

First Presbyterian Church

Organized 1890

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Pastor, Rev. Mark Knowles

THE SESSION

Class of 2018
Betsey Adams
Mary Kate Beard
Sandra Jimerson

Class of 2019
Donna Hopkins
Susan Knowles
Lee Matthews

Class of 2020
Lonnie Feller
Greg Ledford

Perry

Leaming

Rev. Mark Knowles, Moderator

Lee Matthews, Clerk of Session

TRUSTEES

Stephen Henderson

Gary Gore

Franklin Bevel

Sherry Feller, Treasurer

Karen Selvage, Secretary

HOW WE ARE DOING

Weekly Giving (3/25/2018): \$ 2,355.00

Total March Giving: \$ 11,886.00

Year to Date Giving: \$ 33,456.50

Church Attendance: 47

Sunday School: 15

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Lena Aust, Sam Chandler Jr., David Casper - cancer (Lindsey Henderson's boyfriend), Ginger (Susan Henderson's friend), Roger and Faye Heath, David and Patsy Hughes, David Jimerson, Billy Kritner, Lori Lee, Gene Turner



H E I S
R I S E N

C E L E B R A T E T H E S A V I O R



ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE "He Was There All the Time" Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Will Celebrate" Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign friendship pad and pass it to your neighbor.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The joy of Easter brings us together in worship to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

People: We worship with the expectation that our faith will be strengthened.

Pastor: Our worship will also challenge us to respond with deeper commitment to our risen Lord.

People: We worship our risen Lord, inspired to serve him with renewed discipleship.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

***HYMN** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" No. 217

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our search for life has brought us to Christ, Father; but, like his disciples, we misunderstand his ministry and message. We deny ourselves the joy of Christ's presence in our lives as Lord and Savior. Forgive us for letting our discipleship be plagued with disinterest, and our life be threatened by death. Restore us to faithfulness, and raise us to new life, that we may experience a resurrection to eternal fellowship with our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Jesus said unto her. 'Neither do I condemn thee: go; and sin no more.'" (John 8:11)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 623

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CHORUS** "The Family of God" No. 282

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Crown Him Lord this Easter Day”

Choir
Accompanist, Bonita Hubble

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

Pg. 1584

SERMON

“THE LIFE WORTH LIVING”

Rev. Mark Knowles

RESPONSE

*HYMN

“Because He Lives”

No. 213

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles' Creed”

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Reach Out to Jesus”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

*DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*HYMN

“He Lives”

No. 220

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet human need”.

*POSTLUDE

“Because He Lives”

Sam Chandler, Jr., Organist
Bonita Hubble, Pianist

*Those who are able may stand