

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn?

People: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us and Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: The old life is gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Beloved, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Gloria Patri

Hymn #581

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

*Hymn #826

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Sandy Cobb

Living God, with joy we celebrate that the stone is rolled away, the tomb is empty, and you have risen from the grave. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may hear and proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Anthem

"On the Third Day"

Benjamin Harlan

*On the third day at the rising of the sun, there came those who loved Him,
Seeking Him who died, Christ the crucified, on the third day.
On the third day they found the stone was rolled away,
And they entered the tomb to see Him,
Seeking Him who died, Christ the crucified, on the third day.
And the angel said unto them, an angel said unto them:
Do not be afraid. He is not here for He is risen!
Jesus Christ, the crucified, Jesus is alive!*

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:**

**Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible from above, in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou has died for me:
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

Amen. Amen!

Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

"Spices, Casseroles, and Cliches"

Rev. Robert H. Lapp

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31	EASTER SUNDAY/DAY OF RESURRECTION 10:00 am Sunday School Classes 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship/OGHS Offering/5 th Sunday Building Offering Church office closed in observance of Easter
Monday, April 1	
Wednesday, April 3	10:00 am Bible Study, Room 304
Friday, April 5	10:00 am-1:00 pm Presbyterian Women "Paint & Play" Fellowship Hall

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We are excited to welcome guest musicians** in our sanctuary this morning. Andrew Stanfill, playing trombone, comes to us from Wilmington where he plays low brass with various ensembles and the Wilmington Symphony. Karen Berger, US Army Retired, is playing trumpet and Melanie Aman, US Army Retired, is playing percussion. Karen and Melanie come to us from the Pender County, Kirkwood area. While serving our country, they performed as professional concert musicians in the US Army Band. Thank you for joining us today!
- **The church office will be closed** Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter.
- **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary, will be on Vacation Tuesday, April 2.
- **Pastor Led Bible Study** is Wednesday, April 3, at 10 am in room 304. The scripture for this week is John 20:19-31.
- **The Transitional Ministry Team** will not meet this week on Wednesday evening, April 3, but will meet on Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm in the Blue Room.
- **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship next Sunday, April 7. All are welcome at the table.
- **Camp Kirkwood Creation Camp**- Coming soon! Creation Camp is coming soon, June 2– June 6. The registration window will be open March 17– April 28. Forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall and on line. Debbie Price will be glad to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 757-408-0964 or duprice525@gmail.com.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Rise Against Hunger-May 18, 2024-1:00-3:00 pm.** WPC Fellowship Hall. You can register on church website.



*The Easter Lily in the sanctuary today is given by A.C. & LuAnn Rivenbark, and represents the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.
"He is Risen, Hallelujah!"*

NURSERY

APRIL



03/31: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore
04/07: Tanya & Michael Patram

Curt Simpson, Head
Royal Johnson James Whitfield
Stan Skidmore

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

03/31: Bailey Riley
04/07: Danielle Sills

March 16-31: Greg Maready
April 1-15: Stan Skidmore

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world’s salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
2. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
Once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world’s Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
There in all the Father’s glory lives and reigns our King of love;
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side; Now let
every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.
4. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

