is the same as that of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The Eastern Orthodox tradition developed as a rejection of certain doctrinal principles adopted by the catholic church through the later councils of the church in the 5<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> centuries.

> The Orthodox Church rejects the supremacy and infallibility of the pope. Separate, often geographically defined, churches are led by coequal patriarchs, such as the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church of the Ukraine. They each recognize the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople as first among equals.

> Orthodox priests may marry.

> Eastern Orthodox churches use leavened bread for communion and stand while worshipping, while the Western church uses unleavened bread and kneels in prayer.

> More historical and technical rifts were over the co-eternal nature of Jesus, the immaculate conception and the insertion of the filioque in the Nicene Creed.<sup>2</sup>

You might be most impressed by the Eastern Orthodox Church's expression of worship. Eastern worship emphasizes the pageantry of the Eucharistic liturgy. Much of it is sung and is filled with elaborate gestures and incense. The interior of Orthodox churches, especially older ones, have magnificent displays of gilded religious icons.



Pictured above is the iconostasis of the Kyivan Cave Monastery, which was founded in the 11<sup>th</sup> century. An iconostasis is similar to the chancel gate in our terminology. As you might be able to tell from this blurry image, it separates the primary worship space from the eucharistic space. Orthodox worshipers gaze on the splendor of their icons as they listen to clergy chanting the Eucharistic liturgy just behind two doors, which are traditionally flanked by icons of Christ and Mary. The Monastery is still active, in spite of the war that rages above ground in the city. You can watch a livestream of the monks chanting their worship at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-

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Episcopal Relief & Development is leading an effort to respond to the needs of the Ukrainian people. Visit their website if you would like to support this effort financially.

~ Elizabeth Floyd

Creed but a later addition. The modern Orthodox Church complains more about the manner of that addition than its theological import.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> When we recite the section of the Creed about the Holy Spirit, we say that the Holy Spirit proceeds "from the Father *and the Son.*" Those last three words are known as the filioque, and they were not part of the original Nicene

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry



# Exploring our Baptismal Covenant

Wednesday evenings in Lent: March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6

**5:30 Dinner in Emmaus Hall** 

6:00 Prayer and Learning

All ages are encouraged to attend

#### PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 9TH: ST. MARK'S, RIVER STREET CAMPUS MARCH 16TH: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARCH 23RD: MAIN STREET UMC MARCH 30: MORRIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH APRIL 6TH: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship will be from 12:30-1 p.m. No Lunch Option This Year





#### Holy Week Services

<u>Palm Sunday, April 10</u> 8:30 – Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 – Liturgy of the Palms and Procession, Dramatic Passion and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<u>Maundy Thursday, April 14</u> 6:00 PM - Holy Eucharist with foot-washing and stripping of the Altar

<u>Good Friday, April 15</u> 12 noon - Good Friday Liturgy 6 PM - Stations of the Cross

<u>Holy Saturday, April 16</u> 10:00 AM - Holy Saturday Liturgy



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Help us fill the Nave with beautiful flowers to celebrate Easter!

If you would like to contribute to our Easter flower arrangements, please place your check in the offering plate marked, "Easter Flowers."

## Resurrection's Visit to Big Oak Rescue Farm

All those who joined our tour of Big Oaks Rescue Farm enjoyed that Sunday afternoon! The Farm is managed by Mary Moss, and currently cares for horses, cows, donkeys, goats, sheep, mules, dogs, guineas, ducks, geese, chickens and more turkeys that you can count! If you are interested in supporting their work, or even adopting an animal, please visit their website: https://www.bigoaksrescuefarm.org/.

Here is a sweet take-away from the event, thanks to Elizabeth Snipes-Rochester:



#### **Altar Arrangements:**

**April 3 –** The altar arrangements are given during this season of Lent in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.

**April 10 (Palm Sunday)** - Palms given by Mary Jo Tolbert in memory of Joe Lincoln Tolbert, Jr. and Miss Margaret Allen Gaillard.

**April 17 (Easter Sunday)** – Open to all Parishioners

**April 24 –** To the glory of God and in loving memory of Gerald and Domer Ridings, Jr., and Joe and Virginia Robinson by Domer and Jackie Ridings. **The Presence Candle** in the sanctuary burns in memory of Anna Woodiwiss by Ashley and Mary Woodiwiss and their family.

Parish Connections				
Music	Donna Brooks 992-3738 dbrooksgwd@gmail.com			
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## April 2022 Ministry Schedule

If you cannot fill the position assigned, please make arrangements for your replacement, and let the Parish Office know of the change. Thank you!

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24					
NIZ.	The Fifth Sunday in	The Sunday of the	Easter Sunday	The Second Sunday					
	Lent	Passion:		of Easter					
~~~		Palm Sunday		01 L'aster					
Vestry of the		Bill McCabe and	l Dean Faden						
Month									
Altar Guild	Beverly Wilson (Chair), Karen Whitfield (Intern) Marilyn Gobble, Noonie Fennell,								
	Donna Holtzclaw, Anne Magruder								
Readings	Isaiah 43:16-21 Isaiah 50:4-9a Acts 10:34-43		Acts 5:27-32						
0	Psalm 126	Psalm 31:9-16	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalm 118:14-29					
	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians	<b>Revelation 1:4-8</b>					
	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23:56	15:19-26	John 20:19-31					
			John 20:1-18						
		8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rit							
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson and Psalm	Tom Barchi	Stephen Tucker	Deryl McGuire	Josie Ryan					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson and	Mary Bright	Mary Bright	Domer Ridings	Stephen Tucker					
Prayers of the									
People									
EM	Lou Wynne	Tom Rohrer	Chuck McDonnell	Tom Rohrer					
Usher	John Scurry	Deryl McGuire	Walker Moore	John Scurry					
		10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rit		1					
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Eddie Barber	Shana Southard-Dobbs	Mary Charles Haigler	Ryan Floyd					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson and	Summer Booker	John Maschoff	Adrian Little	Andrew Hodges					
Prayers of the									
People									
EM	Trisha Craven	Frank Wideman	Norm Fawcett	Moorea Knights Virginia Glenn					
1 <sup>st</sup> Cross	Ryan Anderson	Virginia Glenn	Virginia Glenn Delaney Floyd						
		Donaghy		Donaghy					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cross	Will Craven	Julia Donaghy	Will McMillan	Julia Donaghy					
Torchbearers	Riley Floyd		Henry McMillian						
	Michael Floyd		Chloe Normandia						
Ushers	Abney Wallace	Summer and Archie	John Cobb	Al Merrill					
	Tom Cobb	Booker	Tom Cobb	Rebecca Merrill					
Nursery	Mary Bright	Mary Bright	Mary Bright Sandy Moore	Mary Bright					
Coffee Hosts	Sandy and Chuck Gresham	Robert Headley-Downs	Fellowship Committee	Summer Booker					
Blessing Box	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan	Josie Ryan					
Flower Guild			Barbara Cameron Helen Nazzaro	Marilyn Bennett					

Maundy Thursday – April 14 at 6 pm Exodus 12:1-14 / Psalm 116:1, 10-17 / 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 / John 13:1-17, 31b-35 1st Lesson: Catie Robertson 2nd Lesson and Prayers: Lucas McMillan EM: Tom Rohrer Ushers: Alan Hughes

Good Friday – April at 12 Noon Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12 / Psalm 22 / Hebrews 10:16-25 / John 18:1 – 19:42 1st Lesson: Murray Dunlap 2nd Lesson: Chuck McDonnell Usher: John Scurry

### **RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU**

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
1 – Maggie Snipes-Rochester	18 – Lander Adams	2 – Donna & Gerald Brooks
1 – Callie Turner	18 – Robert Headley Downs	7 – Kenneth & Robert Headley Downs
4 – Sandra Daffin	18 – Robin Lanford	20 – St. Claire & Glenn Donaghy
6 – Connie Hammett	21 – Connor Jarrio	21 – Lori & Whitfield Brooks
6 – Cecily Hughes	21 – Sandy Singletary	26 – Anne & Aaron Crowe
8 – Sandra Lewis	22 — Lainey Davis	27 – Cathy & Mike Robertson
9 – Marty Cobb	22 – Shannon Jones	30 – Taylor & Stephen Tucker
11 – Owen Willis	25 – Domer Ridings	
12 – Jerry Kent	27 – Anne Crowe	
13 – St. Claire Donaghy	27 – Catie Robertson	
15 – Archie Booker Jr.	30 – Mary Woodiwiss	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Ann Arnold, Audine Bergman, Evan Clay, Bruce Craven, the Cathcart family, Carol Dean, Ellen de Guzman, Anne Marie Glawe, Joe Fennell, Charlie and Mary Joe Ferguson, Nan Hines, John Hughes, Chris Jayne, Joe, Joanne, Nicholas Kent, Adrian Little, Rebecca Long, Bart McGuire, Nancy Miller, Mary Jane Mobley, the Moore family, Erich Normandía, Corrine Price, Teedie Radford, Bette Ricker, Domer Ridings, Eddie & Jane Sanders, Bridge Simpkins, Ross Ann Steifle, Nancy Van Waldick, Carol Wynne, Lue Vonia Brooks (Bridge Simpkins' sister), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Ardy Edgerton (Corrine Price's daughter-in-law), Diane de Guzman (step-daughter of Ellen de Guzman), Tanner Griffin (John and Cindy Hughes grandson), Taylor Grist (Robert Headley-Downs cousin), Matt Hall and family, Hazel Hammett (Connie Hammett's mother), Michelle Hirsch (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright's brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little's mom), Jack McGinn (Marilyn Bennett's brother in Iaw), Elliot Norton (Karen and Bill Bright's nephew), Kurt Penney (Bacon family member), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel's niece), Mason Shirley, Marie Stone (Jeff Lanford's mother), Johnnie Wall (Julie Rieger's uncle), Anne Cheshire Wideman (Frank Wideman's sister), and Susie Bright Woodard (Jim and Bill Bright's sister).

And for these persons: Brenda, Chris, Steve Driskell, Jamel Gethers, Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers), Phyllis Jenkins, Art M., Chuck Taylor, and Gene Taylor.

Please send additions/deletions to the prayer list or family news and prayer concerns to Denise at <u>denise@episcopalgreenwood.org</u> or call 223-5426.

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 3/25/2022	\$75,565	\$33,750	\$1,798	\$1,458	\$33,110	\$34,560
Year as of 3/25/2022	\$143,825	\$102,208	\$5,941	\$4,325	\$112,376	\$117,376

#### We give thanks for your giving, which makes the ministry of Resurrection possible!



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# Church of the Resurrection

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