

**Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Charles Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES: THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR MIDST
CALL TO WORSHIP

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SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*HYMN, 322

Up from the Grave He Arose

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE : PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER, 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

CHOIR ANTHEM

Glorious, Risen Christ!

Words by David Burke; Music by Lloyd Larson

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

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*DOXOLOGY, 95 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 ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALTER, 839

SECOND READING

*GOSPEL READING

*GLORIA PATRI, 70 **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. Amen.**

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118

Colossians 3:1-4

Matthew 28:1-10

Dura Montgomery

April Butler

Joy Turner

SERMON

"The First Day Dawning"

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 310

He Lives

*SENDING FORTH

*FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD, TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY

*POSTLUDE

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*Congregation standing, as able



An Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately after the 11 a.m. service. Meet in the Narthex to participate. We have buckets to borrow and Easter Treat Bags for all children.

A 13-week session of GriefShare, a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close, continues on Mondays, 6-8 p.m. through June 5. Call Lonney McDonald at 706-455-8249 for more information.



The **Missions Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 20, at 6 p.m. in the Older Elementary Classroom.

Our **Fifth Sunday Offering** for Holston Home for Children will be received on April 30.

The **Scholarship Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 2, at 5 p.m.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 170 free "to go" meals were served last week. First UMC is sponsoring the meal tomorrow. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

All news and calendar items for the May issue of *The Copperhill Courier* are due in the church office by **Thursday, April 13.**

Church Leadership
Pastor Gilbert "Buddy" Butler
Secretary Heidi Rule
Custodian Christine Dowlin

Sunday Servants
Ushers Smokey Brooks, Shirley Russell
Sound Techs Randy Loudermilk, Ann Rymer
Webmaster Marti Lane

Our Prayer Concerns

Our Congregation: John and Mary Mills, Ed Massengale, Cathryn McCarter, Sheppie Dunn, Jeane Kalchik, Hannah Geren, Bill Simonds, Glenda Simonds, Elaine Crowe, Louise Arp, Barb Bender

Homebound/Assisted Living: Warrene Alexander

Others in our prayers: *two women injured in hit and run accident, The family of Jim Moyer (Marilyn Day's husband), Patricia Ratcliff (in hospital three weeks after liver infection) Marilyn Day (Garry Day's mother), Earthquake victims in Syria/Turkey, Kimberly Curcio (friend of Neila Pace), Bee Hicks, Junior Gwynn (having rehab on hands), ^Tom Reed, Kerry and Cindy Hicks, first responders, armed forces members, the people of Ukraine

*new to concerns +Hospital or Rehab ^Assisted Living/Nursing Home ~ Hospice

If you would like to add someone to the Prayer Concerns, please call the church office.

Birthdays

11 Elyanna Vazquez 12 Ariana Morris

Anniversaries

12 Steven and Emily Hodskins 9th
 13 Todd and Geth Geren 19th

If your birthday or anniversary has not appeared in our listings please call the church office.

Church Secretary's Office Hours in April will be Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Usual hours will resume in May.



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Calendar	Today	Monday	Thursday
	7:00 am Sunrise Service	4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"	6:00 pm AA Meeting
	10:00 am Sunday School	6-8 pm GriefShare Meeting	
	11:00 am Worship	Wednesday	
	6:00 pm Life Group Meeting	6:00 pm Choir Practice	

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