

The Pinnacle

FULLY KNOWN, FULLY LOVED.

April 17, 2025

April 20 | Livestream * Order of Worship

Easter 2025



The long journey of Lent comes to an end at the cross on Good Friday. Then the longest wait as we hold our breath. And then Sunday morning brings us the best news. And the alleluias will come in abundance.

Our Easter worship on Sunday morning will be glorious!

Our Choral Introit will return, our passing of the peace will come to us in a new form as we offer Easter blessings to one another. One will say: He is risen! And will hear in response: He is risen indeed! And then we will raise our voices: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven.

Our service will be full of beautiful music to mirror our soaring spirits. Our voices will announce the good news, and the sermon will proclaim that we, just like Mary, have indeed seen the Lord! And, as is our tradition, our worship will conclude with the Hallelujah Chorus.

Remember that Easter is more than one day- it is a season! Eastertide will last seven Sundays

and take us to Pentecost Sunday in June.

Invite friends and family to this great celebration of the resurrection!

I shared this past Sunday that Mary Lou Swann, our longtime director of Children's Choirs, will 'retire' from her responsibilities at the end of May. We are so grateful for Mary Lou's ministry with us and all the work she has done with our children. We will take some time to recognize her and celebrate her on Sunday, May 18. After the service we will gather for a reception in her honor. Plan to join us for this time. Mary Lou plans to continue to be part of our congregation even after her retirement.

Scott Hovey

Easter Lily Orders

If you ordered a lily, please plan to take it home with you after Easter Service on April 20.



Easter Egg Hunt | Sunday at 12:15



Please join us for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the service. There are extra baskets in the

Narthex if you need them. Please wait on the Sanctuary porch and front steps to make sure everyone who wishes to participate or watch is outside before giving the official "3-2-1-GO." Those who are 3rd grade and up will begin their **hunt** as soon as the younger ones are finished. They will follow the **Easter** Bunny to their **egg-hunting** spot.

Children's Ministry Team

May Term Seminars

Our Lenten devotional discussions have been great. We have been meeting in person and online on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM. Several topics for further work have arisen from our discussions. We will continue our Wednesday discussions into May. Each session will have an article or chapter that we will discuss. I will have hard copies of the chapter/article available on the Sunday prior to our discussion. I will also email the reading.

All sessions will take place in the Art and Soul room and online:

Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:00 PM

Contemplative Prayer

Read: Marjorie J. Thompson, Soul Feast, Chp 3, Communication and Communion with God

Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer

Read: Walter Wink, Engaging the Powers, Chp 16, Prayer and the Powers

Wednesday, May 28 @ 6:00 PM

Introduction to Howard Thurman

Read: Parker Palmer, "Listening for the Voice of Vocation" in Anchored in the Current: Discovering Howard Thurman as Educator, Activist, Guide and Prophet, ed. Gregory C. Ellison II

Northside Drive Volunteers, Thanks for being part of the Recipe!



Thanks to everyone who volunteered with us last week at **Urban Recipe**. Friday, in less than two hours, our crew of 22 members and friends supported the organization's mission by filling 110 boxes of groceries for the Mobile Pantry (that's about 1,650 lbs!), bagging 6 boxes of bulk pasta, and bagging a full pallet of fish sticks. Above all, however, was the amazing joy, enthusiasm and wonderful spirit of the volunteers as they worked! The hours of service contributed directly to serving our neighbors here in Atlanta. You truly are part of the recipe for food security in our community. Special thanks to Hartwell Dew for making all the arrangements and recruiting the volunteers.

Volunteers are a key part of the success of Urban Recipe. We'd love to have you join our crew for our next venture back! Our volunteers supported not only the 110 families receiving mobile pantry boxes, but also the 303 co-op members and their families (more than 1,100 people). Urban Recipe also relies on donations to keep food on the tables of all the families they serve. You can use this link if you would like to make a donation to help end food insecurity in Atlanta.

From our friend Jeremy Lewis, Executive Director, Urban Recipe

- January through March 2025, Urban Recipe sent out 3,080 boxes of food through our mobile pantry.
- Assembled 600 snack kits for those in need of immediate assistance.
- Filled 226 pallets of food and home goods for 61 co-op meetings.
- Supported the 1,096 active family members in our food co-ops.
- Received and sorted thousands of pounds of bread, bagels and home goods.

Volunteers make our mission possible: promoting food security and dignity through intentionally designed community-driven food cooperatives prioritizing equitable food access, relationship building, and active participation.





Touching Taliaferro with Love June 15-18

Together for Hope Arkansas

July 19-25

Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities

It is not too late to sign up as a volunteer! Please contact Heather Hieserman or Barbara Atchley.

Heather Hieserman | hahieserman@gmail.com Barbara Atchley | atchley2005@gmail.com

This Sunday

Adult Church School
Easter Thoughts led by Karen Massey
9:30 AM | Room 202

Children's Church School 9:30 AM | *Undercroft*

Worship

11:00 AM | Sanctuary
*Staff present for childcare in Nursery

Easter Egg Hunt

12:15 PM | Sanctuary Front Porch/Steps

Upcoming Events

Maundy Thursday Service April 17 | 6:30 PM Sanctuary

> Good Friday Service April 18 | 12:00 PM Sanctuary

Young Adult Monthly Movie Night
April 18 | 7:00 PM
Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church

Easter Sunday April 20 | 11:00 AM Sanctuary Church Council Meeting
April 21 | 7:00 PM
Online

Wednesday Bible Study April 23 | 10:30 AM Room 202/Hybrid

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal April 23 | 7:00 PM Choir Room

> Deacons' Meeting April 27 | 12:15 PM Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt April 20 | 12:15 PM Sanctuary Front Porch/Steps

> Church Office Closed April 21 | All Day NDBC

Children's Ministry Team Meeting April 27 | 12:15 PM Parlor

> Scott's Office Hours April 28 | 9:00-11:00 AM NDBC Office

Events

April Birthdays

Cali Almeida - 17
Theresa Goriczynski - 20
Patti Clark - 21
Simon Goodhead - 21
Dave Wooten - 21

May Birthdays

Kate Pearson - 1
Andy Brant - 3
Irwin Ray - 5
Melissa Lester - 7
Garrett Ray - 11
Turner Warmack - 11
Eleanor Hieserman-Hovey - 15
Avi Anantaraman - 21
Melissa Bryson - 26
Amy Taylor - 30

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