

*Morning Worship—April 29, 2018*

*5th Sunday of Easter*

*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**

“Carillon Toccata”

by D. Wagner

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God is the True Vine,

**People: and we are the branches.**

Leader: Connected to God;

**People: connected to bear fruit!**

Leader: Connected to God;

**People: or we wither away.**

Leader: Connected to God;

**People: or useless!**

Leader: We come to worship God, who is the True Vine.

**People: God, teach us how to remain connected so that we might bear good fruit!**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true vine, with his roots eternally grounded in you. We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him, to be branches on a vine which bears the loveliest of all the fruits of earth. Yet we confess that all is not well with the way we live. *Please forgive us for the occasions when we have been the ones to introduce disease into the vine, preferring its contamination to the vigour of health. Forgive us for neglecting to draw deeply on the sap of Life, for our tendency to wander instead of growing on the framework you provide, for being content, and sometimes even proud of, a few sparse or undersized fruits, for the apathy which lets us to go through some seasons without bearing any fruit.* Have mercy on us. Please do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true vine. Rather heal our diseases, discipline and train our wandering tendrils, prune our unfruitful branches and cut away our diseased ones. May we remain in Christ and he in us, through all the changing seasons of life. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our true purpose and joy. For your Name’s sake. Amen!

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #384, stanza #1**

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Jesus said: “If you reside in me, and my words reside in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.” Friends, we have asked for forgiveness and correction. It has been truly done for us. It is being done for us. And it will be done for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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.

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Whitney Clarke

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Resurrected God, though we have hidden ourselves in a locked room and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word through our locked doors and into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness. By the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the trust to believe the Gospel not because we see it but because we have been seen by it and transformed through it. Amen.

**O. T. LESSON**

(392/409)

Psalms 22:25-31 (NLT)

**ANTHEM**

“Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart”

by David Childs

**GOSPEL LESSON**

(764/803)

John 15:1-8

**SERMON**

“The Allegory of the Vine and Branches”

Dr. Jarrod Brown

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

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP (see insert)**

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Offering in Music

“It Is Well With My Soul”

arr. Donnie Davis

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 (See pew insert)**

**\*HYMN OF WORSHIP 324**

“Open My Eyes”

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE 464, verse 2**

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**POSTLUDE**

“To God Be the Glory”

arr. Kenneth Varner

**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), Betty Fitzgerald, Kaiden Sheldon, Tom West

**ON THE MEND**— Mrs. Helen Harris (Kathleen Harris’ mother), Tim Kernodle, Mack Williams, Nultie Wiseman

**Preaching Schedule**

May 6 Rev. Jacob Kave  
 May 13 Jackson Weller  
 May 20 Rev. Bob Ramey  
 May 27 Rev. Jacob Kave

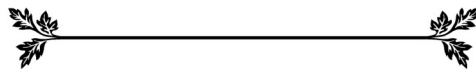
The diaconate will have a Spring/Summer clothing drive May 19th for the lunch ministry. Bring your gently used clothes to the stage in the fellowship hall before Wed. May 16th.

Tickets for our Low Country Boil, which will be Wednesday May 16th will be on sale in the Dungleinon-Roberts room & church office until Sunday May 13th (\$8 per person).

Women of the Church Birthday Offering Luncheon will be Monday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m. Please call the office with your reservations by May 3rd. There will be no Evening Circle meeting in May.

**SERVING TODAY**

Nursery/Sunday School	Brenna Takata
Children’s Sunday School	Music
Elders at Front Door	F. Baker
Security & Side Door	E. Blount
Visitation	Marie Louise Crane
Deacon to Receive Offering	Jarrold Brown
Officers to Count Offering	Barrett/Crane
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Gail Gunn
Time for Young Disciples	Whitney Clarke
Sound System	D. Parris
Ushers	Youth
Flower Ministry	Day Circle
Asst. Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry May 5th	D. Parris/H. Beale
Saturday Lunch Attendance 4/21	44



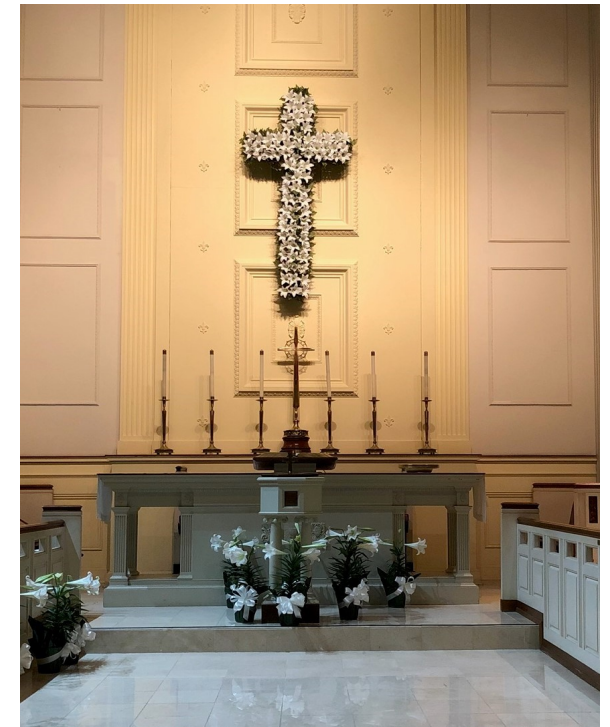
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**TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**



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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
**MONDAY, April 30**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Membership

**TUESDAY, May 1**

5:15 p.m. Handbells  
 6:00 p.m. Deacons  
 7:00 p.m. Property

**WEDNESDAY, May 2**

6:00 p.m. Youth

**THURSDAY, May 3**

5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**FRIDAY, May 4**

All Day Church Office Closed

**SATURDAY, May 5**

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

**SUNDAY, May 6**

9:00 a.m. Worship  
 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