

THE SERVICE FOR WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

April 20, 2014

EASTER SUNDAY

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

(Please register your attendance on the pads located at your pew.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING: *Pastor: The Lord be with you*

People: And also with you.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(read responsively)*

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God

INVOCATION

+HYMN NO. 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)* Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory. Forgive our sins and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Hear now our silent confessions.....

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

APOSTLES' CREED *(in unison)* Page 35 in front of hymnal)

***GLORIA PATRI** *(Page 581 in hymnal)*

CALL TO PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor prays "Christ the Lord is risen today")

People respond "Alleluia!"

+HYMN NO. 233

The Day of Resurrection!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY-Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM *Christ the Lord is Risen Again (Philip Stopford)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 31:1-5; Luke 23:43-47

SERMON

"After All, He Let Go!"

Rev. Bird

*HYMN NO. 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

(to the tune of 611)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE AND POSTLUDE

**Standing as people are able*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
(Psalm 31:1-5)

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."
(Luke 23:43-47)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! ALLELUIA! *We are pleased to welcome everyone to our worship service this glorious Easter morning as we celebrate with joy the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please return to worship with us again soon.*

PRAYER CONCERNS: *Eleanor Davis, Jane Coulthard. Please pick up from the table in the narthex a prayer list.*

CONGRATULATIONS *to Andy and Glory Cumbow. Glory has been accepted to Columbia Theological Seminary pursuing a dual degree as a Master's of Divinity and a Master's of Arts in Practical Theology. Andy will be pursuing a Master's of Music in Choral Conducting with emphasis on church music from the Mercer University Townshend School of Music.*

YOUTH *will meet today from 6:00-7:30.*

GRADUATION TIME *is coming soon. Please write down the names of any graduates from our church on the bulletin board by the office by next Sunday.*

THE 26TH ANNUAL SPRING GATHERING *of Abingdon Presbyterian Women will be held at Central Presbyterian Church next Saturday, April 26th. Registration begins at 9:30. The guest speaker will be speaking on "The Mission Experience in Appalachia by Presbyterian Church". Please note that this gathering is for all Presbyterian women, not just those attending a circle.*

THOSE WHO MAY WISH *to join our church family are encouraged to speak with our pastor following worship or call the church office.*

PENNIES FOR HUNGER OFFERING *will be collected during our worship service next Sunday. These monies help feed those in need in our community.*

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING *will be collected during our morning worship service today. This offering is used to help feed the hungry, provide relief during disasters and help others as they learn to grow food for themselves.*

CIRCLE NUMBER 4 *will meet on Monday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.*

CIRCLE NUMBER 2 *will meet on Friday, May 2nd, at 2:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.*

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST *will be on Sunday, May 4th, at 8:00 a.m.*

BOARD OF DEACONS *will meet on Sunday, May 4th, at 5:00 p.m.*

SESSION *will meet on Sunday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m.*