



Third Sunday of Easter

APRIL 14, 2024 ~ 10:55 A.M.

Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH organized 1873 ... a member congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church
a family of believers seeking to live out the truth of the Gospel to the community and the world

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND 10:55 A.M.

PRELUDE & †SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

LET US USE THIS TIME OF MUSIC AND PRAYER TO INVITE GOD'S SPIRIT TO OPEN US TO HIS PRESENCE

O Father God of the risen Christ, in whose resurrection we find new life, send your Spirit to dwell among us in this day of worship. O risen Christ, Son of the Father, may we hear your word of peace today. O Spirit of the living God, teach us once more to live in the power of Christ's resurrection, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

PSALM 4

***HYMN**

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

TERRA BEATA

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

ACTS 3:12-19

†CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYED TOGETHER

God, most holy, although we have tried to serve Christ well, and on occasions have accomplished some loving and beautiful things, much remains undone. Around us in the world we see gross evils which appall us, and within our mind and heart we recognize the incipient seeds of it all.

We cannot atone for our sins and those of our fellow human beings, the debt it is far too heavy and the cause too deep for us. We are unable to eradicate all our personal follies or redress all our mistakes; the consequences permeate those around us and, even touch those far away. We are incapable of properly recognizing, cleansing and forgiving ourselves, for our own hands are too soiled and our store of grace is too meager.

You alone God, by your universal Presence, can discern the cause and effect within the tangled skein of our existence, and deal with it for our salvation. With your priceless grace, forgive us our sins and deliver us from evil. Through Christ Jesus, whom you have appointed our Savior and Lord. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 JOHN 3:1-7

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you all. And also with you.

***HYMN #517**

THE SOLID ROCK

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***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

SAID TOGETHER

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN, AGE 3 - 2ND GRADE, DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
PARENTS MAY COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE

THE MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

THE MORNING OFFERING & OFFERTORY***HYMN #809****DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**THE GOSPEL LESSON****LUKE 24:36B-48****THE SERMON*****HYMN #743****CHRIST FOR THE WORLD! WE SING****ITALIAN HYMN****BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE**

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Worship Notes

Musicians - Kathryn Tucker & Jack Criswell Acolytes - Renea Tyler & Marley Carter

Lay Reader - Debora Trent Audio Visual - Tim Pague, Russ & Benn Robertson

Nursery: birth - age 2 - Douthat family upstairs nursery during the Worship hour

Children's Church: age 3 - 2nd Grade - Lynn Pague downstairs during the Worship hour

Next Sunday, April 21, Good Shepherd Sunday - the scheduled texts are:

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

Communion ... We customarily celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. The next observance is planned for Sunday, May 5.

Announcements

Sympathy ... The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Barry Tucker and his family. Barry's father, **James D. Tucker**, of South Hill VA, died April 12, 2024 at the age of 93.

Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to Barry & Kathryn at 250 Camden Dr. Madison Heights VA 24572.

Today Devotional Books ... The newest **TODAY** devotional book is available in the narthex.

Prayer & Bible Study: Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. ... We'll begin with a time of prayer for those things that weigh upon our hearts, our homes, communities, nation and the world. We'll then dive deep into Jesus' description of the Kingdom of God and what it means to follow him. **We'll study Matthew 5-7 together.** Plan to join us - bring your Bible, a notebook, and a friend.

2¢-a-meal - is next Sunday ... This mission effort provides families with the opportunity to contribute regularly to the needs of the poor at home and abroad. Each family member contributes 2¢-a-meal and then brings what they have collected on the third Sunday of each month to offer during the worship service. Don't forget to bring your 2¢-a-meal offering for next Sunday!

Join us May 5th for a Cinco de Mayo Feast ... We hope you join us after worship on May 5 for a Mexican/Latino feast. The church will provide tacos, all the fixin's and beverages. We're asking you to bring desserts. Let us know you and yours plan to attend by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen window or by emailing us at elonchurch@elonchurch.org.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Calendar This Week

Sun Apr 14	Vassar Camden's Birthday
Tue Apr 16	Starke & Janet Camden's Anniversary

Attendance Numbers

Sunday	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
Apr 7	11	55
Mar 31	15	63
Mar 24	17	62
Mar 17	14	47

2024 Stewardship Report (Totals do not include Special Mission)						
rounding may cause amounts to be off by +/- \$1						
Budget	Current Expenses	Mission	Special Mission	2¢-a-meal	Building Fund	Totals <small>(CE, Mission, BF)</small>
Weekly Need	2,885	393	n/a	n/a	0	3,278
Offering Last Week	6,665	1,085	520	0	100	7,850
Year To Date	46,676	7,450	1,080	494	1,525	55,651
Ahead/ (Behind) for Year	6,289	1,947	n/a	n/a	1,525	9,761

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Valeria Allen: *a series of procedures to address severe back pain* • 1737 Cedar Gate Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572
Sawyer Harris: *brain tumor, loss of hearing, back on chemo* • David Harris' nephew • 3550 Sterling Rd., Roanoke VA 24014
John Herman: *inner ear balance dysfunction - blurred vision, dizziness* • 121 Sage Ln., Madison Heights VA 24572
Sally Johnson: *post surgery rehab* • Guggenheimer Health & Rehab - Rm. 102, 1902 Grace St, Lynchburg, VA 24504
Tom Moore: *chemotherapy* • 967 Elon Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572
Faye O'Brien: *back home from hip surgery and rehab* • 225 Serenity Dr., Monroe VA 24574
Malcolm Wills: *cancer has decreased significantly!* • 2002 Elon Rd., Madison Heights, VA 24572
All: *whose lives and families are being affected by drug addiction*

HOMEBOUND • EXTENDED CARE • THERAPY • REHAB

Edward Allen: *at home* • Bettie Sue Jennings' brother; Valeria Allen's brother in law
Starke Camden: *at home* • 106 Village Park Ct. Lynchburg VA 24501
Eleanor Campbell: *Fairmont Crossing* • 173 Brockman Park Dr., Rm 122, Amherst, VA 24521
Shelby Campbell: *at home* • 703 Winesap Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572
Brenda Carroll: *therapy for blood cancer* • Mildred Riley's sister
Bonnie Johnson: *at her daughter's home* • c/o Kim Darrah, 906 N Shore Drive W., Sunset Beach NC 28468
Betty Loving: *at home* • 718 Cedar Gate Rd., Monroe VA 24574
Russell Riely: *symptoms of POEMS* • 368 Camden Dr., Madison Heights VA 24572
Dot Stinnette: *Forest Health & Rehab* • Vicky Harris' aunt. • 2406 Atherholt Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24501
Janet Thomas: *Westminster Canterbury, Rm 332* • 501 VES Rd., Lynchburg VA 24503
Andrea Tomlin: *oral chemotherapy for breast cancer* • Pam Turner's sister

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Hymn Lyrics

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me not forget
that though the wrong is oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done:
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heav'n be one.

This is my Father's world, should my heart be ever sad?
The lord is King—let the heavens ring. God reigns—let the earth be glad.

This is my Father's world. Now closer to Heaven bound,
for dear to God is the earth Christ trod. No place but is holy ground.

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath and covenant and blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHRIST FOR THE WORLD! WE SING

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing;
the world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.