

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Internships - Paid Lead Interns will focus on Children's or Youth Ministry and must have at least completed high school by the start of the internship. Students currently in 9th grade and older may apply to serve as Volunteer Interns and will gain experience in both Children's and Youth Ministry. Applications are due by April 12. Application form is available on Church Center.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays beginning April 15, 6:30-8:00pm in LL6 - Join us as we explore the creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church, which declare what the church as a whole believes, and learn about the circumstances that led to their creation. Questions? Email Julie Wilcox at knitpurl1972@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 18, 8:00-9:30am, Fellowship Hall - All men are invited to gather for breakfast with good food, conversation, and time together. Pastor John will share with us as our guest speaker. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated. Register on Church Center.

Support for Dementia Care Partners - Wednesdays beginning April 22, 10:00am-12:00pm, Chapel - Sponsored by HOPE Dementia and co-led by Pam Stover and Alan Masden. Along with learning about dementia, caregiving, and available resources, participants will have space to share experiences, offer encouragement, and connect with others who understand the challenges of caregiving. For more information and to register contact Pam Stover at pstover13@gmail.com or (360) 910-4996.

Women's Retreat: Restored and Re-Storied - April 24-26, Gather together as we experience how God restores and re-stories our hearts during the 2026 Women's Retreat at Aldersgate Retreat Center in Turner, Oregon. Share this opportunity with the beloved women in your life, space is limited! For those blessed by the ministry of Pastor Bruce Armstrong, there will be a time to honor his life on Saturday afternoon hosted by Mary Sisson. Scholarships are available, contact Tifny at tifny@columbiapresbyterian.org. For more information and to register visit Church Center.

DIY Obituary Class - Mondays, April 27 and May 4, 6:00-7:00pm, Chapel - Our lives are shaped and inspired by countless experiences, connections and ideas. Writing an obituary is an opportunity to capture the essence of a life with clarity and care. In this two-session workshop guided by memoir writer and past CPC member Sarah Coomber, you will receive support and tools for creating a meaningful obituary—a lasting story from your life or the life of a loved one. Cost: \$10. Space is limited. Register on Church Center.

Journey - Saturday, May 2, 9:00-11:00am, Chapel - If you are new or want to learn more about this faith community, please join us for Journey. This is a welcoming space to reflect on your relationship with Jesus Christ and discover what life and community here at Columbia Presbyterian Church looks like. Come, hear the story, values, mission, and vision of Columbia, and explore if Columbia may be your spiritual home. Register on Church Center.

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LIFT Day - May 16, 1:00-6:00pm - Join us for a day of serving in our community. We'll begin with prayer, head to local ministry sites, and return to the church for dinner together. A variety of service opportunities will be available. More details coming soon - save the date!

All Church Camping Adventure - August 14-16, Millersylvania State Park - Registration is now open for our all church camping weekend just south of Olympia. We have 19 tent sites (that could hold up to 20' camper without utilities) and 2 RV sites (with utilities) reserved. Spend your days swimming and enjoying non-motorized boating on Deep Lake, relaxing by the water, or exploring the hiking and biking trails in the park and nearby, and connecting with friends and family. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's for Friday and Saturday nights will be provided. Coffee is provided in the mornings. Please bring a side dish to share for each dinner. \$60 for the first adult and \$10 for each additional family member (no pets please). Registration is first come, first served. Once the spots are gone, they are gone. Register on Church Center.

CPC CARES

In Sympathy:

- Angie Armstrong & family on the death her husband, Pastor Bruce, on March 18. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, April 25 at 11:00am.
- The Zeamer family on the death of Kathy's mother, Mary David, on March 19.
- Carla Groce, on the death of her partner, Todd Carroll, on March 24.

In Concern:

- Michael Roberts - on hospice
- Bob Nunnelley - surgery for skin cancer
- Bill Wheeler - undergoing radiation therapy
- Annie Reid - recovering from back surgery
- Patsy Hamlin - upcoming pacemaker procedure on April 2
- Shirley Waltz - recovering from shoulder surgery
- Scott Longacre - recovering from knee surgery
- Russ Parker - health concerns
- Jake Roest - health concerns
- Susan Randolph - broken leg from a fall, dementia
- Carla Groce - treatment for breast cancer
- Shae Sobottke - recovering from brain surgery
- Nancy Frederick - recovering from a back compression fracture
- Jim Hudson - health concerns and recuperation
- Kay Thorpe - ongoing health issues



Scan the Church Center QR code for more information, event registration, to give or to download the app.



Sunday, April 5, 2026
7:30AM & 9:00AM

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Welcome to Columbia -
We're glad you're here!

Visitors

If you'd like more information about Columbia, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering box.

Children's Ministry

Nursery care is available at 9:00AM & 10:30AM for children birth - 2 years.

Sunday school is available at 9:00AM & 10:30AM for children ages PreK - 5th Grade. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary for those who wish to remain in worship.

Worship Accessibility

Information on enhanced listening support available at the Welcome Center. Braille materials available upon request from the church office.

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GATHERING IN GOD’S PRESENCE

Choir Anthem

“Arise and Shout!”

Tina English, arr. Dennis Allen

Call to Worship

Christ is Risen! He is Risen!
Christ is Risen! He is Risen!
Christ is Risen! He is Risen!

Welcome

Pastor Matt Overton

Scripture Reading

Hymn #232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky He’s King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, Ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

Pastor John Yu

God of empty tombs and fulfilled promises, we come to You this Easter morning recognizing that we approach our Christian faith with fears and doubts. We long to live in the light of the resurrection, yet we find ourselves holding onto grudges, ignoring those in need, and rejecting Your attempts to make us new. Forgive us. As You shattered the power of death, shatter our complacency and stubborn resistance. Fill us with the joy of abundant life, that we might live in the freedom of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #581

Passing the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The congregation confers peace on one another using the words:
“May the peace of Christ be with you.”

Feel free to not shake hands if you are uncomfortable.

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s Message

Tifny Mathena

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart,
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e’er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.

Ancient words ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice.
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God’s own heart.
O let the ancient words impart.

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Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

Pastor Matt Overton

“Hello from Jesus!”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Life of Columbia

Giving our Tithes and Offerings

Choir Anthem

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trumpet from East to West
Shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain;
But now has Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Allelu, allelu, alleluia!

Doxology

BEING SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #223

“Thine Is the Glory”

Benediction

Postlude

“Toccata”

(Daniel Gawthrop)
Garnet Hayes