

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 21, 2006

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Please sign our Friendship Registry using the pad found at the end of your pew

Preparing our Hearts to Worship

We invite you to center your hearts and minds during a few moments of musical meditation as we prepare to worship our God.

Call to Worship

Leader: *O sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things.*

People: ***The LORD has made known His victory; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.***

Leader: *He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel*

People: ***Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.***

Leader: *Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.*

All: ***Let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for He is coming to judge the earth.***

* Hymn No. 362

"Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Call to Confession, Unison Prayer of Confession, and Moment of Silent Prayer

Almighty God, Giver of all life, You call us into a relationship with You and with our fellow human beings. But we confess that we have not loved You as we should and that we have not loved our neighbor as ourself. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us so we may love You more than everything else, You who have loved us first. Let us seek to love You all times and places. Free us for a life lived in joyful obedience and commitment to You, our neighbor, and our world. May Your love inspire and infuse our everyday lives. In Jesus name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Hymn No. 136

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (verse 1)

Recognition of Graduates

Special Music

Children's Choir

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

"The Presence of God"

Adult Choir

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Robbie and Kathy Wood to Children's Church

Prayer Requests, Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 3:1-15

* Hymn No. 482

"Sanctuary"

Gospel Lesson

John 16:12-15

Sermon

"6th Sunday of Easter: Called to be...Inefficient??"

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Page 12, Red Hymnbook

* Hymn No. 559

"Here I Am, Lord"

* Acolyte, Benediction and Postlude

** Signifies Congregation to stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers. The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the Session in honor of the High School and College graduates in our congregation. Congratulations!

Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will meet Monday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seeker's Sunday School class. All members of this committee are asked to be at the meeting.

Pentecost Offering. Pentecost Sunday is June 4, at which time we will collect the Pentecost Offering during the Worship service. Prayerfully consider what God would have you give.

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers:

Tony Bryant and Darren Stuart

Acolyte: Lauren Langdon

Bell Ringer: Jack Sherrill

Infant Nursery: Bob and Jenni Dry

Toddlers: Kay Dry

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, May 28:

Ushers: Nathan Dry and John Kopanski
Acolyte: Katie Rutherford **Bell Ringer:** Abigail Wood
Children's Church: Kent and Gwen Walton
Infant Nursery: Sandra Lordi & Elaine Wood **Toddlers:** Amy Reed

Events for this week:

Today, May 21: 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. Graduate Recognition during Worship at 11:00 a.m. **Bridal Shower for Joanna Wiley and Jared Volavka from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the home of Jeffrey and DeEtta Wood.**

Monday, May 22: VBS Planning meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22: Pastor Nominating Committee meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 22: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 23: Men's Softball game at 6:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park

Wednesday, May 24: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 25: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 25: Men's Softball game at 8:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park

Sunday, May 28: 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. and Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

June 20-22. Vacation Bible School from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 25 during Worship at 11:00 a.m.

The Prayer List

Bevoline Brooks, Don Bullard, Josephine Byrd, Mickey Carroll, Bruce Coats, Carol Clifton, Vera Critcher, Will Duncan, Lovie Dorman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Chris Johnson, Tim Lang, Bobbie Langdon, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Eloise McLeod, Julia Nales, Sandra Rice, Mary Serman, Betty Smith, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Margaret Walton, and Margaret White.