



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,
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

*Easter Sunday
Day of Resurrection*

April 21, 2019

11:00 A.M.

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



GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" *setting by Molly Ijames*

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

Children's Call to Worship "Easter Bells Are Ringing" Lynn Bailey

Easter bells are ringing, Jesus is alive! Join our happy singing, Jesus is alive!

He is risen from the grave. Jesus Christ has come to save!

Easter bells are ringing, Jesus is alive! Join our happy singing Jesus is alive!



Opening Sentences

Elder Wayne Casteen

Leader: The tomb is dark, but empty.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome the darkness.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away.

All: The one you are looking for has overcome death.

Leader: The burial clothes are put aside.

All: The one you are looking for is alive!

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen Indeed! Let us worship our Risen Savior!

*Hymn (See insert)

Paul Strodach

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

*"Easter was
when Hope in
person surprised
the whole world
by coming
forward from the
future into the
present."*

*N.T. Wright,
Surprised by
Hope*

"Easter is never
deserved."
Jan Karon,
Home to Holly
Springs

"For by grace
you have been
saved through
faith, and this is
not your own
doing; it is the
gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8



*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew your whole creation. We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear. We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new. Forgive our lack of faith. Have mercy on our weakness. Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Lord, hear our prayers. .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Believe the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amen and Amen!

*Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

"Our old history
ends with the
cross; our new
history begins
with the
resurrection."
Watchman Nee,
20th century
Chinese church
leader and
Christian teacher

Anthem

"Resurrection Victory"

Lloyd Larson

*. He is risen! Christ has risen! Sing it out with joyful voice!
He has burst the three days' prison, let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
He is risen! Christ is risen! He shall reign for all eternity!
He is risen! Christ is risen! Risen to a holy state!
We are free from sin's dark prison; He has opened heaven's gate.
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.
He is risen! Christ is risen! He shall reign for all eternity!
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
His glories now we sing of Him who died and rose on high,
He died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die!
Christ is risen, Alleluia!*

Prayer for Illumination

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
1 Corinthians 15:20, 56-57*

*"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."
Romans 6:9-11*

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-28

Elder Wayne Casteen
+Pages 935, 936

*Hymn (See insert)

"Celebrate"

Carol Saylor

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

+Page 860

Sermon

"I Find That Difficult to Believe!" Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Offertory

"Rejoice! Jesus Reigns!" *setting by* Larry Shackley

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: *From "A Declaration of Faith"*

Jesus is our living Lord. Jesus was dead and buried, but God raised him from the dead. The risen Lord appeared to his followers. They recognized him as their Master who had been crucified. Before Jesus left them, he commissioned them to proclaim to all people the good news of his victory over death, and promised to be with them always. We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

"Easter is always the answer to 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'"

Madeline L'Engle, American writer of young adult fiction whose works reflect her Christian faith



*Hymn #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

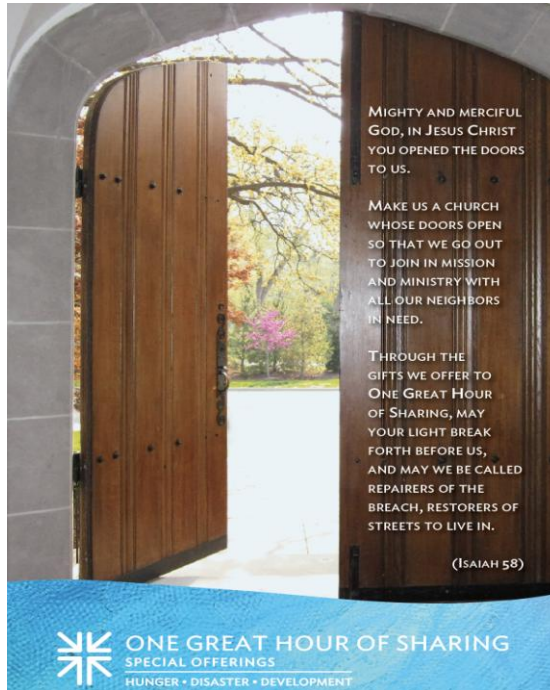
Easter Hymn

*Benediction

*Postlude

*All who are able may stand.

+The page number in the pew Bible.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING Today, April 21

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing Offering enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA). PDA has been very involved in our church's and community's recovery from Hurricane Florence, providing financial assistance to our church and individuals and staff support and expertise as the Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County was formed. Thank you for your generous contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21	EASTER SUNDAY HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN! 7:00 am Early Easter Service, Wallace First Baptist Church 9:40 am Opening Assembly 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Monday, April 22	Church Office Closed
Monday, April 22 –Thursday, April 25	Minister on Continuing Education Leave
Tuesday, April 23	Church Secretary on Vacation
Wednesday, April 24	No Bible Study

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **This morning** we receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. (See article on back of bulletin). Thank you for your generous contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing.
- * **Our guest brass musicians today** are Dr. Daniel Johnson on euphonium and Zach Mercer on trumpet from Wilmington. Melanie Aman of Watha is our percussionist. Thanks to these expert musicians for making our Easter celebration such a joyous worship service.
- * **The choir is wearing** new stoles today! The colorful cloth is from Zambia where our Presbyterian missionary Sherri Ellington, helped us find the beautiful colors and patterns. This cloth is traditionally used in Zambia as a chitenge, an African garment similar to the sarong, often worn by women wrapped around the chest or waist, over the head as a headscarf, or as a baby sling. The choir expresses heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Joey Smith Fussell for making our stoles. Her expertise and creativity and her sewing talents will provide us much joy and beauty for years to come!
- * **The church office** will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Easter holiday.
- * **Philip Gladden** will be on continuing education leave Monday - Friday, April 22-26 at the Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg, NC. He will plan his preaching for May - August and continue his work on the Gospel of Mark that he began on his sabbatical leave during the summer of 2018. **Cheryl Brinkley** will be on vacation Tuesday, April 23. Please contact Susan Walters, Clerk of Session, or the church office in an emergency.
- * **There will be no Wednesday Bible study this week.**
- * **We extend** our Christian love and sympathy to Effie Mobley and her family on the death of her nephew, Tommy Harper, on April 12.



The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by the Ludlum family.



04/21: Fred Burroughs & Ann Carter
 04/28: Gloria & Dave Wells



Joe Tillman, Leader

Kevin Johnson
 Cameron Lee

Sam Rose
 Jim Sills



YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

04/21: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Ellie Carone
 04/28: Cameron & Reese Blue



GREETERS

04/21: Freddy & Rhonda Hall
 04/28: Greg & Geneva Maready

Opening Church Building

April 16-30: Jack Blackney



Prayer
 Requests

June Blalock (Rosemary), **Tommy Bradshaw family**, **Doc Brinson** (Hodgkins Lymphoma-friend of Garrett & Patsy Ludlum), **Sandy Cobb** (recovering from shoulder surgery), **Carla DeNatale** (Mary Carone's niece) diagnosed with Breast Cancer, **Joe Dormagen** (Verlie Wells' son-in-law), **Carolyn Herring** (biopsy on inoperable spinal tumor), **Amy Moss** (breast cancer, sister of Debbie Thomas), **Dottie Obenour** (recovering from surgery), **Nathan Pensinger** (Nathan is slowly gaining weight and energy. **Jennifer Raynor** (Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome) **Judy Robinson**, **Jenny Rivenbark**, **Zayne Rivenbark** (cancer), **James Sheffield** (friend of Harvey Knowles). **Rev. Bobby Tyson**, (heart issues), **Ronnie Watson** (non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, stem cell transplant), **Verlie Wells**-Rosemary, **Conrad Wooten** (friend of Harvey Knowles), **Arnie Young** (cancer treatments), **Members and friends in the armed services: Jason Payne. William Krupitzer**-(Linda Burroughs nephew).

(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)

He is not here;
 he has

Risen!

Luke 24:6