



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,

March is here and March in 2023 means Lent! Each Wednesday night in March we will gather for dinner at 6 p.m. in Emmaus Hall and teaching by The Rev. Dr. Tony Hopkins on The Gospels of Jesus Christ. We will be finished by 7 p.m. and we will enjoy learning and fellowship.



Every Friday night in Lent at 6 p.m. we will meet in the church to walk the stations of the cross. This will be led by members of the parish. The liturgy will last about 30 minutes. The Stations of the Cross recalls a series of events at the end of Jesus' life from his condemnation to his burial. The Stations of the Cross imitates the practice of visiting the places of Jesus' Passion in the Holy Land by early Christian pilgrims. The first stations outside Palestine were built in Bologna in the fifth century. This devotion was encouraged by the Franciscans, and it became common in the fifteenth century.

For the past year, I have been praying for something very specific, a deacon for our parish! God has answered our prayers and The Rev. Deacon Al Hipp will be joining us on March 5th. Deacon Al has been a deacon in the church for many years and has much experience! He will work on several things during his time with us at Resurrection – our Mission Partnership Committee, Pastoral Care, and establishing a men's group! Deacon Al will also assist me in worship, providing all the duties of this special calling of a deacon in the church. Please give a warm welcome to Deacon Al!

I am grateful for the love you share with each other and for God. Keep it up!

Love,
Mary Balfour +

Believe by Murray Dunlap

Belief may be fickle. Seriously. I survived a mountain of close calls and pain, and to look at a photograph of my car, you might be tempted to say, *no way*. But then -in the same moment, look at a cross and think about nails piercing your hands and feet, about all of your weight on those nails, and about truly dying You might think, hey, sounds like a good story, but how am I supposed to believe in that?

Now I need you to go back to my car, the same one that you said *no way*, and then I want you to sit up and look me in the eye.

I am here. I am alive. And I believe.

It seems to me that NOT believing would be downright impossible. That shrugging off that wealth of kindness and joy, what, all because you just don't see how it could be?

Look up again. I really am here. Metal bends and glass breaks. Bones shatter. Tendons tear. But no, it did not stop me. I married your priest.

And I really do believe.

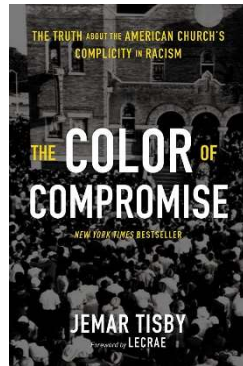
Welcome Deacon Al Hipp!

Reverend Deacon Al Hipp was born in Washington, D.C. and adopted at 6 weeks old by Tom and Langhorne Hipp through NC Childrens' Home. He spent his early childhood in Greensboro, N.C., then his family moved to Greenville, S.C., where he graduated from Christ

Church Episcopal School. He matriculated at College of Charleston and worked in various jobs in Virginia before returning to Greenville, S.C. to begin career as residential homebuilder. He has been married to his wife Karen for 32 years. They have 3 adult sons, Tom, Jack, and Sam. He currently splits his time between a farm outside Tryon, N.C. and a small cottage in the small seaside village of Port Royal, S.C. Deacon Hipp has been serving our diocese as a deacon for over ten years.

Anti-racism Library Book of the Month:

The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby



“An acclaimed, timely narrative of how people of faith have historically--up to the present day--worked against racial justice. And a call for urgent action by all Christians today in response... *The Color of Compromise* is not a call to shame or a platform to blame white evangelical Christians. It is a call from a place of love and desire to fight for a more racially unified church that no longer compromises what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality. A call that challenges black and white Christians alike to stand up now and begin implementing the concrete ways Tisby outlines, all for a more equitable and inclusive environment among God’s people. Starting today.”

Tisby’s book, and many others, are available for all parishioners to borrow and read from our Anti-Racism Library located in the Gathering Space.

Mission Partnerships Committee 2023 Giving Update

The Mission Partnerships committee met on Sunday, February 5, to approve donations from the 2022 fund raisers and the parish budget. Our fundraisers generated an abundant source for our giving: our 2022 Beads & Bling event provided \$9650, the Race to be Thankful brought in \$7078

and our parish budget held \$5646. We approved a total of \$22,374 to support local charities: Habitat for Humanity, Greater Greenwood United Ministry, Greenwood Food Bank, Greenwood Soup Kitchen, Community Initiatives, Healthy Learners, Canterbury Counseling Center (Greenville), Meg’s House, Pathway House, and the Greenwood Humane Society. We also approved funds for the Resurrection Clothes Closet, Holloway Grocery Thanksgiving Dinners, and our rector’s discretionary fund.

During 2022, the Parish supported the Healthy Learner’s Spelling Bee and the Pathway House through separate collections. Second Sunday donations and the Blessing Box donations round



out a generous response to community needs.

~ Jan Puzar, Chair of the Mission Partnerships Committee



... and other musings on the “evil one.”

This sign sits on the side of Interstate 65 North near Prattville, Alabama. When I lived in Birmingham, I passed it frequently on my way home from court appearances in Montgomery. I used to chuckle and think, “typical evangelical scare tactic won’t work on me.” That was until I read the *Screwtape Letters*. Jeepers. Now I’m scared. C.S. Lewis does a mighty fine job instilling the fear of the devil in his readers. Our Sunday morning formation program recently finished a study of Lewis’ book, and it got me thinking

about who the devil truly is, if the devil is anything real at all.

References to an evil being can be found throughout the Bible. In Genesis, for example, we find a talking serpent in the Garden of Eden who lures humanity into the great fall of man. In Job, Satan (this book uses the proper name) has been roaming about on earth and makes a deal with God to ruin Job's life as a test of Job's righteousness. In other places, there are stories of a celestial being who opposes humanity and reveals a malicious nature. In the gospels, "the devil" tempts Jesus in the wilderness, "Satan" enters Judas Iscariot and leads him to betray Jesus, and other demons possess people, driving them to madness. In the epistles, where we find the most references to "the devil," this evil being is a malicious tempter and deceiver of humanity, having the purpose of luring humans away from God. In Revelation, we see "Satan" as a direct adversary to God in a great eschatological battle, which links perfectly to the derivation of the word – the Hebrew "ha-Satan." "Ha" means "the" and "Satan" means "opposer" or "adversary."

The Hebrew tradition provides a possible origin for Satan as a fallen angel. But neither Judaism nor Christianity has a monopoly on Satan or evil. Many world religions include explanations for the source of evil in the world. Islam provides the story of Shaytan; Buddhism has the story of Maara. Some scholars have suggested the mythology of evil is an aspect of dualism that existed in many ancient cultures and is sure to have influenced the authors of scripture.

An exploration of all the academic literature about the devil would take up too much space. What we can know for now is that evil played a major role in our religious tradition and informs our understanding of why bad things happen and why humans are drawn away from their identity as children of God.

In the *Screwtape Letters*, Screwtape is a demon bearing some manner of rank in the hierarchal service of "our Father Below." He is the uncle of another demon, Wormwood, whose job it is to corrupt a human referred to as the Patient.

Screwtape and Wormwood exchange letters, but Lewis only reveals those written by Screwtape, and they consist of his advice to Wormwood on the best practices of demon-work, so to speak. Through these letters, Lewis gives a startling perspective of the role that "the adversary" plays in the human psyche. The adversary's greatest weapon is perhaps his subtlety, for when the adversary's actions become obvious to a Christian, the Christian sees his/her sin and repents, coming ever closer to God. Through these delicate and very clever hints and prompts, the adversary draws out the worst aspects of human nature. For example, early in the book, the Patient has joined a church and attends regularly. Rather than drawing the Patient away from church attendance entirely, Screwtape instructs Wormwood to tease the Patient while in the midst of worship with thoughts about the way other church-goers are dressed or their economic status, whatever might take the Patient's mind off of his present connection with God.

To overcome the adversary's subtlety, humans must be made aware of its activity, and that is just what reading *Screwtape* has provided me. It is an easy trap that the adversary sets for us, whether "the adversary" is a mythological personification of evil or a spiritual being at war with God, literally hell-bent on drawing humanity to its downfall. Here are some take-aways from others in our book study:

"The devil is never done his work, always looking for a weak spot in your life to create doubt in ones faith." – Tom Rohrer

"After reading this book, I think about my understudy demon and am now on the lookout for ways to make them unhappy!" – Kim Russell

"I left the C.S. Lewis study with a larger understanding of good and evil in our daily life. This experience has made my prayer time deeper and more rigorous for me." – Anne Marie Glawe

"It was great having a group that exchanged differing points of view on the book in a friendly conversation. It was surprising that a book written during the height of the Battle of Britain

had so many direct analogies to life in the US in the 21st century.” – Jim Nazarro


“The Screwtape book study was a way to form relationships with church members rather than just recognizing their faces in the crowd.” – Helen Nazarro

“The Screwtape Letters was a good aid to self-reflection and self examination.” – Patricia Mellette


We hope you’ll join us for our next book study in the season of Easter. Until then, “Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

~ Elizabeth Floyd

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Ministry



The Book of Kells, Folio 27v
The Four Evangelists
Trinity College Dublin



The Gospels A Lenten Series


with the
Rev. Tony Hopkins

Wednesday Evenings of Lent

6 PM in Emmaus Hall

Dinner \$5/person


Childcare available upon request. Contact elizabeth@episcopalgreenwood.org.



Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us
whole.

Services of Holy
Eucharist and
Healing
12:00 in the Nave

Wednesday,
March 1, 2023



Stations of the Cross

Friday Evenings
of Lent

6 PM in the Nave

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
GREENWOOD COMMUNITY
LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

FEBRUARY 22ND: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 1ST: IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 8TH: ST. MARK UMC CHURCH
RIVERS STREET CAMPUS
MARCH 15TH: SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 22ND: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 29TH: MAIN STREET UMC CHURCH
APRIL 5TH: MORRIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Lunch Seatings are before and after
Worship. 12 and 1 p.m. \$2 for lunch
Worship will be from 12:30-1 p.m.



WESLEY COMMONS



Holy Eucharist at
Wesley Commons

Tuesday, March 14
11:00 AM

Please join us!

Save the Date!

Mitchell Felton's Ordination



June 3, 2023
11:00 am

Trinity
Cathedral
Columbia, SC



We plan to lease a van
or bus in order to travel
together. Watch your
email for a Google form
sign-up to hold your
spot!



Altar Arrangements:

March 5-26 – The altar arrangements during this season of Lent are given in thanksgiving for the people of the Church of the Resurrection.


The Presence Candle is given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Rush, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. George D. Rush, Jr. by the late George D. Rush III.

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March 2023 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!

	March 5 The Second Sunday in Lent	March 12 The Third Sunday in Lent (Daylight Savings Tim Begins)	March 19 The Fourth Sunday in Lent	March 26 The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Vestry of the Month	Karen Whitfield and Phil Ellenberg			
Altar Guild	Marty Cobb (Chair), Mary Van Ellenberg, Celie Mescall, Susu Wallace			
Readings	Genesis 12: 1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17	Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	1 Samuel 16: 1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9: 1-41	Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45
8:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Tom Barchi	Chuck McDonnell	Josie Ryan	Dick Daffin
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Mary Bright	Chuck McDonnell	Lou Wynne	Dick Daffin
E.M.	Sarah Contakos	Gerald Normandt	Tom Rohrer	Deryl McGuire
Usher	Walker Moore	John Scurry	Ken Rogers	Paul Criswell
10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Matt Anderson	Summer Booker	Ryan Floyd	Andrew Hodges
2nd Lesson and Prayers of the People	Eddie Barber	Jane Merrill	John Machoff	Mary Charles Haigler
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian Little Beverly Wilson	Trisha Craven Frank Wideman	Cindy Hughes Norm Fawcett	Laura Beth Brooks Connie Hammett
Crucifer	Julia Donaghy	Rebecca Merrill	Cannon Wooten	Lila Eisenreich
Book Bearer	Catie Robertson	N/A	Delaney Floyd	N/A
Torchbearers	Will and Henry McMillian	Maggie Rochester and Riley Floyd	Michael Floyd Chloe Normandia	N/A
Acolyte Leader	Taylor Tucker	Adrian Little	Ken Rogers	Adrian Little
Ushers	John Cobb Abney Wallace	Richard and Salley Cathcart	Dan Hobbs Tom Cobb	Archie and Summer Booker
Nursery/Volunteer(s)	Mary Bright Anne Marie Glawe	Allison Wooten	Mary Bright Barbara Cameron	Mary Bright Sarah Contakos
Hospitality	Beverly Wilson	The Floyd Family	Marilyn Bennett and Billy DuPree	Joanne Hochheimer and Jean Shirley
Blessing Box	Dick & Sandra Daffin	Dick & Sandra Daffin	Dick & Sandra Daffin	Dick & Sandra Daffin
Flower Guild	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth Dinner	TBA	TBA	Carla Hobbs	TBA

RESURRECTION CELEBRATES WITH YOU

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES
3 – Reid Conrad	17 – Kenneth Headley-Downs	1 – Deb & John Maschoff
3 – Burl Ricker	18 – Roxy Fawcett	17 – Reva & Stephen Davis
4 – George Hyatt	18 – Paige Ouzts	24 – Lattie & Lonnie Gillespie
5 – Whitfield Brooks	19 – Jon Newlon	29 – Jane & Al Merrill
5 – Eddie Sanders	20 – Pam Rumans	
6 – Renee Love	22 – Celie Mescall	
9 – Andy Anderson	22 – Bette Ricker	
9 – Eddie Barber	22 – Lisa Treeter	
9 – Tom Hochheimer	25 – Gerald Normandt	
10 – Anne Marie Glawe	27 – Sandy Moore	
10 – Kim Russell	29 – Don Bergman	
15 – Patrick Kinney	30 – Joanne Hochheimer	
16 – Beverly Wilson	31 – Sue Moore	
17 – Trisha Craven	31 – Colt Putnam	

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Bill Arnold, Audine Bergman, Larry Carson, Paul Criswell, Carol Dean, Ellen de Guzman, Albert Faden, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Diane Lawson, Mary Jane Mobley, Bette Murray, Erich Normandía, Bette and Burl Ricker, Domer Ridings, Greg and Ross Ann Steifle, Mary Jo Tolbert, Carol Wynne, Tom Barber (Eddie Barber’s dad), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell’s sister), Riley Gillam (Sandy and Chuck Gresham’s niece), Joan Grist (Ken Headley-Downs’ cousin), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer’s daughter), Ian Kelso (Karen Bright’s brother), Jeanette Little (Adrian Little’s mom), Jeff Norton (Karen Bright’s niece’s husband), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkel’s niece), Mason Shirley, Doris Snelling (Donna Brooks’ mother), Stacey Spillum (Jo Ann Brewer’s niece), and Jeff Whitfield (Michael Whitfield’s brother).

And for these persons: Vicki Hart (friend of the Brewers)

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

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

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 2/14/23	\$31,933	\$34,530	\$111	\$1,433	\$24,402	\$50,296
Year as of 2/14/23	\$66,490	\$70,060	\$2,343	\$2,866	\$60,933	\$84,416



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