

Alleluia!

HE IS ALIVE!

The Order of Worship

March 31, 2013
9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY

The resurrection is God's way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost. The resurrection doesn't answer any of our common questions about life after death such as: "How will it be? How will it look?" But it does reveal to us that love is stronger than death. God's love for us, our love for each other, and our love for those who lived before and will live after us is not just a quickly passing experience, but a reality transcending all time and space.
—Our Greatest Gift, Father Henri Nowen

THE CHURCH GATHERS ...

When the prelude begins let us quietly prepare for the Worship of God.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Vincent Lübeck

INTROIT Praise We in Songs of Victory Melchoir Vulpius
Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia!

Cyril A. Alington

OPPORTUNITIES AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to celebrate good news.

People: We gather for worship in awe and wonder. The tomb is empty; death is not the last word.

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

TO PRAISE AND CONFESS ...

***HYMN NO. 123** (blue hymnal) Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Easter Hymn*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious God, we confess that we are often captive to our doubts and fears. We fear death as the ending of life. We fear death as the letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. We also confess our fear of life. We fear that which is different, we fear change that comes too fast and a future that seems too uncertain. Most of all, we fear what we become when we fear, for we fail to live joyfully in freedom as your children, we overlook those you would have us serve, and we neglect to be fully present to your holy presence. Forgive us and raise us to new life in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 574** (blue hymnal) arr. David N. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***RESPONSE** Celtic Alleluia (*sing twice*) Fintan O'Carroll

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD AND RESPOND ...

SCRIPTURE READING I Corinthians 15:19-26; Isaiah 65:17-25

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN (11:00) Ellen Anderson
Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to go downstairs and participate in Children's Worship. A nursery is available during the entire service for infants through age 3.

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-18

SERMON Rev. Dr. Buran Phillips

“the lives our lives prepare will live here...”

This is no paradisaal dream ... Its hardship is its possibility”

—“The Vision”, Wendell Berry

***HYMN NO. 119** (blue hymnal) The Strife Is O'er *Victory*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Unison) from *A Declaration of Faith*

In the death of Jesus Christ, God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ... The Lord's Prayer

(During the Prayers of the People there will be a time of silence. You are invited to use this time for personal reflection, confession, thanksgiving, and prayer.)

THE OFFERING

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register found on the pew nearest the center aisle.

If you would like to receive our newsletter or more information about the church, include your address, phone number and email address. Though many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life together in Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Alleluia (from *Motet No. 6 "Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden"*)

J. S. Bach

***AT THE PRESENTATION** Doxology No. 514 (red hymnal) *Old Hundredth*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE ...

***HYMN NO. 104** (blue hymnal) Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! *Hymn to Joy*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hail Thee, Festival Day! *Salve festa dies*



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***POSTLUDE** Toccata (from *Symphony No. 5*) Charles-Marie Widor

*Indicates standing.

NOW THE SERVICE BEGINS

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TODAY

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP here today.

PASTORAL CARE ELDERS FOR THE WEEK: Terry Crow and Hap McSween

CARE TEAM COORDINATORS FOR APRIL: Sue Byerly and Judy Jordan

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

PLEASE place your bulletin into a blue recycling bin located at the Narthex door if you do not care to take it home.

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTES (11:00): Maggie Gordon and James Hutzenbiler

GREETERS (11:00): Sue Caradine, Joyce Ryan

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

(9:00) Childcare through age 5

(11:00) Angela Grobe, Delaney Sears

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Chancel Choir

SENIOR USHER: Tom Byerley

USHERS:

(9:00) Robert Albiston, Lucinda Albiston, Carol Beilharz, Jeff Bendy

(11:00) Paul and Judy Jordan, John Salsbery, Jay Schmid, Irene Seidner

THE CHURCH OFFICE is closed tomorrow. We will open on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES to our worship schedule for the next two weeks:

Sunday, April 7: We will be hosting the Furman University Chamber Choir in one worship service at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 14: The All Church Retreat worship service will be held at Primitive Baptist Church in Cades Cove at 10:00 a.m. There will be one worship service at Westminster at 11:00 a.m.

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE to register for the All Church Retreat! We hope you will join us in Townsend **April 12-14** for a great weekend of fellowship and fun. Registration forms can be found on the table in the Narthex.

THIS MORNING’S MUSIC is a variety of expressions of joy. The prelude is by the North German organist and composer Vincent Lübeck and its improvisatory style (almost sounding made up on the spot) evokes the surprise and shock at finding the empty tomb. The offertory anthem is the concluding section of Bach’s sixth motet and it is highly contrapuntal as one would expect. Its joyful thrill and excitement come from the exuberant thematic material heard in each voice part and the magnificent weaving together of these lines. You may remember that in Bach’s time, counterpoint (including canon and fugue) was much more significant than simply a quality compositional device, it represented “the heavenly music” – perfect music, that sung by choirs of angels. The Widor *Toccata* is actually somewhat atypical of most of his organ writing in that it isn’t contrapuntal, but instead is simply overtly light and brilliant. It looks forward to a more modern French toccata style. Finally, Easter music wouldn’t be complete without yet one more manifestation of joy: descants on hymns and responses. The choir will treat us all to a number of them this morning with the intent of further lifting up our congregational song.

THE FURMAN UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR, led by William Thomas, will sing for worship on Sunday morning, April 7. There will be only one service that morning, at 11:00, and it will be comprised mostly of music for choir, cello, and organ. University Organist and Professor of Music and former *Musica Organi* recitalist Charles Boyd Tompkins will serve as the organist that morning. We are still in need of two host families (the singers are paired) for Saturday night, April 6, so if you might be able to help, please contact Peter Van Eenam at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

PARENTING ADULT CHILDREN: Next Sunday, we will begin a new Adult Sunday School class on parenting adult children. The class will use biblical stories (Saul and Jonathan, Cain and Abel, Prodigal Son, etc.) as well as a book by Gail Parent and Susan Ende entitled, *How to Raise Your Adult Children: Because Big Kids Have Even Bigger Problems*. Some of the topics to be covered are money, living arrangements, marriage, in-laws, grandchildren, and sibling jealousy/rivalry.

HOUSE BLESSING: Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Presbyterian Campus Ministry at the UT Presbyterian Center (PCUSA) campus house (1831 Melrose Avenue) on **April 21st at 6:00 p.m.** Come join in the fellowship, prayer, and worship as we dedicate this ministry to the Lord. Finger food will be provided.

UNPLUGGED: MUSIC THAT SPEAKS: On Sunday, April 7th at 4PM, Terrance McCracken, accompanied by Theresa Pepin on piano and John McCracken on guitar, will present a free concert of Art song and Rock 'n Roll at Westminster Presbyterian Church. *Unplugged: Music that Speaks* explores music that speaks to our lives and communities, our hopes and our fears, and our hearts and our minds. The concert features music of 20th century composers as well as popular (if sometimes obscure) music of the 1960s and 1970s. Admission is free and a goodwill offering will be taken up to support the music programs of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT is April 9 at 7:00 pm. Environmental Concerns Ministry team will be providing the refreshments.

Easter Flower Dedications

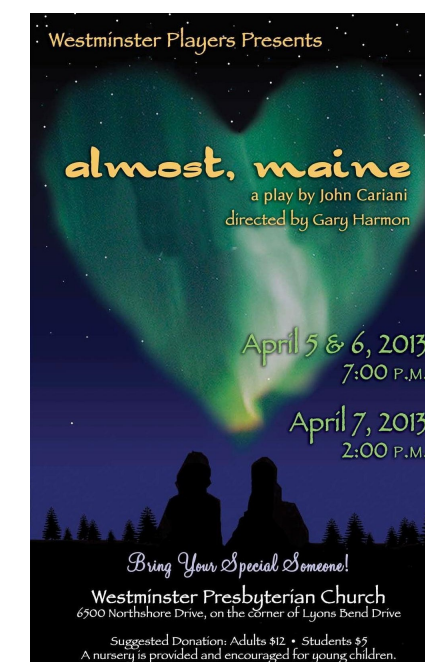
Jack and Laura Barron. In memory of Harriette Rowe and Viola Barron
 Carol Beilharz, children and grandchildren In loving memory of Clark
 The Bonnyman Family. In honor of the Muntz and Phillips Families
 Marlene Browning. In memory of Larry and Steve Browning
 Jerry and Scott Carley. In honor of Sharon Boyce and Jack Woodall,
 and Shirley Wittman
 Barbara Cline. To the glory of God and in honor of her family,
 Gabrielle and Jeff, Lisa, Faith and Arianna
 Debbie and Clifford Cruze. In honor of their grandchildren,
 Katelyn and Caleb Pemberton
 Anne Davidson. In memory of Bud and Jean Davidson
 The Dean Family. In memory of Scott, Carter and Mimi
 Janna deVente. In memory of her parents, Gerrit and Janna deVente
 and her brothers, Gerrit deVente and Jacob deVente
 Christie Dowling. In memory of John C. Struckmeyer
 David Drake. In honor of Mary Frances Drake
 Ross and Suzanne Graham. In honor of their children, Kim and Sarah
 Betty and John Hanes. In memory of their parents
 Kathy and Sky Huck. In memory of Phyllis and Albert Clark
 Paul and Judy Jordan. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Kelley and Mr. J. R. Jordan
 Anne and John Langley. In honor of their family: Sarah, Patrick, Bryson,
 Mercer, Emily and Molly
 Cile, Ed, Danielle, Hannah and Eva Mathews. In memory of Matt Mathews
 Joe and Nancy McClure. In honor and memory of family and friends
 Norman, Caroline and Linda Judge McRae. In memory of and thanks for
 their parents and grandparents: Huel McRae and Christine Judge
 Sue McSween. In honor of Mary McKeegan
 Rick and Kathryn Oakes and Fritz Schilling. In memory of Barbara Schilling
 on her birthday, April 9th
 and in honor of Clara Oakes on her 13th birthday, April 7th
 Rick and Janice Rawe. In honor of the flower guild for their beautiful work
 Gary and Sandra Rowcliffe. In memory of their grandparents:
 F. G. and Molly Rowcliffe, Edmund and Doris Edwards,
 Lee Long, Frances McKee, and M. J. and Morelle Shurden
 Scott and Linda Rutherford. In memory of their parents: Laurence and Louise Baker
 and C.L. and Georgia Rutherford
 The Ryan Family. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Edwin Bowman
 and Mr. Paul V. Ryan
 John and Elizabeth Salsbery. In honor of Allie Carey from Owen, Ian,
 Sarah and Grace; In memory of Chris Salsbery
 Julia Tortorelli. In memory of her grandparents, Alberta and William Bertelsen
 and Flora and Joseph Tortorelli
 Robin and Joe Ben Turner. In memory of Jim Shelby
 Renee and Bill Wieseuegel. In memory of Shirley Jean Rechenbach
 Shirley Wittman. In memory of John Wittman
 Jim and Linda Yates. In honor of their ten grandchildren:
 Patrick and Ryan Toomey; Max and Ellie Yates;
 Owen, Ian, Sarah and Grace Salsbery; Jonah and Luke Yates

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Make plans to attend!

Class of 2013
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THE SESSION
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