



The Weekly Bulletin
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

ANTHEM *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* Philip W. J. Stopford

Christ the Lord is risen again, Christ hath broken every chain.

Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry.

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away: let us sing by night and day Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the good news by which we are saved:

People: On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead.

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Mark 11:1-11

*HYMN 232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Silence

Unison

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You raised Jesus to new life, yet we hold onto former things. You offer salvation to all, yet we fail to share this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. By your Spirit, make us witnesses to the wonder of the empty tomb and the fullness of life you promise.

Mark 10:32-11:11

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mrs. Ayscue

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

ANTHEM

Now, O Death, Where Is Thy Sting?

Russell Nagy

Now, O Death, where is thy sting?

Where, O Death, thy victory?

The Son is risen and Death is driven. Death is swallowed up today in victory!

This, this is our God, in Him we trusted

And in love He saved us; give glory to His name.

From this day praise Him forever: Jesus Christ is risen today!

Now, O Death, where is thy plague?

Your destruction now, O Grave?

For God who ransoms, redeemed His captive today.

Every tear He wipes away: all disgrace He takes away, from this day!

This, this our Lord, God's faithful witness,

He is first born from the dead who rules the kings of earth,

He who loves, He who has freed us; Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is our victory!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

Pew Bible, page 51

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

April Fools'

Mr. Drumheller

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in 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 Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide

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

A Brief Statement of Faith lifts up concerns that call most urgently for the church's attention in our time. This confession is designed to be used in public worship.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Prayer

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 sings 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.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith.

We re - mem - ber His death, we pro - claim His re - sur - rec - tion,
we a - wait His com - ing in glo - ry.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Sharing the Meal

Anthem

Hymn 240

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lamb of God

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Malcolm Archer

Alleluia No. 1

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ the Lord Is Risen

Philip W. J. Stopford

*POSTLUDE

Toccata form 'Symphony V'

Charles Marie Widor

*All who are able may stand.

The Lord's Table is open to all who trust in Christ or who want to trust in him more. Communion will be served in the pews. Upon receiving each element, you are invited to wait until all are served so that the congregation may take the sacrament as one on cue from the pastor. All elements are gluten free.

We rejoice that you are worshipping 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 Ethan Richards. 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 Jacob Lancaster, timpani; along with the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church for their musical leadership today.

Ushers: Jim Marshall, captain; Duncan Bryson, Elizabeth Bryson, Keith Bryson, Lachlann Currie, Kyle Marks, Laura Beth Marks, Mark Mabry, Mike McLeod, Chris Whitley **Outside Ushers:** Kyle Marks; Mark Mabry **Elder Greeters:** Jim Marshall; Sarah Michael **Nursery:** Cortney Brown **Preschool Partners:** Kristie & Keith Bryson **Nana & Papa Team:** Debby Johnston; Carol Sasser **No Children's Church**

There is no Children's Church today. Children are encouraged to remain in worship on Easter Sunday.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of Lora Walker (niece of Nancy & Don Joines who died on March 24), Michelle Honeycutt Cole (stage 2 Hodgkins Lymphoma; friend of Katie Carpenter), Diane Marks (diagnosed with breast cancer; mother of Kyle Marks). **See newsletter for complete list.**



Easter Sunday April 1

7:00 a.m.

Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate the risen Christ. Dress for the weather and linger for fellowship and a light breakfast following worship.

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages.

11:00 a.m.

Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Easter Lilies

In memory of:

John, Nora, and James W. Duckwall	Ann Duckwall
Jerry and Betsy Earnhardt; Olin and Ruth Huneycutt.....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Edith Daniels; Sherman and Ida May Eudy	Roger & Joan Eudy
M.C. "Preacher" and Eloise Morgan; Curtis and Otis Morris	Rodney & Rita Morgan
Roy and Katie Dearsteyne; Freck and Oleta Norwood.....	Dr. Tom & Mrs. Holly Norwood
Bob Palmer	Frankie Palmer
Juanita and Harry Murrell; Frances and Spencer Pickler.....	Bill & Jane Pickler
Daniel Mann Whitley	David & Ellen Whitley

Given by:

In honor of:

Angie and John Earnhardt (Gran & Granddaddy)	Will & Ella
Our Children & Grandchildren	Dan & Martha Sue
Frank and Mary Green	Morgan & Palmer Schultz
Our Children & Grandchildren	Jane & Bill Pickler

Given by:

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 1

*Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Ten-Cents-A-Meal
No Youth Group*

7:00 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, April 2

Easter Monday/Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Circle #5 at the home of Gloria Bryson
(811 Smith Street, Albemarle)

Wednesday, April 4

No Pray & Play/No Youth Club/No Choir Rehearsal

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

12:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

Thursday, April 5

10:00 am Staff Meeting

12:00 pm Young Adult Lunch at Coach's Neighborhood Grill
(720 NC 24-27, Albemarle)

Sunday, April 8

8:45 am *Diaconate

9:45 am *Sunday School

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee Mini-Retreat (Pit Stop/Kitchen)

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

*childcare provided



From the Scholarship Committee...Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 9.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2018 are: Lee McLaurin, Chair; Al Andrew, Heather Deese, and Taylor Johnston.

Bread Bakers Needed

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the April 29 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

01-Leslie Kinley

Kent Newport

04-Wes Eudy

05-Steve Blalock

07-Angie Earnhardt

Russell Karr

08-Joyce Lambert

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

02-Michael & Kristen Laton

Lynn & Martha White

07-Thomas & Salem Taylor

SCCM CHALLENGE

APRIL

Toiletries & Household Items:
Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant,
Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent,
Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene

Backpack Food Program

UPDATED LIST OF DONATIONS NEEDED:

Breakfast Cookies
Individual Bags of Goldfish
Large Cans of Soup
Canned Tuna
Saltine Crackers
A bin in the pit stop
will receive your donation.

ATTENTION

Please visit the...
**First Presbyterian Church
Spring Art Gallery
Exhibit
Featuring
The Artwork of
Central School Students**