

*Morning Worship—April 1, 2018*

*Resurrection of our Lord*

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

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** “Hyfrydol” arr. Charles Ellis  
**INTROIT** “Fanfare of Praise” by Joseph Martin

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day:

**People: when tears are wiped away; shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord:

**People: rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death’s clothes; goes ahead of us into God’s future.**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made:

**People: death has no fear for us; sin has lost its power over us; God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.**

Leader: This is the day—Resurrection Day!

**Everyone: Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 123** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone, nor have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we pray. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Sung to “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”) #98**

**Take pity, Lord, I pray Thee, Thy mercy show to me, My Sins and my wrong-doing I now confess to Thee; From all of my transgressions Thou, Lord, hast set me free, Thy blood so precious shedding Upon the cruel tree. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. This is the good news: the tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever.

**People: On this very first day, and every day, we walk as God’s people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (579) **GREATOREX**, 1851  
**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.**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Heather Perryman

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today.**

**O.T. LESSON** (500/527) Isaiah 25:6-9

**ANTHEM** “Concertato on “Thine Is the Glory” arr. Robert Powell  
(Congregation sings along, hymn #122)

**N.T. LESSON** (779/819) Acts 10:34-48

**SERMON** “Risen and Reigning” Joyce Perez

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (See Apostle’s Creed in Aids to Worship pew insert)**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 119** “The Strife Is O’er”

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music “Let There be Peace on Earth” Sy Miller & Jill Jackson  
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

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER (Lord’s prayer see aids to worship pew insert)**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP** (see insert) “Christ Arose”  
Dedication to Dick Stoakley for his years of faithful service

**BENEDICTION**  
**BENEDICTION RESPONSE 464, verse 2** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**POSTLUDE** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia!” by Paul Davis—tune Llanfair

*The cross of lilies are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Temple and Wilson families.*

## 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**— Chlodine Bittner (Jackson Weller’s grandmother), Nelson Clark, William Copeland (Linda Copeland’s father), Dianne East, Marilyn East, Ed Fisher (Sally Clark’s father), Tom West

**ON THE MEND**— Alice & Randolph Bradshaw, MD (Becky Meadema’s parents), Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Tim Kernodle, Becky Meadema, Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

### Preaching Schedule

April 8th Dr. Ramey  
 April 15th Rev. Jacob Kave  
 April 22nd Rev. CAM McIntire  
 April 29th Jarrod Brown

Wednesday Night Supper Schedule:

April 11th- (Team 1) Menu: Meatloaf, steamed veggies, creamed potatoes, salad, rolls & banana pudding cupcakes. Dr. Ralph Hawkins will present the program.

April 18th- Menu to be announced– The program will be a presentation by the Vision Committee.

Price is \$ 6 per person/Children 10 & under free

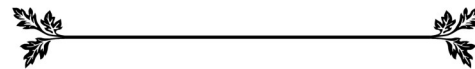
Sign up in the Dunglison-Roberts room or call the office today for our Wednesday Family Night Suppers.

*Special Thanks to Charles Ellis, Jerry Franklin, James Martin & Bob Higgins for their beautiful contribution to today’s service.*

### SERVING TODAY

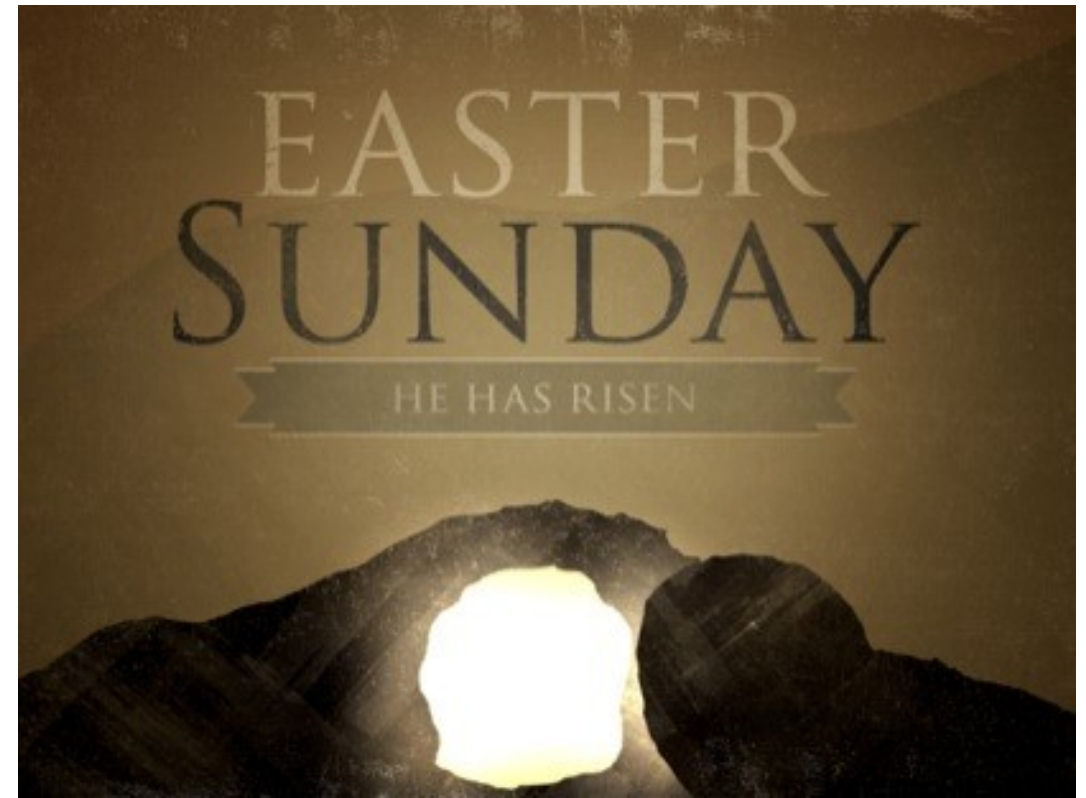
Nursery/Sunday School	L. Blount & M. Meadors
Children’s Sunday School	
	Lisa & Lia Argyrakis
Elders at Front Door	F. Baker
Security & Side Door	C. B Strange
Visitation	
Deacon to Receive Offering	Jarrod Brown
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	G. Hayes
Time for Young Disciples	Heather Perryman
Sound System	Sam Meadema
Ushers	Team
Flower Ministry	Day Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry April 7th	J. Perez/J. Brown
Saturday Lunch Attendance 3/24	61

Joyce Perez is with us this morning. After 14 long years in seminary she’s hopeful to be finished in October—Good Lord willing!! Please give Joyce a warm welcome as she brings the message this morning.



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### THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

April 1, 2018

#### MONDAY, April 2

All Day Church Office Closed

#### TUESDAY, April 3

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 5:15 p.m. Handbells  
 6:00 p.m. Deacons  
 7:00 p.m. Property Committee

#### WEDNESDAY, April 4

6:00 p.m. NO Youth (Spring Break)

#### THURSDAY, April 5

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

#### FRIDAY, April 6

All Day Church Office Closed

#### SATURDAY, April 7

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch Ministry

#### SUNDAY, April 8

9:00 a.m. Worship Committee  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School:  
 Mid & High School, Rm 112  
 Outlook Class, Rm 322  
 Bible Fellowship, Library  
 Seekers, Rm 109  
 11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
 Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS