

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**April 23, 2023**

PRELUDE/GATHERING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charles Ferguson  
Buddy Butler

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

Buddy Butler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON, 89 1

**Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.** *All pray in silence.* If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **Thanks be to God.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN OF PRAISE, 370

*Victory in Jesus*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, 889 From I Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16

There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.  
**The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. 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

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*  
*Words from Psalm 51:10-13, 15; Music by Mark Burrows*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

\*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, 837

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, 36-41

Psalm 116

I Peter 1:13-23

Luke 24:13-35

Donna Ratzlaff

April Butler

Marti Lane

SERMON

“That One Thing”

Buddy Butler

\*HYMN OF INVITATION, 364

*Because He Lives*

\*SENDING FORTH

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

\*POSTLUDE

Charles Ferguson

\*Congregation standing, as able

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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.

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.



United  
Women  
in Faith

An **UWF Dinner Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, May 3, at 5 p.m. in Legacy Hall.

Please bring a covered dish. Mike Rutan, Director of the Open Arms Program, which provides a safe home for abused children in Fannin County, will be our speaker.

The **Brasstown Ringers** will perform on Saturday, May 6, at 7 p.m. (note date change from last announcement) in the Robert Foster Auditorium of the Appalachian Mountain Regional Campus (the old Epworth auditorium at 125 Schoolhouse Road). The Epworth Brass Ensemble will also perform. Admission is free but a love offering will be received to benefit the Campus.

The **Valley Ringers Handbell Choir** from Murphy, NC, will perform on Saturday, May 13, at 4 p.m. at Blue Ridge UMC. All are invited.

The Community Meal is held on Mondays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. 162 free “to go” meals were served last week. If you would like to help, contact Community Meal volunteers at 423-241-2282.

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Church Picnic**—May 24, at 6 p.m. at Horseshoe Bend Park.

Shopping lists for our **2023 Hands On Mission Project Health Kits** are available in the Narthex.

**Upper Rooms for May-June** are in the Narthex today.

**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:** \*Emily Martin Bryant (surgery—niece of Joy Turner), two women injured in hit and run accident, 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**

23 Sally Patterson, Clayton Turner 25 Paul Walker 29 Dominic Silvani, Heidi Rule

**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

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