

Morning Worship—April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

*Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor. *Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.*

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" Paul Davis
Brass Quartet

INTROIT Insert "The Strife Is O'er" arr. Hal Hopson

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Give thanks unto the Lord for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever!

Leader: The Lord is my Strength and my might.

People: He has become my salvation.

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,

People: and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: He has conquered death. Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 464** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Almighty God, by power is Christ resurrected from death to rule his world with love. We confess, O God, that we fall into doubt and we become unfaithful. Joy is stifled by fear. Self-preoccupation rules, not gratitude. We fear letting go you be the master of our lives. Forgive our dread of dying. Set us free for abundant life in Jesus Christ who was dead but lives and will put down every power to hurt us, when your promised kingdom comes. Hear our prayers as we continue our confession in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Jesus lives!

People: Death's sting is gone forever!

Leader: He for us had stooped to die; .

People: He lives the bands of sin to sever.

Leader: He has risen from the dust;

People: Jesus is our hope and trust.

Leader: In Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music: "Hyfrydol" Prichard/arr. Ellis
Brass Quartet and Organ

Doxology 591 OLD HUNDREDTH

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kathy Dolianitis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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.

ANTHEM "An Easter Celebration" arr. Craig Courtney
Congregation joins on page 123 in the hymnal

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSONS (page 768/808) John 20:1-18

SERMON "Don't Hold On" Rev. Allen Thompson

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Know My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's *Messiah*
Suzanne Singer

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14) 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

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 122 Verses 1 and 3 with Refrain** "Thine Is the Glory"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Hornpipe" Handel/arr. Ellis
Brass Quartet and Organ

Special thanks to Charles Ellis, Jerry Franklin, James Martin, and Robert Higgins for their contribution to today's service.

Praise God for Last Sunday:	Sunday School Attendance	50
	Worship Attendance	108
	Tithes & Offerings	\$4,006
	Saturday Lunch Ministry	Not Recorded

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS— Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Lisa Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox's sister-in-law), Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Pauline Fitts, Betty Fitzgerald, Guy Fowlkes, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Doug Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Larry Mann, Ruth Meadors, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alma Moran, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Carson Roberds and parents Ashleigh and Alex Roberds, Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terribery

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Martha Bell, James Cannon, Kelvin Gunn, Flo Hall, Libby Hodge, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Lee Norman, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Nancy Wilson



The **Scholarship Committee** is taking applications for this year's scholarships.


Deadline: April 30. Please contact the church office for an application:
office@fpcdanville.com

Serving Today

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| Nursery/Sunday School | Diane Shelton & Kim Clifton |
| Children's Sunday School | Kathy Dolianitis |
| | Lisa and Lia Argyrakis |
| Elders at Front Door | Joyce Perez |
| Friendship Period | Gary Wimer, David Swann |
| Deacon to Receive Offering | David Swann |
| Officers to Count Offering | Beale/Meadema |
| Church School Superintendent | Gail Davis |
| Liturgist | Becky Meadema |
| Time for Young Disciples | Kathy Dolianitis |
| Sound System | C. B. Strange |
| Ushers | Team 3 |
| Flower Ministry | Women's Day Circle |
| Weekend Custodian | Ron Tanner |
| Childcare Specialists | Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler |
| Saturday Lunch Ministry Apr. 22 | Bob Newnam, Kathy Dolianitis |

Upcoming Events
Watch for information in the coming weeks on these fun events in the life of our church!

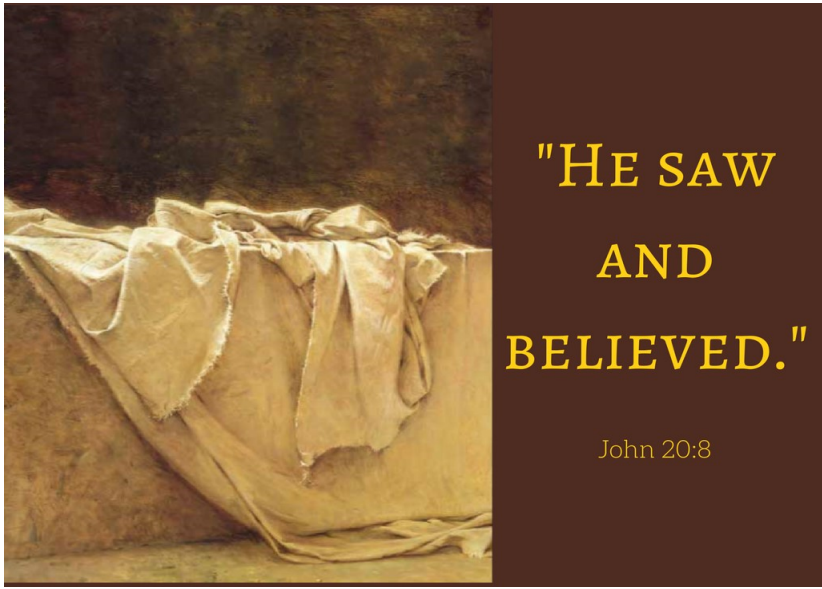
May 25 **Low Country Boil**
June 19-22 **VBS**
June 25 **Danville Braves**



Join us



Community Prayer Service
April 17 at 7 p.m.
in the Sanctuary



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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

MONDAY, April 17 All Day Church Office Closed 7 p.m. Community Prayer Service	FRIDAY, April 21 All Day Church Office Closed
TUESDAY, April 18 9 a.m. Day School 10 a.m. Staff Meeting	SATURDAY, April 22 10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry
WEDNESDAY, April 19 9 a.m. Day School 6:00 p.m. Scottish Society Tartan Dinner	SUNDAY, April 23 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Mid & High School, Rm 112 Outlook Class, Rm 322 Seekers, Rm 109 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS
THURSDAY, April 20 9 a.m. Day School	