Welcome to



21 April 2019 Resurrection of the Lord

May God who gathers us around Himself in the Word and Sacrament to bless us with His forgiveness this morning be your source of comfort, strength and renewal as you worship today. In the Name of Christ, we are all called to come and hear that the Lord is Good!

Prelude – *Preparing our Souls through silence, reading and reflection* Announcements – *Sharing our life together*

Invocation and Confession – Entering into the Presence of the Lord

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ♣Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19) C: Amen

P: Make us to know your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for whom we wait. (Psalm 25:4-5) C: Amen

P: If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)

Silence for reflection and self-examination. P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

C: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit. Amen (Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12)

P: Let it be known to you, that through Jesus Christ, the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (1 John 1:6-7) He commanded us to preach and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:42-43) **C: Amen**

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship – Psalm 118 p. 839

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Wednesday– 5:00pm – Choir practice - Sanctuary 6:30pm – Men's Group – 15 Kirkley Circle Thursday – 10:15am & 7:00pm I Peter – Fellowship Hall

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

To celebrate the Transforming power of the Spirit of God raising Christ and inherent in you, we will flower the Cross with beautiful cut flowers after the Doxology is sung. There will be a basket of cut flowers at the foot of the Cross if you need some. Our joy is seeing how God can turn an ugly old rugged cross into a thing of True Beauty, simply by the precious blood of our Risen Lord!

Next Sunday at 2:00pm there will be an Ordination Service of a new pastor that Pr. Tom has been mentoring. You may not know, but Tom is the Dean of a Seminary based in Ottawa, Canada, with branches in Louisville, Florida, and, now Virginia. This will be a wonderfully awe inspiring service and everyone is invited. Just be warned – it will be very liturgical! There will be a reception afterward. Come and see!

We have been blessed for several years with the presence, gifts and work of Andrew Foster. But Andrew is graduating on 11 May and moving from our area. We will be having a special reception **19 May**** after the morning service to honor him and celebrate his graduating. Please plan to attend and wish Andrew our best!

The Church has hired Mona Thomas to as Pianist, Organist and Choir Director. Mona has decades of experience in churches and teaching at Randolph College. She is eager to expand our music program and increase children and special programs. Choir practices will move to Thursday evenings and therefore the Bible Study on Thursdays will move to Tuesday evenings, still at 7:00pm. We are excited to bring Mona on-board.

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*Hymn – # 302 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today""

First Lesson – Isaiah 65.17-22

Prayer Hymn – #328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

Pastoral Prayer (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)

Second Lesson – I Corinthians 15.19-26

Offertory - Choir Anthem

*Doxology-#95

*Flowering the Cross

*Gospel – Luke 24. 1-12 Our response is, **"Praise be to thee, O Christ"**

Sermon "Our King is Here; Front and Center!"

Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Unending Hymn: 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.

The Mystery of Faith: Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ

*Hymn – # 364 "Because He Lives"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Dismisal and Recessional

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, Barbara Kurtz, Juniper Noyes, JoEllen & Wayne Shafer, Pat Day, June Sommers, Bill Wingfield, Greg Marsh, Don Gifford (Jim Burns' brother in law), Terrell Salmon, John Wright, Betty Lou Hall, Liz Griffin, Larry Shepley, Avonna Grace, Dot flanik, and our missionaries, the Arrington's.

The family of June Weeks Kandance (Judy's grand daughter) who is pregnant & has kidney stones Jack Jeffers, Agnes' cousin in Colorado Jim Newman Lorraine Shepley Linda Shiflet, Barry's cousin, with non-Hodgkins lymphoma. Gretchen Wright Ellie Marks, Taylor Harlow Ken Towler, lymphoma R.C. North, friends of Carey Griffin Robert Wright's father Allen, friend of Kelly's, in critical need of a kidney transplant. Frank Patrick in your prayers as his cancer may have returned. David Douthat, good friend of Dave Mason's stepdad Marie Coates, Sue Rossiter's sister, at Heartland Kathy Stark, friend of Gail's mom, Stage 4 Lymphoma Carey's great nephew, John. Little Emmielou, Carey's niece Rosanna Tropp, Rick and Dawn's daughter in law, Cassidy Richardson, 14 year old daughter of a friend of Carey's, with cancer. Kim Harmin, friend of Dawn's, muscular issues Adam Burns, Dawn's nephew, at sea. Betty and Harold Shepherd, friends of Martha Mahanes *Requested by Dot Flanik* children Kim Blaum & Erik Blaum, PTSD *Requested by Barbara Kurtz* Michele Karras, a friend with ALS Requested by Glenn and Ruth Harvey Sharron Powell, stage 4 cancer Lisa Reynolds Farley Bomar Requested by Agnes Lowry-Campbell Barbara Brown; Bill & Nancy Coursey Sylvia Johnson Barbara Hackett, cancer Requested by Tom Gough Bill and Ann Smith