

## Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019

11:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE**      *“Up From the Grave He Arose”*      arr. Trivette

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**+INTROIT**      *“Welcome This Resurrection Day!”*      Hayes

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**+CALL TO WORSHIP**      Jeni Holt, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

People: The Lord is risen indeed!

Luke 24:34

### +OPENING PRAYER

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**+HYMN OF PRAISE**      #113; vs. 1,2,3  
*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**      Liturgist

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

People: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen. Amen.

**+ASSURANCE OF GOD’S MERCY**      Liturgist

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

**+RESPONSE**      *“Gloria Patri”*      #579

**+PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
May the peace of Christ be with you.      **And also with you.**

**TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**      Pastor Ron  
All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 5 thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      Liturgist

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Liturgist  
Isaiah 65:17-25      p.655 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM**      *“Come, and Adore Him”*      Larson

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**      The Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer  
Luke 24:1-12      p. 78 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**      The Rev. Dr. Ron Gilmer

## *“Grace Fills Empty Spaces”*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD**  
**Offertory**      Larson  
*“Death, Where Is Your Sting”*

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**+Doxology**      *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”*      #144  
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the Throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation, Hath redeemed us by His blood.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE**      Galatians 3:27-28  
Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

People: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.

**STATEMENT ON BAPTISM**  
In baptism, God claims us and seals us to show us that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined in Christ’s ministry of love, peace and justice.

**PRESENTATION**      Kay Bunn, Clerk of Session  
On behalf of the Session, I present David, Lance, and Savannah Fraysier to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

### BAPTISM

### LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING

### WELCOME

**MUSIC**      *“Baptized in Water”*      Hayes  
Jeni Holt, Piccolo

**CELEBRATION OF NEW MEMBERS**      Kay Bunn, Clerk of Session  
On behalf of the Session, I present Charles Clark, Cherie and Mark Ensminger, Mary Fraysier, Corann and Walter Kitchen and Marge Shaw, who have been received into the membership of this congregation by transfer of membership.

Ron Gilmer, Moderator of Session  
In baptism you were claimed by God, marked as Christ’s own forever, and joined to his body by the Holy Spirit. You come to us then not as strangers, but as friends in Christ and members of the household of God. We rejoice that you have joined this congregation in the worship and mission of Christ’s church.

**+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Apostle’s 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 SENDING**      #118, vs. 1,3  
*“The Day of Resurrection”*

**+CHARGE AND BLESSING**      Hayes  
*“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”*

**+POSTLUDE**  
*“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord”*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

### WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Debbie Montgomery and Bridget Lamie

**THIS MORNING...**

- the liturgist is Jeni Holt
- the acolytes are Cate Arney and Marki Palmer
- the bell ringer is Abe Campbell
- NO W. O. W.
- the nursery attendants are Jan Hardman and Rachel Fowlkes

**VISITORS** We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home here. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you. **HEARING DEVICES** are also available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our brass players for today’s service, Joe McNulty, trumpet and Andy Necessary, trombone.

**EASTER LILIES** may be picked up after worship service today.

**WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION...continued**  
**Elders: Debbie Montgomery and Bridget Lamie**

**BRIAN ALDERMAN** of King University will be guest preacher next Sunday, April 28.

**THE SINKING SPRING RINGERS** will present **Ringing through the Year** on Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. You are invited to bring a dish to share if attending the dinner.

**FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:** All are invited to take part in our annual "Flowering of the Cross" this morning. Place any flowers you brought with you on the cross before worship this morning. If you forgot, no worries – there are flowers down front for you! Following worship, the cross will be carried outside as symbol of life from death for all to see. Please feel free to take photos in front of the cross!

**SERVICE & OUTREACH MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Isaac Short and Angie Haynes**

**A BIG THANKS** to everyone who attended the spaghetti luncheon to benefit Danny Thompson, the chaplain for the Abingdon and Tazewell Regional Jails. It was a great time of fellowship and the food was plentiful and delicious. A special thank you to all who prepared food, set-up and cleaned up.

**A SPECIAL PCUSA OFFERING**, One Great Hour of Sharing, will be collected this morning. Your gift will enable the church to serve people in our community and around the world. Please place your donation in the offering envelope and place in offering plate; if donating by check please notate "OGHS" on your check's memo line. Thank You in advance for your support!

**MEMBERS OF MISSION PRESBYTERY** in Texas work with a humanitarian respite center set up by Catholic Charities to assist refugees on the Texas-Mexico border. Mission is seeking our help to provide support to these refugees with donations of the following items: hygiene supplies, diapers, baby wipes, and clothing basics - particularly socks and underwear - for people of all ages and sizes. Items may be shipped directly to the respite center - 209 W. Hackberry Avenue, McAllen, Texas 78501. You may also go the Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley's Amazon Wish List page. There you may purchase needed items and have the items shipped directly to the respite center.

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/JJVAJFS3VIIQ/>

**MAY** is Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church's month to host the **Social Club** (a special dinner for residents of area group homes). When you are cleaning out your closets and drawers this Spring, please look for items suitable for use as bingo prizes. We can use jewelry, sports caps, flashlights, decks of cards, small figurines, pens, socks, etc. Also, consider volunteering your time to help cook the meal; set up the tables; clean up; or just be a companion and play bingo! The dinner is set for Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. for more information, please call Dianne Loomis at 310.569.9381.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Amanda Godfrey and Jan Frazier**

**SENIOR HIGH MORNING COFFEE** with Pastor Ron, April 30 at 7:15 a.m. at Little Downtown Donuts.

**ADVENTURE YOUTH PARENT** meeting Sunday, April 28, after worship to discuss upcoming events.

**ADVENTURE YOUTH** will meet on Sunday, May 5.

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, April 21, Easter**

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
Flowering of the Cross  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Monday, April 22**

Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, April 23**

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon next to Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, April 24**

3:30 p.m. After School Program  
5:00 p.m. Children's Choir  
6:00 p.m. Bell Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, April 25**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's  
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, April 27**

6:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 28**

10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (Brian Alderman, Preacher)

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**Elders: Danny Wilson; Jeff Johnson and Jim Bunn**

**Stewardship & Attendance**

Attendance for 04/14/2019 144  
Good News Jail Ministry Offering: \$1,112

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Dorothy Phillips (English Meadows-#134), George Treadwell (Home), Jean Johnson (English Meadows-#207)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Arville Mullins, Belden Evans, Christina Reynolds, Wayne Latham, Miles Ratliff, family and friends of Blue Gotham, Delmar Barton, Jim Yates, Sherry Thacker, Brenda Cardwell, Janet Eagler

FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III, Dexter Bevis and Travis Womer

Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless otherwise requested

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*Responding to God's grace,  
we are called to be a welcoming community,  
following Jesus, serving joyfully,  
and sharing God's love with each other  
and the world.*

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