



The Weekly Bulletin  
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**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

PEALING OF THE BELLS

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

ANTHEM

*The Day of Resurrection*

Thomas Matthews

The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
Form death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright,  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, listening to His accents, may hear so calm and plain  
His own *All Hail!* and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein,  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes tighter blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end. Alleluia.

**\*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!

**People:** **He is risen indeed!**

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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)*

Concluding Prayer

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN**

Penny Morton

*Children will be invited to come forward. At the conclusion of Faith Sharing with Children, parents may take preschool children to the nursery.*

**ANTHEM**

*To the Lamb on the Throne*

Dan Forrest

*Worthy the Lamb. 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 the Lamb!**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL READING**

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

Pew Bible, page 84

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*He Is Risen!*

Mrs. Ayscue

The congregation is encouraged to participate in the prayer with the children.

Sermons are posted on the church's website ([www.fpcalbemarle.org](http://www.fpcalbemarle.org)).

You can usually find the previous Sunday's sermon by Wednesday.

**\*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

This hymn was written in 1968 just days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. It expresses Easter hope in the midst of deep sadness.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Invitation

Offertory

Doxology

*This Joyful Eastertide*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit, one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Dale Wood

hymnal, page 609

**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:

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Anthem

*Agnus Dei*

Malcolm Archer

*(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*

Crucifer

*(Brass interlude before stanza 4.)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

George Frederic Handel

*Hallelujah Chorus from 'Messiah'*

Hallelujah, for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lord,

And He shall reign for ever and ever, Hallelujah.

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



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\*All that are able may stand.

**We are grateful for your presence 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 Natalie Taylor.** After extinguishing the Christ candle, the acolyte takes the light of Jesus Christ out into the world.

**Thanks to the instrumentalists and the Chancel Choir for their musical leadership in worship today:** Desmond Harrell and Beth Poolos, trumpets; Alexis Poolos and Bradley Eudy, trombones; and Jacob Lancaster, timpani.

**Ushers:** Jack Morton, captain; Kyle Barbee, Taylor Barbee, John Earnhardt, Brent Lisk, Grant Lisk, Greg Lisk, Penny Morton, Jackson Palmer, Jeff Robertson, and Kim Robertson **Outside Ushers:** Eric Niederer; Greg Lisk **Elder Greeters:** Steve Coats; Jim Marshall **Nursery:** TBD **Kids Care Crew:** Chris Mabry; Greg Lisk

**There is no Children's Church today.** Children are encouraged to remain in worship on this day of resurrection.

**We ask that you keep these people in your prayers:** Elaine Coats (at home; recovering from compound fracture of the ankle), Davis Fort, Terry Morgan (at home; recovering from knee replacement), Patsy McLaurin (mother of Lee McLaurin). **See newsletter for complete list.**

**The table of Jesus Christ is open to everyone. We are invited to the table by the risen Christ, 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.**

**All bread is gluten free.**

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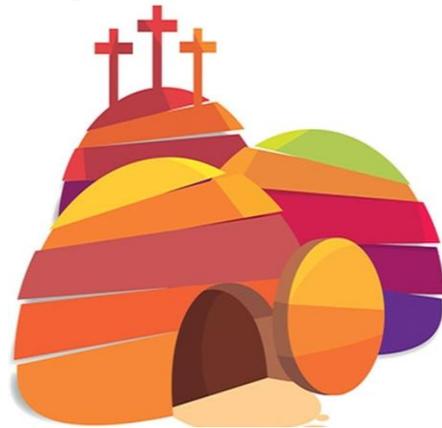
### **Easter Lilies**

<b>In memory of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Johnny Andrew.....	His Family
Richard and Betty Long .....	Al, Becky, Emily, & Jay Andrew
Rowena C. Warren .....	Jim & Leslie Carter
John, Nora, and James W. Duckwall .....	Ann Duckwall
Jerry and Betsy Earnhardt .....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Olin and Ruth Huneycutt.....	John & Angie Earnhardt
Virginia and Dr. F.L. Marshall.....	Kim & Jim Marshall
Anne and Ben Ridenhour .....	Kim & Jim Marshall
Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Dearstyne .....	Tom & Holly Norwood
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. "Freck" Norwood.....	Tom & Holly Norwood
Bob Palmer .....	Frankie Palmer
Juanita and Harry Murrell .....	Jane & Bill Pickler
Frances and Spencer Pickler .....	Jane & Bill Pickler
Our Parents .....	Dan & Martha Sue
Daniel Mann Whitley .....	David & Ellen Whitley

<b>In honor of:</b>	<b>Given by:</b>
The 2019 Confirmation Class .....	The Confirmation Partners
Mildred Andrew .....	Her Family
Davis Fort .....	Jim & Leslie Carter
Doris Forte.....	Jim & Leslie Carter
Jean Rabe.....	Jim & Leslie Carter
Patsy McLaurin .....	Lee McLaurin
Frankie Palmer .....	Jacob Palmer & Jackson Palmer
Debbie Wainwright .....	Anna Wainwright
Palmer Schultz.....	Mimi & Papa

# Easter Sunday

## April 21



**HE IS  
RISEN**

Celebrate the Resurrection!

**6:30 a.m.** Gather at the shelter at the top of Morrow Mountain to celebrate Easter with the rising of the sun! We'll be joined by the congregation of Bethany United Methodist Church for our resurrection worship. Be sure to dress for the weather and plan to enjoy a light breakfast after worship provided by the Fellowship Committee.

**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School for all ages.

**11:00 a.m.** Worship will include seasonal music, guest musicians, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

**Bread for the World**

**Better Nutrition...**

**Better Tomorrow**

Every child deserves a chance to survive and thrive.

When they thrive, so do economies...

which leads to greater global economic and political stability.

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### **Bread Bakers Needed**

Bread bakers (and shoppers) are needed for the May 5 bread sale to be held on Letter Writing Sunday. If you bake quick bread, sourdough, or yeast breads, call Ann Duckwall (704-983-3498) to tell her how you can help. Donations from the sale will be given to SCCM.

**OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 21**

*Easter/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Morrow Mountain State Park

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Easter Worship (Sanctuary)

**Monday, April 22**

*Earth Day*

*Easter Monday/Church Office Closed*

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:00 pm Scholarship Committee

**Wednesday, April 24**

*Administrative Professionals' Day*

6:30 am Toby Webb Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Thursday, April 25**

10:30 am Staff Meeting

**Sunday, April 28**

8:45 am \*Diaconate

9:45 am \*Sunday School

11:00 am \*Worship

5:00 pm-7:30 pm Youth Group

**\*childcare provided**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**APRIL**

22-Marshall Rogers

23-Emma Gibson

Polly Moose

24-Liz Davis

Anita Gower

Alexis Poolos

Jacqueline Poolos

Nicole Poolos

25-Emma Grace Lemons

Tommy Murrell

26-Ella Averette

John Kilde

27-Ethan Richards

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**APRIL**

22-Jim & Lori Ivey

24-Robin & Melissa Lemons

25-Steve & Kate Melone

28-Kevin & Adrienne Averette

**SCCM CHALLENGE FOR APRIL**

Canned Meat

Tuna, Chicken, Spam, Salmon