

WORSHIP LEADERS for TODAY ~ March 22

9 AM: Greeter: Kirk Finley
Host/Hostess: Debbie Book
Worship Leader: Tom Jones
Power Point: Gary Indihar

11 AM: Usher: Kay Hanks
Worship Leader: Mike Feehan
Readers: Kathy Barnhart, Neva Beasley

For this coming week –March 22-28:

Care Center Pick-up: Joyce Clark
WAVE Team: Hartwell & Pat Lutz

Worship leader schedules are available at
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Merrie Duncan; Brian Birdsong; Brenda and Don Copeland; Sandy Young, Mary Burnette

Friends & Relatives: Greg Scrimshire; Luanne Huffman (Pam Worthington's cousin); Buddy Feehan (Mike's father); J. C. Rotenberry (Glenda Harris' father); Gavin Hallford (husband of Kay Gentle's niece)

The Church: Rev. Dr. Tammy Brown, Executive Presbyter

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces

For our Nation: President Obama and our representatives

For Big Cove Missions & Ministries: New Hope Children's Clinic; The CARE Center; Kairos Prison Ministry; The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; The Presbyterian Home for Children

HAPPY BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK!

Mary Ann Blakemore on the 23rd
Connie Sharp on the 26th

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Christian Exploration will continue today.

Topics for the last two weeks of March:

Mar 22 - "What Happens When We Die?"

Mar29 - "Can Christians Believe in Evolution?"

The Youth will not meet for Christian Exploration today.

Contemplative Prayer Time will continue Mon Mar 23 6:00 pm; Elder Debbie Book will lead the prayer.

The pastor will be out of town until Mar 29. The elder on call for March is Debbie Book.

The Immersion Study of Luke continues Wed Mar 25: study at 6:00, BYO sack supper & fellowship at 5:30. (*Will **not** meet Apr 1*)

Thursday Morning Prayer Group will not meet on Mar 26.

The Seder Supper is NEXT Sunday. If you haven't, please call or e-mail *this week* with reservations and type of dish you'll bring.

Candy needed to fill baskets for our Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring *wrapped* candy or plastic eggs filled with *wrapped* candy to the church no later than Good Friday. Egg Hunt at 10:30 on Easter Sunday for children 5th grade and younger. Thank you!

In the back of the sanctuary is a sign-up sheet to **dedicate Easter lilies** for \$10 per plant. Please put a check, made out to the church and designated "Easter Lily dedication(s)," in the envelope beside the sheet or in the offering plate. Order deadline is Mar 29.

North Alabama Presbytery Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women Apr 14; see Gail Birdsong by Easter to make reservations.

Holy Week Events:

Seder Supper: 6:00 pm Sun, Mar 29 (Palm Sunday). Mary needs to know **how many** reservations you wish to make and **whether you will bring a salad, a vegetable/side dish, or a dessert.**

Contemplative Prayer Time Mon Mar 30 6:00

Maundy Thursday Worship with Stripping of the Table 6:30, Apr 2

Tenebrae Candle Service 6:30 pm Fri, Apr 3 (Good Friday)

Apr 5 (Easter!): SonRise Service 6:30 am **

Services at regular times 9:00 & 11:00 am

Simple finger food brunch & fellowship 10:00**

Egg Hunt for children 5th grade & younger 10:30

**See Todd Worthington or Debbie Book to help with the lay-led SonRise Service. See Christie Finley to help with brunch.

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent

"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM

Music Director: Carla Feehan

Pianist: Daniel Norwood

Rev. Rosemary McMahan & Rev. Houston Hodges
Nursery Available

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9 AM ~ FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Called by God, We Gather

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bell

Song of Worship: Glorify

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Song to Prepare for Message: Holy Ground

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Isaiah 55:6-13 525
Matthew 13:18-23 691

The Message "Farming in Big Cove"
Elder Don Barnhart

Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: Your Love, Oh Lord

Blessed by God, We Give Thanks:

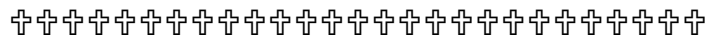
Communion Song: Sanctuary
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Silent Reflection)

Sent by God, We Go Out

Sending Song: Shine, Jesus Shine

Blessing and Sending



*The CCLI Music license allows *only the lyrics* (and not the musical score for the tunes) to be printed or projected.

11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship

The prelude marks the beginning of worship and is observed in silence.

Prelude: "Prelude in C" J.S. Bach

Called by God, We Gather

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

All: We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

All: We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.

One: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

All: O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. To you we lift our voices in praise!

Song of Worship: To God Be the Glory 66

Lenten Confession and Pardon

One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Let us confess our failings together:

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

One: By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Greeting: Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem Jesus, Only Jesus Beethoven
Quartet: Connie & Mickey Sharp, Carla & Mike Feehan

Old Testament Isaiah 55:6-13 525

Response Psalm 119: 33-40 437

Song of Reflection: Precious Lord, Take My Hand 500

Gospel Matthew 13:18-23 691

Sermon: "Farming in Big Cove"
Elder Don Barnhart

Believing in God, We Respond

People's Prayers
Announcements

Celebrating Our Blessings

Offertory: "It Is Well With My Soul" Traditional

Doxology 34
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.

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sent by God, We Go Out

Song of Sending: This Is My Father's World 21

Blessing and Sending

Postlude: "Jesus Paid It All" Traditional