

Serving the Cove since 1906

Welcome to Big Cove Presbyterian Church, and thank you for worshipping with us this Easter Sunday! We have been part of the Cove for 108 years, beginning in the “little white church on the hill” and expanding to the current facility in 2012 so that we can better serve our community.

Who Are We? Our congregation is a casual, informal mix of young and old, “cradle-born Presbyterians,” and people new to the faith, Democrats, Libertarians, and Republicans, engineers and homemakers, married couples and children, and single, divorced, and widowed people. We welcome anyone seeking to know the love of God through Jesus Christ.

What Do We Believe? We are first God’s children; secondly, Christians; and thirdly, Presbyterians, brought into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Grace is preached here. We believe that God’s mercy is greater than our sin and that we are redeemed and re-created through grace. We also believe that as Christians, we are called to be followers of Jesus Christ and to invite others to follow with us.

How Do We Worship? Scripture is central to our worship service, as are the sacraments of Baptism and The Lord’s Supper (communion, Eucharist). Our 9 am worship service is “user-friendly,” interactive, and incorporates praise/contemporary music and Power Point. Our 11 am worship service is more traditional with a choir and hymns. The Lord’s Supper is open to non-Presbyterians and celebrated weekly at 9 am and on the first Sunday of the month at 11.

What Do We Do? Worship. Pray. Serve. Care. Study. Explore. Rejoice. Plan. Sing. Support. Celebrate. Share. Build. Minister. Imagine. Grow. Laugh. Invite. Include.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Big Cove Church extends a gracious welcome to all our guests today. Thank you for worshipping with us!

We welcome Presley Birdsong, Judy Styles, and Adam Wheeler into active membership today!

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Apr 6.

Second Saturday Bible Time is scheduled for Sat, Apr 11 at 9:30.

There will be an Outreach Team meeting on Mon, Apr 13 at 6:00.

If you want to attend the North Alabama Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering on Apr 14 at First Presbyterian Church in Athens, let Gail Birdsong know today.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Friends & Relatives: **Andrea Murphy** (friend of Merrie Duncan); Greg Scrimshire; Buddy Feehan (Mike’s father)

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

Military & International: All those serving in the armed forces

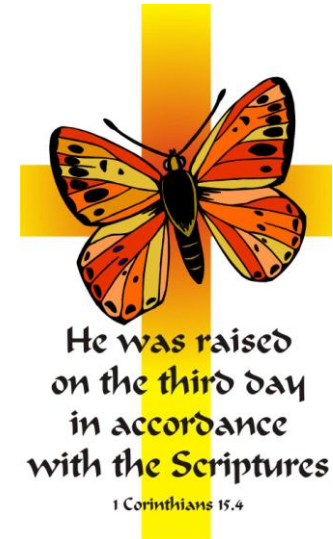
For our Nation: President Obama and our representatives

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 THIS WEEK!

Pam Worthington on the 6th
Glenda Harris on the 8th
Christie Finley on the 10th
Katrina Pepper on the 11th

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



He was raised
on the third day
in accordance
with the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:4

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2015**

“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

Pastors: Rev. Rosemary McMahan & Rev. Houston Hodges
Nursery Available

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9 AM ~ FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF EASTER

Called by God, We Gather

Ringing of the Bell

Spoken Call to Worship

Song of Worship: Resurrection Day

Greeting: Welcoming the Risen Christ Among Us

Song to Prepare for the Message: Heart of Worship

Spoken to by God, We Listen

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 815
John 20:1-18 768

The Message: "Weeping and Laughing"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Believing in God, We Respond

Affirmation of Faith

Gifted by God, We Return Thanks

Offering Song: Yours Forever

Blessed by God, We Remember

Communion Song: *Sanctuary*
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sent by God, We Go Out to Serve

Sending Song: Victory Chant
Blessing and Sending



11 AM ~ TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship

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

Prelude: "The Old Rugged Cross" arr. Mark Hayes

Called by God, We Gather

One: This is the good news—The grave is empty;
Christ is risen!

All: Hallelujah!

One: This is the good news—The light shines in the darkness,
And the darkness can never put it out!

All: Hallelujah!

One: This is the good news—Once we were no people;
Now we are God's people.

All: Hallelujah!

One: Christ is our peace
We now share with each other!

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Song of Worship: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 288

Greeting: Welcoming the Risen Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Easter Anthem "Joy In the Morning" Natalie Sleeth

Old Testament Isaiah 25: 6-9 500

New Testament 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 815

Song of Reflection: Christ is Alive (stanzas. 1, 2, 5) 312

Gospel John 20:1-18 768

Sermon: "Weeping and Laughing"
Rev. Rosemary McMahan

Believing in God, We Respond
Profession of Faith and Welcome of New Members

The Apostles' Creed

L. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

L. Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

L. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**
*(*catholic means "universal")*

Gifted by God, We Return Thanks

Offertory "Were You There?" 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 Supper

Sent by God, We Go Out to Serve

Song of Sending: He Lives! 302

Blessing and Sending

Postlude: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" Traditional

*The flowers are offered to the glory of God and in memory of
Bobby Birdsong by Gail Birdsong.*