

April 02, 2026

Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Time

10:30am

Minister

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Office hours 9am-12pm or as needed



Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview

10:30 Worship

Link to Worship on March 29- [Facebook](#)



Sharon & Gordon Cook
Bev Carpenter
Natasha & Penny
James Gaffney

Lee Repp
Bud Harris
Lauree Winfield

Emerson family
Tyler Luna
Williford Family

Hansen Family
Rich Nichols
Sue Merry

*Prayers for James Gaffney for healing as he is recovering from major hip surgery and will be on bedrest for another 4 weeks.

Please email any prayer requests to hrcchurch@gmail.com or call our office at 541-386-2608.



Sharlene Wilkins- 03

Pastor Alicia Speidel- 13

Chrystal Akin- 21

Layla Gaffney- 28

Katelyn Logan- 11

Doug Massingill- 20

Barb Ritoch- 21

John Nigl- 29

🌸 Easter Lily Dedications 🌸

We are still accepting orders for Lilies to be displayed during our Easter Sunday Service.

These lilies are available for \$25 each and are a wonderful way to celebrate the season while honoring/remembering someone special to you.



How to Participate

To place your order, please follow these steps:

1. Let us know using the sign-up sheet located on the table directly outside Pastor Alicia's office, or sending the church office an email.
2. Submit payment: Please either give your payment to Pastor Alicia, or slide it under the office door in an envelope stating what it's for.

Deadline: Please ensure all information is submitted by today- Thursday, April 02, so that we can include all dedications in the Easter bulletin. :)

Thank you for helping us make our Easter celebration truly special!



On March 22 the proposed mission statement and values statements were approved by a consensus after worship. It is exciting to now share those statements. Soon a new banner will be created to reflect this mission statement as well as sharing these statements with the wider community. And everyone is welcome to memorize them as we share about our faith community and how it is responding to God's call at this time in this place.

Mission statement:

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through service, stewardship & generosity

Values statements:

Welcoming with warmth and respect
Worshipping God with thanksgiving
Caring relationships

Community partnerships
Outreach without borders

Sunrise Service

April 5th at 6:30 am

Join us at the Beacon Rock State Park upper picnic area as we celebrate our risen Lord with praise, worship, and scripture.

To join us with your guitars and voices, please call 360-772-0863.

Hosted by Skamania Community Church.

Easter is practically here. All of the steps we have taken and the sign posts we have discussed and now it's time to celebrate and shout our Alleluias. Are you ready? Have you traveled the road with Jesus or are you continuing to travel the road with Jesus? Is it time for the celebration?

Whether we are ready or not, the stone will be rolled away, the tomb will be empty and new life will be present. The resurrection of Jesus Christ. The acknowledgment of his presence with us.

The impact on our faith. The love and grace from God to all. The pivotal moment so long ago that continues to shape our beliefs and practices today. It is a big deal.

So get ready to celebrate. Practice saying, "Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed." Build up your excitement inside. Profess what you believe. And bring the Easter spirit wherever you go.

~Pastor Alicia



Easter Breakfast Hosted by Our Youth!

Before we gather for our festive Easter service, come and enjoy a delicious morning meal at 9:30am prepared and served with love by our youth group!





2026 Easter Special Day Offering

On March 29 and April 5, we invite you to participate in our annual Easter Special Day Offering. This year's theme, "This Day: When

Love Answers," encourages us to reflect on the resurrection promise and how God's love brings hope to our world today.

What Your Offering Supports

The Easter Offering provides critical funding for the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your generosity directly impacts:

- Higher Education: Supporting our colleges, universities, and seminaries as they shape future leaders.
- New Church Ministry: Helping to plant and nurture new faith communities across the United States and Canada.
- Global Ministries: Partnering with international organizations to provide relief and spread a message of peace worldwide.
- Care and Compassion: Funding ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our society.

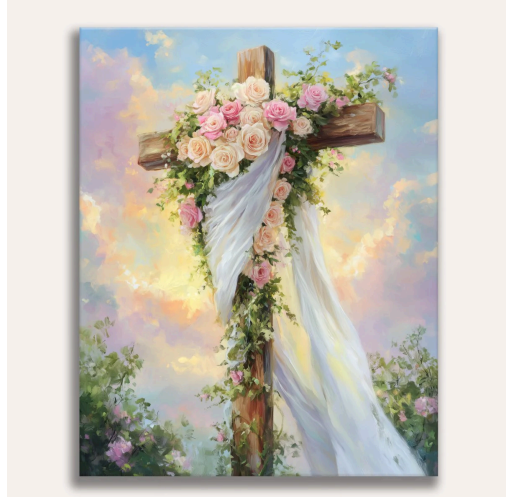
How to Give

- In-Person: Use the special "Easter Offering" envelopes found in your bulletin.
- Online: Visit our website and select the "Easter Special Day Offering" from the drop-down menu.

Help Our Easter Cross Bloom!

One of our most beloved traditions is the flowering of the cross on Easter morning. We invite you to be a part of this beautiful transformation as we celebrate the Resurrection on April 5.

We encourage everyone—children and adults alike—to bring fresh-cut flowers from your garden or a local shop to the service.



Church Calendar

Wednesday April 01

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Thursday April 02

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Soup Supper & Tenebrae Service

Saturday April 04

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Sunday April 05 Easter Sunday

Gathering for FISH

9:30am Easter Breakfast provided by Youth

10:30am Worship

Easter egg hunt following Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday April 07

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday April 08

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift Shop open

Thursday April 09

8:00am Men's Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday April 11

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday April 12 Second Sun. Recycling

Pastor Alicia out of town 12-13

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Tuesday April 14

10:00am Women's Bible Study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Wednesday April 15

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

9:00am-12:00pm Quilters meet

Thursday April 16

8:00am Men's bible study

1:30pm Chimes practice

Saturday April 18

9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop open

Sunday April 19

9:30am Lectionary Preview

10:30am Worship

4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday April 05, 2026

Elder this week

Rod Parrott

Communion prep

Judy Haitt

Coffee hour

Jennifer Stager

Deacon

~Pass Trays~

Scriptures for April 05, 2026

Acts 10:34 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-8 or Matthew 28:1-10

Serving Sunday April 12, 2026

Elder this week

Suze Nigl

Communion prep

Maggie Strasser

Coffee hour

Barb Ritoch

Deacon

Scott + Laurie

Scriptures for April 12, 2026

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

