

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Easter!!!

This Week

Monday –Centering Prayer 6:00

Tuesday – 10:00 am –Steady for Life (Worship Center)

11:00 am -Prayer Group (Upstairs Rm 3)

Wednesday – 6:00 pm –Current Conversations

Thursday – 10:00 am –Steady for Life (Worship Center)

A special thanks to Laurel Butz, Lindsey Butz, Collin Jones, and Mairyn Miller, and also to Gabriella McNeil, for their contributions to the worship service today!

The church offices will be closed tomorrow, but will reopen on Tuesday.

Ladies, please let Gail Birdsong know by tomorrow if you wish to go to the North Alabama Presbyterian Women’s gathering in Athens on April 25.

Gentlemen, please contact Grace Presbyterian Church by April 19 if you wish to attend the North Alabama Presbyterian Men’s gathering April 24.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members: Ray Waldrop; Mary Burnette; Sandy Young; Merrie Duncan

Friends & Relatives: **the family of Steve Sawyer (uncle of Julie Loggins); the family of Tom Wilson (Alice Wilson’s husband);** the family of Jimmy Jones; Carolyn Lester (sister of Jeannie Laudenbach); Carol Loggins (mother of Julie Loggins Weir); Phyllis Rader (mother of Renay Nunn); Becky Marshall (mother of Melinda Harvey); Rev. Houston Hodges and his wife Pat; Derek Emmerson (friend of Dallas and Jennifer Ferneau and Don Barnhart); Martha Wells (relative of Kay Gentle); Jillian Shandra (daughter of Melinda Harvey); Janie Putnam (friend of Gail Birdsong)

The Church: North Alabama Presbytery

Military & International: The nation’s service men and women

Our Nation: Our President; Our Representatives

Big Cove Missions & Ministries: CARE Center; Vine Pastoral Counseling Center; Presbyterian Home for Children

WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



April 16, 2017

Resurrection Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Candice L Klein

Music Director and Pianist: Jervon Niska

“First Light” Worship Musicians

Guitarist: John Isom

Percussionist: Jimmy Jones

Nursery Available

EASTER CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Very early on that Resurrection Day you confounded death, you opened the gates of the kingdom, so all could follow you into life. We praise you, Astounding God! Amen.

Prelude

Special Easter Music

Welcome and Announcements

Called by God, We Gather

*Call to Worship

This is the day: when tears are wiped away;

When shattered hearts are mended, and worries are replaced with joy.

This is the day the Lord rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's clothes;

And goes ahead of us into God's future.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Death has no fear for us. Sin has lost its power over us. God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life.

This is the day – Easter Day!

Christ is Risen! He is Risen! Hallelujah!

*Hymn of Praise “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” 288

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

On this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human and flawed we are, Holy God. We haven't done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. We have not intentionally hurt anyone. We easily accept the witness of the angel in the tomb, but find it difficult to share this good news with our friends and neighbors. Bring us new life, Dazzling God. Where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve. Transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive all the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit. In the name of the Risen One. Amen.

What a day! Easter Day! God's dawn of new hope, new mercy, new life. In the name of our Risen Lord, in his name and in his name only, I declare to you, we are forgiven!

On this first day and every day, we can walk as God's Easter people, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to our Risen Savior! Amen.

Response Gloria Patri 734

Greeting –Welcoming Christ Among Us

Spoken to by God, We Listen

Anthem “Sing a Joyous Alleluia”
Chancel choir and Big Cove youth hand bells

Prayer for Illumination
First Scripture Acts 10: 34-43 779

*Hymn of Reflection “The Day of Resurrection!” 298

Second scripture John 20: 1-18 768-9

Sermon “*She Did Not Find Christ—He Found Her*” Rev. Candice L. Klein

Believing in God, We Respond

*Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith 10.1, 10.2, 10.5, 10.6)

“In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen!”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Call for the Offering

Offertory Special Easter Music

*Doxology 34

Offertory Prayer

*Song of Sending Sent by God, We Go Out
“Christ Arose!” 294

Blessing and Sending

Benediction Response “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” 288
(stanza 1)

Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*