

Church of the Resurrection From the Rafters

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New Year, New Beginnings

As we step into a brand-new year, we are reminded that God is always in the business of new beginnings. The turning of the calendar is more than a change of dates—it is an invitation to reflect, renew, and realign our hearts with God’s purpose for our lives and for our church family. Scripture assures us, “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22–23).

The past year brought moments of joy, growth, challenge, and learning. We celebrated milestones, welcomed new faces, served our community, and leaned on one another in times of need. Through it all, God’s faithfulness remained constant. As we look back with gratitude, we also look forward with hope, trusting that God is already at work in the days ahead.

A new year offers each of us a fresh opportunity to deepen our walk with Christ. It is a time to renew spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Bible study, worship, and service. Whether you are just beginning your faith journey or have walked with the Lord for many years, this season invites you to take the next step—whatever that may look like for you. Small, faithful steps often lead to lasting transformation.

As a church, we are also entering a season of renewed vision and purpose. In the coming months, we look forward to growing together through worship, fellowship, outreach, and discipleship. Our desire is to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community where lives are transformed by God’s love and grace. There will be new opportunities to serve, learn, and connect, and we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider how they can be involved.

The phrase “new beginnings” does not mean we forget the past, but rather that we allow God to redeem it and use it to shape our future. Perhaps this year you are seeking healing, direction, restoration, or courage. Know that God meets us exactly where we are and walks with us into what is next. With Him, no story is ever finished.

As we said farewell to Donna Brooks and Mary Balfour, we look back with thanks and smiles for all they have done for us. I can’t end this message without personally thanking both for all they have done for my family, and I know each of you feel the same way. They have left their imprint on Resurrection for years to come.

As we begin 2026, I am so excited to see the path God lays for us as we search for our next Rector and Director of Music. We are excited for what God has in store and grateful to share this journey with you. Happy New Year, and may it be filled with hope, purpose, and new beginnings in Christ.

Sarah Hasting

There will be no
Monthly Healing Service
or Wesley Commons
in
January, February or
March.

CO3R TUTORING PROGRAM

JOIN OUR TUTORING TEAM

The Tutoring Program
resumes on January 12th!

We're hiring high school and college students to work as tutors in our after-school program! Just one hour, one or two days a week (Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM), can make a big impact in a child's life—and you'll earn \$15 an hour. This is a great opportunity to gain experience, build your resume, and help younger students succeed. If you're responsible, motivated, and enjoy working with kids, we'd love to hear from you!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cate Hamilton.

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Save the Date

Pancake Supper &

Mimosa Bar

+ bingo and prizes!



**Tuesday,
February 17th
6pm**

JANUARY YOUTH EVENTS

1/11 – SNY Bowling at Expo 300 @5:00 – 6:00.
RSVP by paying \$12 on Realm or FPC Church office by
Sunday, December 11th. Pizza included!

1/15 – EGGs for middle schoolers at CFA by the mall @7 :00.
The bus will leave for Westview @7:30.

1/18 – GOTE at Panera @12:30 – 1:30. Meet at Panera after
Church. Bring money for lunch.

1/31 – Youth Ski Trip Meet at FPC at 10:30 am for the bus
and pick up from FPC at 10:00 pm. RSVP by paying \$62 on
Realm or to FPC Church office by Thursday, January 15th.
No refunds after Thursday, January 15th. Each slope pass
costs \$62. Please select if there is additional rental gear
needed. Slope passes do not include a ski rental. Pack a
lunch to eat on the way there and bring money for food at
the lodge.

**Sunday Schedule for the last Sunday
of December & January:**

December 28-The Rev. Mitchell Felton

January 4-The Rev. Mike Flanagan

January 11-The Rev. Mike Flanagan

January 18-The Rev. Chris Craig-Jones

January 25-The Rev. Jane Rogers Wilson, Transition
Coordinator

for the Diocese of Upper SC

*She will also meet with the congregation to explain the
transition process & answer questions.

*We have a full schedule of people covering services
through Easter, so please be on the lookout for each
month's schedule.



Church of the Resurrection

For pastoral concerns or needs,
please reach out to:

Salley Cathcart at 864-344-6161
or Charlie Long at 864-444-2797



Share what you are
doing (or not doing) to
observe the
Lenten period

You can put your ideas on a piece of paper, located in the sideboard
cabinet in the church hall as you enter the hall from the church.

We will publish your ideas anonymously in the February Rafters.



**ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST
& CHILI SHOW OFF**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
6PM-8PM**

COURTYARD AT RESURRECTION

Tickets are \$45 each (or 2 for \$85)
Tickets can be purchased after the
8:30am & 10:30am services
on 1/25 & 2/1

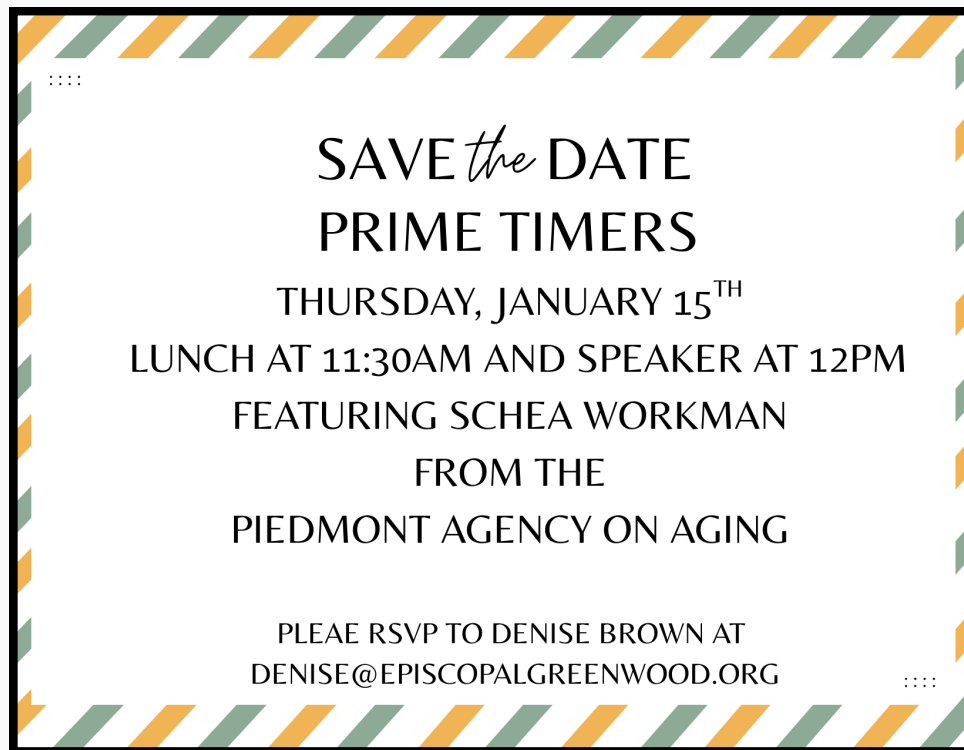
Silent auction, food and fun!

TEXT OR EMAIL KELLY WISEMAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE THE BEST CHILI
IN THE CHILI SHOW OFF

(CHILI, SOUP OR STEW-MUST BE HEARTY!)

864-323-2787 OR KJWISEMAN91@GMAIL.COM





Music Update

We were blessed for forty-two years to have Donna Brooks as our organist and music director. When she made the decision to retire, Mary Balfour asked Barry and me to fill in through Advent and Christmas, and we were willing to provide that transition. Our church is fortunate to have several parishioners who can play the organ and piano. Many churches in our area don't have this option.

In the next phase of transition until we find our new organist/music director, several of our musicians will be filling in, so we have all Sundays covered through the end of March. Ben Dobbs, Lucas McMillian, Anne Cogburn (a newcomer), and I have volunteered to serve, so each of us will be playing about once a month. If there are special services like funerals, etc. I will be playing for those since I have more flexibility in my schedule. I want to thank these individuals so much for being willing to serve our church in this way.

Also, during this transition the choir will be supporting the hymn singing during the service, but will not be doing anthems. As we can provide special music we will, but the organist for the week will be choosing an offertory to play. We ask for your prayers during this time that our search for a new organist/music director will be successful and our music program will grow to the glory of God.

Financials ending December 15, 2025

	Pledges (Actual)	Pledges (Budgeted)	Unpledged/Plate (Actual)	Unpledged/Plate (Budgeted)	Expenses (Actual)	Expenses (Budgeted)
Month as of 12/15/25	11,029	37,500	7,405	1,458	20,300	39,044
Year as of 12/15/25	390,853	450,000	29,327	17,500	429,148	470,429

January 2026 Ministry Schedule	January 4 Epiphany	January 11 First Sunday after the Epiphany	January 18 Second Sunday after the Epiphany	January 25 Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Vestry of the Month: Kelly Wiseman and Michele Anderson				
8:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite I				
1st Lesson and Psalm	Graham Duncan	Dean Faden	Mary Van Ellenberg	Stephen Tucker
2nd Lesson	Dick Daffin	Chuck McDonnell	Mary Bright	Laura Shealy
E.M.	Dick Daffin	Gerald Normandt	Tom Rohrer	Laura Shealy
Usher	Stephen Tucker	Walker Moore	Phil Ellenberg	Dean Faden
10:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II				
1st Lesson	Mary Charles Haigler	Summer Booker	Jane Merrill	Celie Mescall
2nd Lesson	Andrew Hodges	Lucas McMillan	Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges	Catie Robertson
E.M.'s	Frank Wideman Connie Hammett	Eddie Barber Karen Whitfield	Norm Fawcett Frank Wideman	Karen Whitfield Eddie Barber
Crucifier	Breyden Smith	Carolyn Hasting	Breyden Smith	Carolyn Hasting
Book Bearers	TBD	Margaret Ann Hasting	John Cobb	Margaret Ann Hasting
Torchbearers	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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Acolyte Leader	Adrian Little	Sarah Hasting	Jennifer Little	Sarah Hasting
Ushers	Allen Hughes Dan Hobbs	Richard & Salley Cathcart	Al & Rebecca Merrill	Larry Carson Abney Wallace
Prayer Team	TBD	Sarah Hasting	TBD	Celie Mescall
Nursery Volunteers	Marty Cobb Mary Bright	Sherri Ward Delaney Floyd	Aly Haigler Mary Bright	Summer Booker Delaney Floyd
Hospitality	TBD	Marilyn Bennett & Billy DuPre	TBD	TBD
Blessing Box	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Flower Guild	Karen Whitfield	Carla Hobbs	Karen Whitfield	Marilyn Bennett
Flower Delivery	Sandy Gresham	Salley Cathcart	Cecily Hughes	Julia Ball

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January Birthdays

1-Wells Anderson, Lorah Perry
2-David Higgins, John Russell
6-Julie Allord
8-Barbara Cameron, Lori Stone
9-Anna Padgett
11-Albert Merrill, Clay Payne
12-Beth Church, Troy Glawe, Anne Magruder,
Malone Whitehead
13-Rita Marshall
14-Dottie Russell
17-Tony Ball, Stephen Tucker
21-Aly Haigler
22-Isra Crowe
23-Adrian Little, Lila Putnam
26-Graham Duncan
27-Delaney Floyd, Leon Payne, Shirley H. Walker
30-Roger Dean
31-Jillian Coffin, Michala Payne

January Anniversaries

8-Jessica and Jon Newlon
11-Allison and Cannon Wooten
15-Carmen and Patrick Kinney
16-Elizabeth and Ryan Floyd

Prayers of the People:

Your prayers are asked for these members of our parish and members of our immediate families: Audine Bergman, Bruce Craven, Paul Criswell, David Dougherty, Joe Ferguson, Troy Glawe, Jim Gobble, Nan Hines, Cindy Hughes, Diane Lawson, Mirta Lindsey and family, Rita Marshall, Mary Jane Mobley, Walker Moore, Erich and Sarah Normandía, James Poore, Corrine Price, Bette Ricker, Domer Ridings, Mary Jo Tolbert, Nancy VanWaldick, Shirley Walker, Kerry Ward (Sherri Ward's husband), Bryan Biggart (Karen Whitfield's son), Kit Cathcart (Salley Cathcart's niece's baby), Linda Criswell (Paul Criswell's sister), Dennis and Gwenda Dobbs (Ben Dobbs' parents), Hailey Greene (Karen Bright's niece), Robyn Griffin (Cindy Hughes' daughter), David Hammett (Connie Hammett's brother), Sandy Hammett (Connie Hammett's sister-in-law), Harlan Hunt (Dawn Puderbaugh-Hodges' father), Cheri Hutchison (Jo Ann and Bob Brewer's daughter), Pat Miller (Alison Miller's father), Carol Ann Pry (Susie Hinkle's niece), Hayley Rillon (granddaughter of Cindy Hughes), Jerry Ross (Ross Ann Steifle's uncle), Mason Shirley, and Polk Van Zandt (Mary Balfour Dunlap's father).

And for these persons: Durham Bley (Wells and Ryan Anderson's friend), Nannette Earnest (Karen Bright's cousin), Scott Hines (Ross Ann Steifle's friend), Dick Hull (Laurie Thompson's friend), Nancy May & Jenny Perkey (Cindy Hughes' friends), and Larry and Judy Younce.

The **altar arrangements** are given in memory of Edward Sanders Jr., Mary and Edward K. Sanders and James and Julia by Jane Sanders (January 4); in thanksgiving for the marriage of Jon Brooks and Jessica Newlon and also our parents, Edie and Buster Brooks on the occasion of their wedding anniversary given by Jon and Nancy Newlon (January 11); in loving memory of our son Walker Moore III by Walker and Sandy Moore (January 18); in memory of David Lindsey, Crystal Smith, Haskell and Rena Lindsey and Maria and Ernesto Ramos by Mrs. Mirta Lindsey and Mrs. Mary Alice Lindsey Moore (January 25)

The **presence candle for the month of January** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her grandparents, John Morpott Piercy Sr. and Anita Dorcey Mason Piercy, John Burl Eskridge and Mary Elizabeth Eskridge by Ms. Jean Shirley.

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CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

VESTRY MEMBERS

Salley Cathcart , Senior Warden
Charlie Long, Junior Warden
Michele Anderson
Diana Carver
Dick Daffin
Ryan Floyd
Sarah Hasting
Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges
Jean E. Shirley
Stephen Tucker
Kelly Wiseman
Beverly Wilson
Archie Booker, Treasurer

CLERGY AND STAFF

Dr. Barry Wilson, Interim Choir Director
Beverly Wilson, Interim Organist
Denise A. Brown, Administrative Assistant
Cate Hamilton, Director of Tutoring Program
Mary Allyn Hedges, Communications Coordinator
Cox Accounting, Financial Contractor
Mary Bright, Nursery Attendant
Delaney Floyd, Nursery Attendant
Jade Green, Youth Minister
Glenn M. Donaghy, RN, Parish Nurse