

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 16, 2023

PRELUDE/GATHERING

Rebekah Fralick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Buddy Butler

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

Buddy Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 890

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. All pray in silence. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 261

Lord of the Dance

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 888 From I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. 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

Jesus, What a Beautiful Name
Words and music by Tanya Riches; Choral setting by Joel Raney

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, 748

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 2:14a, 22-32

Psalms 16

I Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Garry Day

April Butler

Linda Day

SERMON

“An Imperishable Inheritance”

Buddy Butler

*HYMN OF INVITATION, 377

It Is Well with My Soul

*SENDING FORTH

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

*POSTLUDE

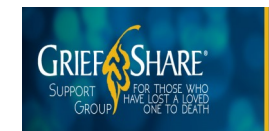
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*Congregation standing, as able

We welcome Rebekah Fralick as our guest pianist today. We are happy to have our former member visiting us today from her home in Florida.

Thank you to all who donated eggs and candy for the Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you to the volunteer egg fillers and hiders! The hunt was really enjoyed by the children who participated.

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.

An **UWF Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, May 3. Time and details will be announced next week.

The **Brasstown Ringers Handbell Choir** will perform on Friday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Appalachian Mountain Campus (the old Epworth School auditorium). A brass ensemble will also perform. Admission is free—a love offering will benefit the Appalachian Mountain Campus College. Invite your friends and neighbors to this special concert!

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 176 free “to go” meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

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.

Anniversaries

17 Bill and Flora Grindstaff 54th

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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Our Vanco giving page can also be accessed at: <https://secure.myvanco.com/YJXP/home>

Calendar

Today
 10:00 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship
 6:00 pm Life Group Meeting

Monday
 4-5:30 pm Community Meal "To Go"
 6-8 pm GriefShare Meeting
Wednesday
 6:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday
 6:00 pm AA Meeting
 6:00 pm Missions Committee (Older Elem.)

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Everyone Welcome!