



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 23	9:30 am	Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom
	10:00 am	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 am	Worship, in person & livestream/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
	12:00-3:00 pm	Confirmation 2023 meets with the Session
Monday, April 24	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study via Zoom
Wednesday, April 25	10:00-11:00 am	Bible Study, Room 304 & Zoom
	6:00 pm	Handbells
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

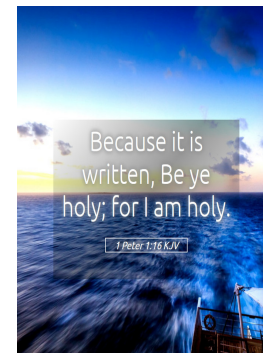
- * **Today we** receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering. This offering supports a weekend feeding program for Duplin County Schools students. Thank you for your contributions.
- * **Thanks to everyone** who helped with the Rise Against Hunger event yesterday!
- * **Please join** the minister for our weekly Bible Study on Monday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom or Wednesday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 304 and by Zoom. This week we will read and talk about John 10:1-18, Jesus the Good Shepherd. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links.
- * **Next Sunday** we will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Evan Thomas Casteen, son of Grayson and Ashton Casteen.
- * **Kirkwood Creation Camp: June 4-8. Registration is March 19-April 30 on the Church website or in the Fellowship Hall. Forms are online or on a table in the fellowship hall. Place completed forms in the baskets provided.**



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Earleene Southerland, Margaret Green, and Susan Jarman in loving memory of their mother, Oleta Southerland.

FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING Today, April 23

We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Today, April 23. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at www.wallacepresbyterian.com.



Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
1 Peter 1:16 KJV

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

"For I am the Lord your God; sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy."
Leviticus 11:44

"Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart."
Hymn #728,
"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian,"
Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

11:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

- Prelude "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Mark Hayes
- Welcome and Announcements
(During this time the friendship pads are passed to be signed.)
- Choral Call to Worship "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche, 1967
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, I want to see You,
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.
- Opening Sentences Miller Ludlum
Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.
People: Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.
Leader: We need not fear.
People: In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.
Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.
People: Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow you. Amen.

*Hymn #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" NICAIA

*Unison Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

Today
April 23
Nursery
04/23/23:
Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook

USHERS
Greg Maready Royal Johnson Curt Simpson

Opening Church Building
April 16-30
Dave Wells

Children's Church
04/23/23
Hope Turnbull



"Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."
Hebrews 12:14



*Responsive Assurance of Pardon
Leader: *Our great God and Savior Jesus Christ gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*
All: Our God fulfils his promises and is true to God's Word. We have confessed our sins. God has forgiven us because Christ died for us. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

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

*Hymn #835 **"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"** CLOSER WALK

Prayer for Illumination
Living God, help us so to hear your Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe; and believing, we may follow your way in all faithfulness, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 40:6-8* Miller Ludlum

Special Music **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** *setting by Joel Raney*
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Epistle Lesson *1 Peter 1:13-25*

Sermon **"A Call to Holy Living"** Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*"God saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace."
2 Timothy 1:9*



*"I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days."
Hymn #743,
"Step by Step,"
Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory **"Word of God"** arr. Craig Curry
"Wonderful Words of Life" with "Word of God, Speak"
Word of God, speak.

*Would You pour down like rain washing my eyes to see Your Majesty;
To be still and know that You're in this place.
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness. Word of God, speak.*

*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 #313 **"Lord, Make Us More Holy"** LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction **"Amen"** African American
Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*Postlude **All who are able may stand.*

