

10:30AM, APRIL 19, 2026

EARTH CARE SUNDAY

**Indicates please stand as you are able.*

Bold text is read in unison.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

GATHERING MUSIC AND CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper

PRELUDE

"Spring"

Vivaldi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed.**

Therefore, let everyone know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah.

Christ is Lord of all creation.

For the promise is for us, for our children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. **And there will be no more night; we'll need no light of lamp or sun; for the Lord God will be our light; and God will reign forever and ever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

No. 14

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator, forgive us for our sins against you and your creation. In your name, may we turn from our sins and work towards a new creation, one in which all creatures are freed from the bondage of greed and accumulation and can flourish into their creatureliness. May this church be a site of redemption, resilience, and hospitality; an extension of your love to all who are affected by the climate crisis. In this land, this structure, this community, this worship, may we love you more fully by seeking justice for our neighbors.

...continuing in Silent Prayer...

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORY TO GOD

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

"I Believe"

Miller

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jillian Gatewood

We invite children ages 4-11 to attend our "Little Lights" Bible study in Room 100, following the Time with Young Disciples. We ask parents to please meet their children following worship. Our church nursery is located down the hall in Room 104 for children four and under. Our ushers can guide you to either location if needed.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, you are the way, the truth, and the life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, speak your word to us, that we might know you more deeply and love you more faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 2:14a, 36-41 pg. 119
This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Revelation 2:1-5 pg. 245
This is the Word of our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Colleen Earp

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** “Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!” No. 839

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (pg. 35) Rev. Colleen Earp

DEDICATION OF OURSELVES, OUR TITHES, AND OUR OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY** to the tune of “All Creatures of Our God and King” No. 15

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious and generous God, all that we offer has first been given by your hand. You bring forth the soil that feeds us, the waters that sustain us, and the creatures with whom we share this home. Use these gifts to mend what is broken, to protect what is vulnerable, and to restore what has been harmed by neglect and despair. May we be faithful stewards of the earth you love so deeply. Amen.

WE GO TO LOVE AND SERVE THE WORLD

***HYMN** “All Things Bright and Beautiful” No. 20

BLESSING Rev. Colleen Earp

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** “Alleluia” Mozart

During the postlude, we invite you to move to Duntreath Hall to join us for fellowship time.

*Liturgy adapted from the PCUSA Book of Common Worship, Creation Justice Ministries,
and the Connections Worship Companion for Year A.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper, *Pastor*; Rev. Colleen Earp, *Parish Associate*;
Jillian Gatewood, *Director of Christian Formation*;
Michelle Tuck, *Director of Music*; Sarah Cothorn, *Organist/Accompanist*;
Becky Groves, *Liturgist*; Mollie Meadows, *Livestream and Sound Operator*

*The flowers are given by Julie Guller to the glory of God
and in loving memory of father and grandfather, R. Graydon DeLoatche. April 20 was his birthday.*

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church! We're glad you're with us today. If you want to learn more about our church and ways to engage, please fill out the visitor card in the pew cardholder. Place the completed card in the offering plate in the foyer or hand it to an usher. We invite you to join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and a time to get to know each other!

Childcare is available for children four and under in the nursery (ushers can guide you if needed). We also have **children's bulletins** and crayons in the hallway.

Livestreaming during the service can be found in *The Commons* down the main hall if the need arises. Ushers can guide you.

Get Connected: See our Discipleship Opportunities Flyer in the Resource Center (between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall) for ways to connect with others with similar interests or to join a Small Group.

A church calendar of events for the year can be found in the Resource Center. Pick one up today!

We invite you to sign in using the Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew. This is optional; however, it is a helpful way for us to know how many people attend each week. Please fill out as much or as little information as you would like and pass the pad down your row.

If you have **prayer requests**, you can list them on the prayer cards tucked in the cover of the friendship pads. Please place the completed card in the prayer box in the Narthex. You can also email prayer requests directly to Pastor Keli at kcooper@tuckahoepres.org.

The Offering plates will be located at the entrances to the Sanctuary, in the Narthex. As you enter or exit the Sanctuary, you can place your offering in the plate. Thank you for your faithful giving.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



There are **Sign-Up Calendars for Flower Dedications available online for 2026**. You can find the links on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact the office: office@tuckahoepres.org.

Sign up to host Fellowship After Church one Sunday! The Fellowship Committee has made the process very simple, and you can use snacks from the pantry. Scan the QR code or sign up on our main website page at the bottom of the event blocks section. Questions? Contact Jeanne Webster.



We are excited to announce our **updated Tuckahoe website!** This is still in the final stages of development. Feedback is welcome. We hope to make it easier to update as well as find important materials, such as sign-up pages, the Breeze login page, and Sunday morning worship information. We're also in need of photos! **If you have photos of any Tuckahoe events from the past few years, please send them to Nicholas at office@tuckahoepres.org.**

Rev. Keli Shipley Cooper will be on approved continuing education leave from **Thursday, April 23, through Wednesday, May 6**, as part of a preaching cohort through The Ministry Collaborative. During this time, worship and office coverage will be provided by our Church Administrator, Nicholas, and Director of Christian Formation, as well as guest preacher Rev. Arch Wallace. *Keli will be away from the phone and email during this time.* Jillian will preach on April 26, and Arch will preach and preside (communion) on May 3. Keli will return to worship leadership on Sunday, May 10. For **pastoral care needs**, deacons will remain in regular contact with their care/share groups. Local clergy connected with Tuckahoe- Hal Breitenberg, Clay Macaulay, Diane Prevary, and Arch Wallace- will be on standby if there is an urgent pastoral care need. Thank you for your prayerful support of Keli while she is away.

Yaupon Place and Union Presbyterian Seminary are hosting a "**Mend & Share Fair**" from **10:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, April 25, 2026**, at Yaupon Place (1313 Westwood Ave). No registration required for attendees (registration only required if you want to volunteer to mend!). Attendees are encouraged to bring broken, worn, and well-loved items to repair (bikes, clothing, jewelry, small appliances, furniture, or home items), donate gently used goods, browse free swap zones, and give new life to treasures while connecting with neighbors at Yaupon Place & Union Presbyterian Seminary. Explore hands-on workshops with basic repair skill demos, DIY maintenance tutorials, and sustainable living sessions. Stroll through community tables featuring local organizations, environmental groups, and sustainability resources, and grab a bite from onsite food trucks!

Join us **Sunday, May 10**, for one of the most joyful services of the year – **Children-Led Worship!** Our Little Lights will take the lead in guiding us through prayer, scripture, song, and sharing the love of God in their own special way. This is a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the faith of our youngest disciples and witness how God is at work in their hearts and lives. Please plan to be here and support these amazing children as they offer their gifts in worship. Their joy, energy, and creativity always remind us of the simple, powerful ways God speaks through all ages. Let's come together as a church family to encourage them and give thanks for the light they bring! *If you would like to be a part of this special service, contact Jillian Gatewood.*

We are excited to celebrate and recognize our graduating high school, college, and graduate school students on **Sunday, May 17!** If you or your student is graduating this year, please share their information with us so we can honor this important milestone as a church community. We would love to include their name, school, degree (if applicable), and any future plans. **Please send this information to Jillian Gatewood by May 1.** We look forward to celebrating the hard work and accomplishments of our graduates together!

Blessing of the Animals is on **Sunday, May 31, at 10:30am**. Join us on the outdoor plaza for a joyful Fifth Sunday worship as we celebrate all God's creatures! As an Earth Care Congregation, we give thanks for the animals who share our lives. Bring your leashed or crated pets, photos of beloved pets, or stuffed animals for a special blessing. The service will reflect our Sunday morning rhythm, including singing, scripture, prayer, and a brief sermon. Pastor Keli and Jillian will offer blessings for the animals towards the end of the service. If your animal needs to move around a bit to get out their wiggles, that is okay! We're also collecting washed towels & blankets for animal control. All are welcome – furry, feathered, finned, or scaled!



Vacation Bible School 2026 registration is open. Join us **Monday-Thursday, June 8-11, from 9:00am-12:00pm**. We welcome children ages 4 and up who are potty-trained for four mornings of fun, creativity, and discovery. Through music, storytelling, games, crafts, and hands-on activities, children will explore what it means to live with kindness, curiosity, and faith while growing in understanding of themselves, their neighbors, and God's love in everyday life. Participants can expect engaging activities, creative storytelling, and opportunities to practice compassion and care for our community. **Register today**, save your spot, and for questions or more information, contact Jillian Gatewood.

For the week of **June 21-27**, a group from TPC will travel to **Spruce Pine, NC**, to help families and churches rebuild damage sustained in September of 2024 due to Hurricane Helene. Anyone 16 years of age or older is welcome, and you can come for the full week or just part of the week. **Suggested donations to cover food, transportation, and lodging are \$75 for youth and \$150 per adult**; scholarships are available if needed. Do not let a lack of experience deter you; everyone will be able to contribute to the effort. If you can't come and would like to support the mission financially, that would be greatly appreciated. **Register online using the QR code by May 21** or make a monetary donation. We will have an organizational meeting in May (date to be determined) to discuss next steps for those who are interested in participating. Thank you in advance for your participation and prayerful support. Please contact Walter Smith with any questions.

