

Grace Notes

From: Rev. Jim Gorski

April 2026

The Resurrection Foretold

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures
the things concerning himself – Lk. 24:27*

On Sunday, April 5th, Christians will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, and rose from the grave in a glorified body of flesh, three days after he was buried in a tomb. Christ's resurrection is the capstone of his redemptive work and testifies his sacrifice for our sin was fully accepted by God. That is what the Scriptures teach and that is what we, as Christians, believe.

However, the revelation that Christ would rise from the dead is not confined to the New Testament alone. We also find passages in the Old Testament Scriptures that point us to the day when God's Messiah would conquer death and rise victorious from the grave. Here are three:

1. The Suffering Servant Lives Again (Isaiah 53:10-12)

Isaiah 53 is a graphic portrait of the Messiah's suffering and sacrificial death that Jesus perfectly fulfilled when he suffered and died for our sins at Calvary. Yet the chapter does not end in sorrow but in hope. For after Isaiah says of the Messiah in verse 10, "Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt," he continues, "he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand." This is resurrection language. The suffering servant of God who dies to atone for sins of his people, shall live again. He who is crushed will rise to see the fruit of his redeeming work.

2. The Holy One Will Not See Decay (Psalm 16:9-11)

In Psalm 16:10, David prophetically writes that God will not abandon his holy one to the grave or allow his body to see decay. Both Peter, in Acts 2:27 and Paul, in Acts 13:35, cite Psalm 16:10 to explain that David was speaking about the Messiah when he wrote these words that Jesus perfectly fulfilled. For Jesus truly died and was buried in the grave, but his body did not undergo corruption as the tomb could not hold him.

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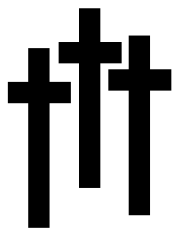
3. The Sign of Jonah (Jonah 1:17)

When Jonah was cast into the sea by pagan sailors, God appointed a great fish to swallow up his prophet. He was then kept in the belly of the great fish for a period of three days and three nights, which foreshadowed the three days Jesus spent in the tomb before he was resurrected. Jesus himself, in Matthew 12:40, referred to Jonah's time in the belly of the great fish as a prophetic sign pointing to the three days and three nights he will spend in the tomb after he dies for our sins.

So based on these Old Testament examples, and there are others I could cite as well, we can say, while it is true we are given the clearest picture of Christ's resurrection in the New Testament, the Messiah's death and resurrection was not a foreign concept to the Old Covenant believer, if they had eyes to see and ears to hear. For God had woven into the Old Testament Scriptures, the death and resurrection of the promised Christ, long before he walked the earth.

God is faithful to keep his word. And just as he promised in the Old Testament the Christ would die and rise again, so he has promised in the New Testament, he will return at the end of the age and consummate the kingdom of God. And on that day, the dead in Christ will rise in glorified bodies, like that of our glorious Savior, and God will make all things new. What a wonderful day that will be. May it happen soon. Come Lord Jesus!

I AM THE Resurrection
AND THE Life,
HE THAT
Believeth
IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD,
YET SHALL HE
Live.
~JOHN 11:25



Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

“First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quite life, godly and dignified in every way.”

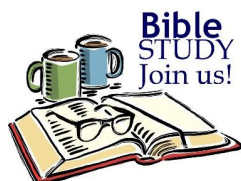
(1 Timothy 2: 1-2)



Blessed
is the NATION
whose
GOD
is the
LORD.
Psalm 33:12

The Lord's Supper

will be
observed on April 5 at the
morning worship service.
Everyone is
encouraged to be in prayer and
repentance in preparation to partake
in this holy sacrament



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

**Please Join us every Wednesday
Time: 10:30**

**Where: Fellowship Hall
Rev. Jim Gorski will be teaching from the book
“Survey of the New Testament”
By
Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.**



Ladies
ministry

“Looking to Christ: The Book of Hebrews”
by Marci Ogrosky

Marci is a pastors wife, Mom, and has a degree from Reformed Theological Seminary in Special Education. She is a down to earth writer that we have enjoyed learning from. Hebrews has 13 chapters, and encouragement is the heart of the books purpose. Jesus sanctifies us for the true worship of God, so that we draw nearer to heaven.

Please join us on the second Tuesday every month at 10am at Grace. I think you will enjoy Bible study, prayer, and fellowship with loving Christian women. Bring a friend if you like. If you have any questions, please call Marsha Allison.

Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you’ve been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Men of the Covenant Thursday, April 2 at 1:00pm
Session Meeting: Sunday, April 12 at 12pm
WIC Circle Meeting: Tuesday, April 14 at 10am
100th Anniversary GPC Sunday 19th at 10:45
Prayer for our Nation: Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:30 am



Men of the Covenant

Will meet on April 2

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant. The monthly meetings are on every first Thursday of the month.

We will have a time of fellowship, food, and a devotion from the Word of God.

The men gather around 1:00 p.m. for fellowship and the meal begins around 1:30 p.m.

*“As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.”
Proverbs 27: 17*

The next **Session Meeting** will be Sunday, April 12 at 12:00 p.m. If you have something you would like the Session to discuss, please let Pastor Jim, Jesse Arnold, Randy Borill, or Cleve Chandler know.



He is risen.



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Happy
Easter

*“He is not here, for he has risen,
as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”*

- Matthew 28:6



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	2 1:00pm Men of the Covenant	3	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Communion	6	7	8 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	9	10	11
12 Session Meeting	13	14 10:00 am WIC Circle Meeting	15 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	16	17	18
19 100th Anniversary Celebration	20	21	22 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 10:00 Prayer for The Nation 10:30 Bible Study	30		

Sundays : 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

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THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION OF
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(FORMERLY MONTE SANO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH)
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO OUR
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026
9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
12:15 P.M. COVERED DISH—JAMBALAYA
HYMN SING, MEMORY SHARING & FELLOWSHIP
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