



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Philip W. J. Stopford

The Chancel Choir

Brass and Timpani

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.

People: It will be said on that day, *Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him that he might save us.*

Leader: This is the Lord; we have waited for him.

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY 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.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

*PRAYER

Leader: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

People: Keep us victorious over sin.

Leader: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

People: Give us joy in your service.

Leader: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

People: Direct our lives as your new creation.

(Silence)

Concluding Prayer

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Penny Morton

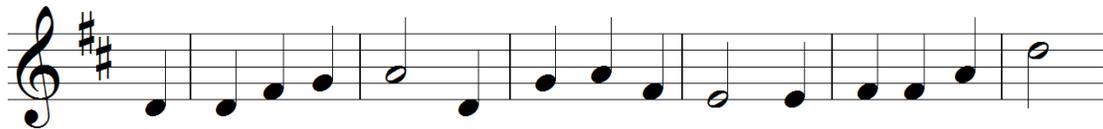
Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the children's greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

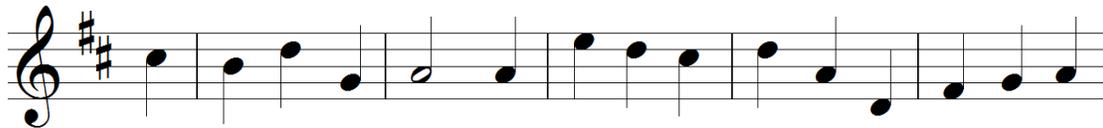
To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

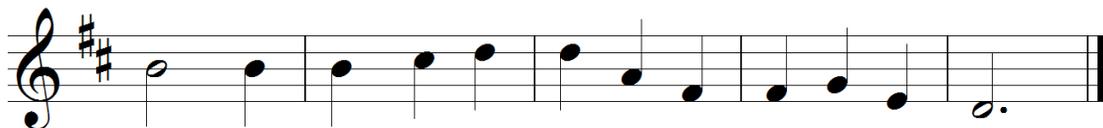
(On cue from the director, the congregation will join in singing stanza 4.)



Then let us a - dore and give Him His right, all glo-ry and pow'r,



all wis-dom and might; all hon-or and bless-ing with an-gels a -



bove, and thanks nev - er ceas-ing and in - fi - te love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

Pew Bible, page 32

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

He Is Risen!

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the scripture, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we believe in this God and will serve no other. With believers in every time and place, we confess that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide (hymn 244)

Dale Wood

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Congregation and Choir

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(During the passing of the cup, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, hymnal page 240.)

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross
(Brass interlude before stanza 4.)

Crucifer

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ the Lord Is Risen

Philip W. J. Stopford

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: Alleluia, Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia.

*POSTLUDE

Toccata from 'Symphony V'

Charles Marie Widor

*All that are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshiping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Duncan Bryson. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Desmond Harrell and Beth Poolos, trumpets; Alexis Poolos and Jacqueline Poolos, trombones; and Carissa Cash, timpani.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Meghan Niemann (friend of Rose Saltzman; breast cancer), Andy Cotton, Caroline West. **See newsletter for complete list.**

Ushers: Jim Hesley, captain; Duncan Bryson, Keith Bryson, Banks Garrison, Sandy Saunders, Harold Sharpe
Elder Greeters: Patrick Currie, Joyce Lambert **Nursery:** Anna Wainwright **Toddler Room:** Caroline Snyder
Preschool Partners: Dona & Greg Lisk **Nana & Papa Team:** Mary & Frank Green

There is no Children's Church today. Children are encouraged to remain in worship on this day of resurrection.

The table of Jesus Christ is open to everyone. We are invited to the table by the risen Christ, who is the host at this meal.
As a sign of our unity in Christ, the congregation will hold each element until everyone has been served. On cue from the minister, the congregation will partake together.
All bread is gluten free.

Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 30 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.

!!! YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED !!!

Backpack Food Program Donation List

Needed:

- Oatmeal Packets, Breakfast Cookies, Individual Bags of Goldfish,
 - Large Cans of Soup, Saltine Crackers, Tuna Helper, Canned Tuna,
 - Snack Crackers, Pineapple, or Fruit Cocktail Cups
- A bin in the pit stop will receive your donation.

Bread for the World...Bread for You

Sunday, April 30

Doing Our Part to End Hunger



Programs that help families alleviate hunger and get out of poverty are threatened with deep funding cuts.

Question: Why is it critical that we do not cut funding for international hunger and nutritional programs?

Answer: Nearly 800 million people worldwide suffer from hunger and 159 million children under age 5 are malnourished. U.S. leadership through initiatives such as *Feed the Future* and the *McGovern-Dole School Feeding Program* are paving the way for the world to end extreme poverty and hunger by 2030. Cutting our federal budget expense of less than a penny per dollar would roll back the progress already achieved in reducing worldwide suffering from hunger.

It is time to turn in your application for the trip to Montana de Luz on July 19-26. The application fee is \$100. If you have any questions, please contact Skeet (704-984-2883 or aayscue1@live.com).

Easter Lilies

In memory of:

Johnny Andrew	His Family
John, Nora, and James W. Duckwall	Ann Duckwall
John M. Hesley.....	Jim Hesley
Ruth W. Hesley	Jim Hesley
John M. Hesley, Jr.....	Jim Hesley
Jerry and Betsy Earnhardt	John & Angie Earnhardt
Olin and Ruth Huneycutt.....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Johnsie McIntyre	Rob, Catherine, & Isabel McIntyre
Fay Granger	Mike, Laura, Caroline, Ben, Isabel, Andy, & Leo McLeod
Mr. and Mrs. M.C. "Preacher" Morgan	Rodney & Rita Morgan
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morris	Rodney & Rita Morgan
Roy and Katie Dearstyne.....	Tom & Holly Norwood; Dave & Anna Feezor
Bill Palmer.....	Frankie Palmer
Lectie Shankle	Morgan, Peter, and Palmer Schultz; Murphy and Valerie Hall
Daniel Mann Whitley	David & Ellen Whitley

Given by:

In honor of:

Mildred Andrew	Her Family
Angie and John Earnhardt (Gran & Granddaddy)	Kelly, Charlie, & Will; Adrienne, Kevin, & Ella
Ella and Will.....	Grandparents, John & Angie Earnhardt
H.T. Webb	Jim Hesley
Bob and Debby Johnston.....	Mae, Ella Jane, Annie, Colette, & Cohen
Mrs. Patsy McLaurin.....	Lee McLaurin
Mrs. Betty Hinson	Lee McLaurin
Penny, Taylor, and Caroline.....	Jack Morton
Our Children and Grandchildren.....	Dan & Martha Sue
Our Church Staff	Jeff & Kim Robertson

Given by:

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16

Easter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- 6:40 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park
- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 11:00 am *Worship

Monday, April 17

Easter Monday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 18

- 12:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, April 19

No Men's Prayer Breakfast

No Youth Club

No Youth Cubs

Thursday, April 20

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Stewardship Committee

Friday, April 21

Church Office Closed

Mantreat at Montreat

Saturday, April 22

Earth Day

Mantreat at Montreat

Sunday, April 23

Mantreat at Montreat

- 9:45 am *Sunday School
- 10:30 am Called Session Meeting (Session Room)
- 11:00 am *Worship
- 5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Connection

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

- 17- Keely Brown
- David Kilde
- 20- Peggy Finley
- 22- Marshall Rogers
- 23- Emma Gibson
- Polly Moose

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

- 19- Robert & Myra Land
- 22- Jim & Lori Ivey

Visit the...

**Spring Art Exhibit
featuring works by
Students of
Central Elementary
School**

***Who Am I?:
Self-Portraiture***

SCCM CHALLENGE APRIL:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Pasta, Stuffing,
Instant Potatoes, Tomato Sauce