

EASTER SUNDAY
April 16, 2006

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: *He is risen*

People: **He is risen indeed!**

Leader: *As the disciples gathered after Jesus' resurrection,*

People: **So do we gather expecting our risen Savior to come to us.**

Leader: **May Jesus appear among us and as he does, may he find room in our hearts and minds. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 288 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Confession of Sin (First in Unison and then in Silent Confession)

Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing You? Often we are so full of ourselves that it is easy to block You right out of our lives. We are guilty of being slow of heart when we don't recognize You in our neighbor, or in the guise of the poor and the needy. Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see You or to recognize Your voice. Forgive us, loving Lord. Cleanse our hearts and bring us back into right relationship with You. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Hymn No. 88 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (sing through twice)

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Special Music Children's Choir

Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings (*Collection of One Great Hour of Sharing*)

Offertory "I Hear A Song in the Garden" Adult Choir

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "Resurrection Alleluias" Adult Choir

Musical Interlude

Children exit with Laura and Amanda McLamb to Children's Church

Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (we pray debts' and debtors')

Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "Afraid to Be Loved?" Rev. Lisa Nance

* Easter Affirmation and Confession of Faith (I Corinthians 15 & Colossians 1)

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

People: **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.**

All: **We believe in Jesus 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.**

* Hymn No. 447 "Because He Lives"

* Acolyte and Benediction

* Postlude

Parts of today's liturgy are adapted from the work of Rev. Moira Laidlaw, and used by permission; Moira is a United Church minister in Australia

* Signifies Congregation to stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting. The Session is calling a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 7, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. Nominations are welcome from the floor. Please be sure the nominee is willing to be nominated.

Fellowship Meal. On Sunday, May 7 the Fellowship Committee will host a Congregational Fellowship Meal immediately following Worship and the Congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The meats, beverages, and breads will be provided by the Fellowship Committee. Everyone is invited to come and bring a side dish or dessert!

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers:

Dick Embrey and Ken Lordi

Acolyte: Abigail Wood

Bell Ringer: Kendall Nelms

Infant Nursery: Kay Dry & Carolyn Stuart **Toddlers:** Sue Bryant & Roxann Porter

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, April 23:

Ushers: Bob Dry and Heath White
Acolyte: Hannah Stephenson **Bell Ringer:** Daniel Stephenson
Children's Sermon: Darren Stuart
Children's Church: Sam and Wendy Stephenson
Infant Nursery: Lisa Nelms and Kristy Stephenson **Toddlers:** Chris Stephenson

Events for this week:

Today, Apr 16: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., followed by breakfast; Children's Choir Rehearsal from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Easter Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Apr 17: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Apr 18: Presbyterian Women Daytime Circle meets at 10:00 a.m., and the Evening Circle meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Apr 18: Men's Softball game at 8:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park

Thursday, Apr 20: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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Upcoming Events

April 30. Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

April 30. Coffee and doughnuts in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., followed by Combined Adult Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

May 6. Presbyterian Women FINAL Yard Sale from 7:00 a.m. – 12 noon

May 7. Congregational Fellowship Meal immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall

May 7. Pioneer Clubs at 5:00 p.m. This will be the last Pioneer Clubs meeting for the year. **This will be a Year-End Celebration with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m.** There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, italian sausages, corn-on-the-cob, french fries, funnel cakes, and much more! All club members, and their families, are encouraged to come and be a part of this fun-filled evening.

May 9. Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Prayer List

The families of Louise Smith Knox and Jesse West. Also, Don Bullard, Josephine Byrd, Mickey Carroll, Carol Clifton, Bruce Coats, Vera Critcher, Lovie Dorman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Chris Johnson, Lacy Johnson, Kermit Keater, Bobbie Langdon, Betty Lou Lee, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Eloise McLeod, Rebeth Mitchell, Julia Nales, Sandra Rice, Mary Serman, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Margaret Walton, Margaret White, and Johnny Wood.