



The Weekly Bulletin
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Please sign and pass the Register of Friendship during this time.

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection

Thomas Matthews

The Chancel Choir Brass and Timpani

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.

People: It will be said on that day, *Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him that he might save us.*

Leader: This is the Lord; we have waited for him.

People: Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE 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.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Easter Hymn

*PRAYER

Leader: O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

People: Keep us victorious over sin.

Leader: By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

People: Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy.

People: Give us joy in your service.

Leader: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

People: Direct our lives as your new creation.

(Silence)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

Mr. Drumheller

Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of the Children's Greeting, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.

ANTHEM

To the Lamb on the Throne

Dan Forrest

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!

Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, His presence we have,
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give Him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Worthy is the Lamb!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

Pew Bible, page 84

SERMON

He Is Risen!

Mrs. Ayscue

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold fast: That Christ died for our sins according to the scripture, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day, and that He appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. 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 believe in this God and will serve no other. With believers in every time and place, we confess that nothing in life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

This Joyful Eastertide

Dale Wood, hymnal 244

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

hymnal, page 606

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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus

Congregation and Choir

Organ

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and contains the instrumental introduction. The second and third staves are for the vocal parts, with lyrics underneath. The fourth staff continues the vocal melody. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow 'er and might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(During the passing of the cup, the congregation is invited to join the choir in singing Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, hymnal page 240.)

Thanksgiving

*HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross
(Brass interlude before stanza 4.)

Crucifer

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

George Frederic Handel

Hallelujah Chorus from 'Messiah'
(Please watch for the director's cue and join the choir in singing the final 'Hallelujah'.)

Hal - le - lu - jah!

The musical score for the Hallelujah Chorus is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single staff with the lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - jah!' underneath. The melody is simple and consists of four notes: G4, A4, B4, and G4.

*All who are able may stand.

We rejoice that you are worshipping with us today. If you are a member of this church, please seek out those who are visiting and welcome them to this family of faith. If you are visiting and would like to know more about the church and membership here, please speak with one of the ministers following worship.

The acolyte today is Angus Currie. After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

Thanks to Desmond Harrell and Beth Poolos, trumpets; Alexis Poolos and Jacqueline Poolos, trombones; and Woody Hunt, timpani.

There is no Children's Church today. School age children are encouraged to remain in worship this Easter. Nursery care is provided as usual.

Ushers: John Howell, captain; Brad Boone, Lee Boone, Bill Hall, Robin Howell, Adam Jolly, Jack Morton, Penny Morton, Ellen Snyder **Elder Greeters:** Keith Bryson; Martha Sue Hall **Nursery:** Jana Sanderson **Toddler Room:** Caroline Snyder **Preschool Partners:** Leah Beamon; Heather Deese **Nana & Papa Team:** Teresa Taylor; Shirley Welch **No Children's Church**

The table of Jesus Christ is open to everyone who trusts in him. Visitors and members of this congregation are invited to the table by Jesus, who is the host at this meal.

As a sign of our unity in Christ, the congregation will hold each element until everyone has been served. On cue from the minister, the congregation will partake together.

Gluten free bread is in the small dish on each bread tray.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Easter Sunday (March 27)...By supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, you are sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world. **When you give, you are changing lives!** Give to One Great Hour of Sharing to support these Presbyterian Mission Agency ministries as they strive to help all of God's people find resilience, hope, and faith in the face of challenging circumstances. This offering will be received along with the regular offering.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: Mike Dearstynne (brother of Holly Norwood; medical concerns), Ted Biggers (friend of Martha Sue Hall & Dan Samples), Dick Kolk (friend of Lynn & Martha White), Connie Watson (sister of Dan Samples; recovering from a stroke), Dexter Efird. **See newsletter for complete list.**

!!! SIGN-UP NOW !!!

Congregational Retreat at Camp Caraway

April 8-10

There are two housing options available for the Congregational Retreat:

Bunk Style Housing: \$102.00 per person

Single Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$186.00

Double Occupancy Hotel Style Rooms: \$162.00

(Prices include 4 meals.)



Scholarship applications are available on the counter in the common area outside the church office. **The deadline to return completed applications is Monday, April 11.** If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask a scholarship committee member. Committee members for 2016 are: Heather Deese, Chair, Al Andrew, Phillip Brown, Jim Sawyer, and Lee McLaurin, ex-officio.

Easter Lilies

In memory of:	Given by:
Johnny Andrew	His Family
Ian D. Bryson	Debra, David, Ellen, Donna, Keith, & Sheila
Ian Bryson	His Family
John, Nora, and James W. Duckwall	Ann Duckwall
Jerry and Betsy Earnhardt	John and Angie Earnhardt
Rodney Gervasi	Leah Beamon
Fay Granger	Mike, Laura, Caroline, Ben, Isabel, Andy, & Leo McLeod
M. Palmer Harris, Jr.	Palmer Jacob Schultz
Olin and Ruth Huneycutt.....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Verne Moose	Polly Moose
Mr. and Mrs. M.C. "Preacher" Morgan	Rodney & Rita Morgan
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morris	Rodney & Rita Morgan
Bob Palmer	Frankie Palmer

In honor of:	Given by:
Mildred Andrew	Her Family
Gloria Bryson	Debra, David, Ellen, Donna, Keith, & Sheila
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dearstyne,	Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood
Dr. and Mrs. Mike Dearstyne	Dr. & Mrs. Tom Norwood
Ella and Will.....	Grandparents John & Angie Earnhardt
Frank and Mary Green	Ellen Snyder

SO MUCH
ACCOMPLISHED,
still so much to do.



WEST AFRICA / WINSTON CARROO

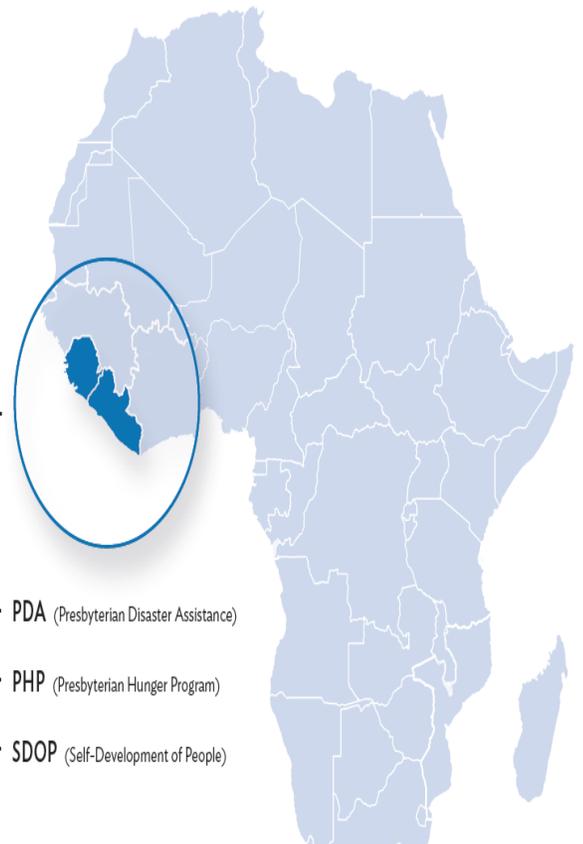


ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

THE WEST AFRICA INITIATIVE

Since 2007, the West Africa Initiative (WAI) has assisted in the rebuilding and rehabilitation of Liberia and Sierra Leone following years of civil wars. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People) have worked together with the people in West Africa to improve their lives and communities.

Your generous and consistent gifts to OGHS are joined with the gifts of creativity, expertise, and commitment of our church partner in West Africa to strengthen and reinforce sustainable development and food security.



..... PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)

..... PHP (Presbyterian Hunger Program)

..... SDOP (Self-Development of People)

SO MUCH ACCOMPLISHED



Increased Food Security & Livelihoods

More than 65 communities have received training and assistance to establish farming and microbusinesses, leading to self-reliant food production and decreased effects of food shortages.¹



Tools for Women to Lead

Hundreds of women have participated in livelihood training programs through the WAI, including beekeeping, raising livestock, and moringa tree production. These programs equip women with the knowledge and tools to provide for themselves and their families.²

STILL SO MUCH TO DO



Recovering from the Ebola Epidemic

The recent Ebola epidemic was a major setback for the progress in West Africa. The disease cost thousands of lives, forced businesses and schools to close, and led to food shortages. Communities involved in the WAI's efforts have seen increased resiliency, but the region as a whole is still recovering from the crisis.



Caring for Orphaned Children

It's estimated that more than 25,000 orphans live in Liberia and Sierra Leone, a number that dramatically increased due to the Ebola epidemic.³

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. —1 Peter 4:10

Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, you can serve people in your community and around the world by alleviating hunger, rebuilding after crises or catastrophe, and working with communities to overcome oppression.

A Few Examples of the Impact of Your Gifts

220,000 people received food, water, shelter, and medical care in the aftermath of the Nepal earthquakes. *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*

Over 308,000 people in over 30 countries now have increased food security and livelihoods through international development work. *Presbyterian Hunger Program*

More than 10,000 children and their families in five bateyes in the Dominican Republic have access to clean water, helping to prevent water-related diseases. *Self-Development of People*



Three Ways to Give

-  Through your congregation
-  Text OGHS to 20222 to give \$10 now
-  presbyterianmission.org/give-oghs

Resources:

- 1 - <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/hunger/wai/>
- 2 - <http://www.undp.org/content/dam/iberia/docs/docs/West%20African%20Initiative%20Equator%20Prize.pdf>
- 3 - <https://www.pcsa.org/news/2015/10/12/post-ebola-iberia-struggles-economic-orphan-and-b/>



Your gift can lift up the people of West Africa as they work to solve these challenges.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 27

Easter

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!

11:00 am *Worship

Monday, March 28

Easter Monday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

8:30 pm Pick-up Basketball

Thursday, March 31

10:00 am Staff Meeting

Friday, April 1

April Fool's Day

Sunday, April 3

Ten-Cents-A-Meal

9:45 am *Sunday School/ENGAGE!

11:00 am *Worship

12:00 pm Mission Committee (Session Room)

5:00 pm-7:00 pm SNL

***childcare provided**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MARCH

27-Lachlann Currie

29-Claude Harwood

31-Mandy Brown

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

MARCH

28-Larry & Carroll Sitton

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

01-Leslie Kinley

Kent Newport

02-Judith Gilbreath

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

APRIL

02-Michael & Kristen Laton

Lynn & Martha White

SCCM NEED FOR MARCH:

CANNED MEAT

(TUNA, CHICKEN, SPAM)

SCCM NEED FOR APRIL:

CANNED FRUIT