



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

Bright Sunday/Holy Humor Sunday

April 3, 2016

11:00 A.M.

*The congregation
is asked to remain
silent
during the prelude
as a time of
prayer and
meditation.*

For centuries, in Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant countries, Easter Monday and “Bright Sunday” (the Sunday after Easter) were observed by the faithful as “days of joy and laughter” with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection. Parishioners and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, sang, and danced. It was a time for clergy and people to tell jokes and to have fun.

The custom of Easter Monday and Bright Sunday celebrations were rooted in the musings of early church theologians (like Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and John Chrysostom) that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Easter was “God’s supreme joke played on death.” “Risus paschalis”~ the Easter laugh, the early theologians called it.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)

Minute For Mission

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Outreach Ministry Team

Choral Call to Worship

*Among all of
God's creatures,
human beings
are the only
animals who
both laugh and
weep — for we
are the only
animals who are
struck with the
difference
between the way
things are and
the way things
ought to be.”*

*Dr. William
Willimon*

Opening Sentences

Mary Lila Blackburn

Leader: People of God, sing praise! Give thanks to God's holy name!

All: You have turned our mourning into joyful dancing.

Leader: You have taken away our funeral clothes, and clothed us with joy instead,

All: so that we might sing praises to you and not be silent!

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth! Be happy!

Rejoice! Sing your praises!

All: For God has made known his saving power, and every corner of the earth has seen God's salvation!

*Hymn #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

*Unison Prayer of Confession

*God of joy, we know that you have blessed us richly, yet so often we are down in the dumps over silly disappointments. You have given us Jesus Christ, and raised him from the dead. You have promised us eternal life, but we act like we don't know it! Forgive us, God. Keep us mindful that you always have the last laugh, and that your promise is for true joy in every circumstance and life forever. **Amen.***

“Grant us, Lord, to suffer with you that we may become sharers in your glory, to spend these three days in grief that you may allow us the laugh of Easter grace.”

*Peter Abelard
(1079-1142)*

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ is raised from the dead! Love wins! Hallelujah!

All: Christ lives and reigns for us!

Leader: Hallelujah!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri Hymn #581

Glory Be to the Father

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Anthem

“Joy on the Mountain”

Pepper Choplin, 2013

*Let there be joy on the mountain, singing in the valley.
Join the holy hosts of angels shouting “Christ the Lord is born.”
Shepherds on the hillside, watching all their sheep,
Everyone is weary but there will be no sleep.
Angels down from heaven bring the news to earth:
A child is born, now celebrate His birth.
When the shepherds heard the angels, they went into town.
They followed their directions and when the child was found,
They were so happy when they had seen the boy,
They went out a-shouting for joy, shouting for joy on the mountain.
Glory to God, peace on the earth. Christ the Lord is born!
Lift up your voice and sing for joy. Now Christ is born.
Let there be glory to God, let there be joy!*

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

“I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.”

*Hymn #515,
I Come with Joy*

Prayer for Illumination

Living God, we are hungry for Good News. Let the heavenly food of scripture nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Mary Lila Blackburn

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Old Testament Lesson

Psalms 126

+Page 499

Sermon

“A Time to Laugh”

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Reflection

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Recognition and Welcome of New Members

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Preparation #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer

The Distribution of the Elements

The Prayer After Communion

*Congregational Choral Benediction
Lintern

Paul

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus is alive.

While soldiers watched the gravesite
that quiet Sunday dawn
there came a big commotion
and then the storm was gone.

Chorus

The women found no body
their spices to anoint;
instead they found an angel,
God's message to appoint.

Chorus

Go from where He isn't
to where He said He'd be.
An Easter-time reunion:
in life eternally.

Chorus

*Postlude

**All who are able may stand. +The page number in the pew Bible.*



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3	9:40 am	Opening Assembly
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship with Communion
	5:00-7:00 pm	Youth Fellowship
Monday, April 4	10:30 am	Circle #1: Church Office Building
Tuesday, April 5	6:30 am	Coffee, Room 304
	7:00-7:30 am	SonRise Worship, Room 304
	12:15-2:00 pm	Board of Pensions Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
	10:30 am	Circle #3: Nettie Batchelor
	6:30 pm	Presbyterian Men, Rockfish Presbyterian Ch.
	7:00 pm	Circle #4: Cindy Barrow
Wednesday, April 6	10:00 am	Bible Study, Church Office Building
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday, April 8	6:30 pm	BBQ Supper & The Presbyterian Pickers

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Our worship leader** today is Mary Lila Blackburn, daughter of Michael and Mary Hart Blackburn. Mary Lila is an 8th grader at Harrells Christian Academy.
- **We welcome** Connie and Michelle Teetz as our newest members. They come to us by transfer from the Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station, Virginia. Welcome Connie and Michelle!
- **Today we celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and have been baptized in his name are welcome at the table.



The sanctuary flowers are in honor of Tim and RJ Peppe on the occasion of their 8th wedding anniversary.

*Thank
you*

Dear Church Family, Again we wish to thank this unbelievable church for all the food, phone calls, visits and prayers. Thomas would be proud; and we, his family have received comfort, strength and encouragement for the coming days.

*With love we say thanks,
Lois, Steve, Art and Eric*



NURSERY

04/03: Susan & Ellie Carone

04/10: Danielle & Jim Sills



GREETERS

04/03: Cindy Barrow & Glenda Mobley

04/10: Joey & Rita Brinkley

Opening Church Building: April 1-15: Bill Carone

USHERS

Freddy Hall, Leader

Harvey Knowles

Wayne Casteen

J Parker



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

04/03: Sarah Pearl Farrow & Hill Lanier

04/10: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson



Myree Bland home, Avalee Bowman- The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, **N.H. Carter-** back pain, **Billy Cavanaugh,** Leukemia, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Amy Edgerton-**cancer, **Thomas Edgerton Family, Wright Lanier Family, Ann Quinn,** (Mary Carone's sister)-cancer, **John Rau, Brison Ricker** (15 years old in Michigan, diagnosed with inoperable brain tumor) **Dr. Jack Robinson Family, Judy Robinson, George Walker-Rosemary, Kelsea Webster, Verlie Wells-Rosemary, Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne.**

(When you request a name to be put on the prayer list, please notify the church office when you wish it to be taken off)



Spring **BBQ** Supper



**with Live Entertainment by
The Presbyterian Pickers**

The Congregational Care Ministry Team has scheduled a Spring Barbecue Supper for Friday, April 8, at 6:00 p.m. The cost will be \$12.00 per person and tickets can be purchased from any member of our team: Ann Carter, Brenda Long, Dottie Obenour, Rick Batchelor, Gerri Hanson, Sandy Cobb, Lois Edgerton, Debbie Thomas, Cindy Barrow and Mary Carone.

Please join us for a delicious supper provided by Rose Hill Restaurant and live entertainment will be provided by The Presbyterian Pickers. We know you will enjoy the fellowship, food and music!