

### Flower Dedication

The flowers today are offered to the Glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of our daughter, Heather, by Neva and Michael Beasley.

### WORSHIP LEADERS for today April 23

**9 AM Service** Greeter: Ryan Pepper  
Host: Debbie Book  
Worship Leader: Debbie Book  
Power Point: Ron Jones

**11 AM Service** Usher: Hartwell Lutz  
Worship Leader: Joani Kerr  
Reader: Sandra Stephens

### BIG COVE MINISTRIES this coming week April 23-29:

CARE Center Pick-up: Kate Hosna

WAVE Team: Neva Beasley

### 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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### This Week

**Monday – 6:00 pm Centering Prayer** (Classroom 3)

**Tuesday – 10:00 am –Steady for Life** (Worship Center)  
**11:00 am -Prayer Group** (Classroom 3)

**Wednesday – 6:00 pm –Current Conversations** (Classroom 2)

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

**Please join The Vine** at our Spring Celebration: Branches of The Vine on April 27. All proceeds benefit The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center. See info on the bulletin board in the Information Center.

**Camp Maranatha Alumni reunion** April 29-details on the bulletin board in the Information Center and in the letter that went out via e-mail this week.

**Air conditioning** in the church: If you are in the building this week and find that the area you are using is too hot or too cold, let Dexter Gentle, Bruce Harvey, or Mary Hooper know which room, what time, and whether it is too hot or too cold, and we will adjust the schedule settings accordingly.

There will be meeting of the **Session** this Tuesday at 6:00.

The New Hope Children's Clinic has sent us information about two upcoming events. See notices in the Big Cove information center.

Note: Our CCLI Music license allows *only the lyrics* (and not the musical score for the tunes) to be printed or projected during worship.

## WELCOME TO BIG COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**April 23, 2017**

### **Celebration of God's Creation**

**Pastor:** Rev. Candice L Klein

**Music Director and Pianist:** Jervon Niska

**"First Light" Worship – Sundays at 9 AM**

**Guitarist:** John Isom

**Percussionist:** Jimmy Jones

**Traditional Worship – Sundays at 11 AM**

*Nursery Available*

## 9 AM - FIRST LIGHT CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit, according to their various kinds." And it was so.

### Called by God, We Gather

Ring of the Bell

\*Call to Worship "Morning Has Broken"

### Call to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

***We confess our truth, Mighty Sovereign: that we have become alienated from the Earth, and have treated the gift of this garden as a domain to be dominated and a place to be ruled for our gain. We have contributed to the pollution of your garden planet. You gave us dominion, and although we have dominated, we have not been kind to your creation. We have ignored the distant sounds that we knew could do damage – the sound of chain saws clearing for greed and gain, the sound of pine trees falling forever, the sound of the seas gagging on plastics, the sound of rare species breathing their last. Forgive us our negligence. Open our eyes to the pure gifts you have given and help us to abide by the rules of your natural world.***

*Amen.*

The loving Creator hears our confession and forgives our individual and corporate sins against the land and the waters and the sky. We will open our ears and hearts to serve the creation which God has planted for life and wonder. In the name of the risen Son, we are forgiven.

***The Resurrected Christ teaches us to love Earth as our home and all living creatures as our kin. We have been called to tend this world with love, and to join together to heal and nurture all creation. This is our home. This is our commission. Amen.***

Greeting Welcoming Christ Among Us

\*Preparation for Message "I Love You, Lord"

### Spoken to by God, We Listen

Prayer of Illumination Leviticus 25:1-7, 23-24 89  
Joshua 24: 1-5, 13-18 168-9

**The Message** "You Eat the Fruit You Didn't Plant" Rev. Candice L. Klein

### Believing in God, We Respond

Praise Reports and Prayer Requests~~Announcements

Call for the Offering

**Offertory** "Be Still and Know"

Offertory Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (*A Time for Silent Reflection*)

### Sent by God, We Go Out

\*Sending Song "Full Force Gale"

Blessing and Sending \*Please stand if you are able

## 11 AM - TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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Prelude "We Gather Together" Arr. Joel Raney

### Welcome and Announcements

### Called by God, We Gather

\*Call to Worship

In the name of the Creator—the fountain of life, the name of Christ—the pulse of life, and the name of the Spirit—the breath of life, we come.

***Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with the presence of the resurrected Christ. A planet blooming with your presence, a world filled with your colors, running with the fauna, laughing with the breeze and shining through the stars.***

Lord, reveal yourself to us in this place, and show us your delight in all creation.

***Holy! Holy! Holy! We celebrate the songs of Your earth.***

\*Hymn of Praise "Let All Creation Bless the Lord" 25

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Response Gloria Patri 734

Greeting –Welcoming Christ Among Us

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Anthem "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Prayer of Illumination Leviticus 25:1-7, 23-24 89

\*Hymn of Reflection "All Things Bright and Beautiful" 30

Gospel Joshua 24: 1-5, 13-18 168-9

Sermon "You Eat the Fruit You Didn't Plant"  
Rev. Candice L. Klein

### Believing in God, We Respond

\*Affirmation of Faith (*–The Westminster Confession of Faith 6.023*)  
***"After making all other creatures, God created humanity, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness after God's own image. Having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it, and yet under a possibility of transgressing, they were left to the liberty of their own will. While they kept this law, they were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over all creatures. " This, we believe. Amen.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

**Offertory** "How Great Thou Art" Arr. Joel Raney

\*Doxology 34

Offertory Prayer

### Sent by God, We Go Out

\*Song of Sending "For the Beauty of the Earth" 40

Blessing and Sending

**Benediction Response** "This is My Father's World" 21  
(stanza 1)

Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able