Welcome to



25 April 21

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

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 and Prayer Concerns– *Sharing our life together* Congregational Prayer

Invocation and Confession – *Entering into the Presence of the Lord* P: In the name of the Father, and of the **\(\mathbb{H}\)** 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**

Announcements and Schedule

Studies this Week:

Sunday Morning Worship Service – 10:00am Wednesday – 7:00pm – Women's Group – see below 7:00pm – Men's Group – 1064 Amanda Ct

To honor social distancing we are not passing the offering plates. During the Offertory, you are invited to bring your offerings either to the plate at the Altar or the one on the rear table in the Sanctuary. Also, we are using the small cups for Communion so please make sure you pick one up from the table in the Narthex. Thank you.

The Women At the Well will begin a new Bible study on April 28th at 7pm. with Sherry Bryant and Judy Kinzer co-facilitators. We will meet at the home of **Rosemary and Sarah Dietrich located at 1064 Amanda Court, Forest.** Their home telephone number is 434-534-8288. The study will be guided by the book *Finding I Am by Lysa TerKeurst*. All participants are asked to purchase the book and it can be found on Amazon, Lifeway, Barnes and Noble, and local Christian bookstores. Please send an e-mail to Judy Kinzer at judyinforest@gmail.com confirming your participation if you have not done so already. This promises to be a very enriching study and there are exciting discoveries to be had!!

The Well Church will celebrate her 10^{th} Anniversary on July 3^{rd} . To celebrate that we will have a church-wide cook-out and BBQ at the Bryant's house (1237 Austin Mill Evington 24550; just 2 miles from Wildwood) on **July 10^{th}** from 11-3. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. More details to follow

Please review the Prayer List and let Jen or Pr. Tom know of any changes that need to be made to update it.

If you would like to participate in our Worship Service through reading the Scripture, please contact Jen Reynolds, and, if you would like to receive the upcoming Lections emailed each Monday.

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Call to Worship – Psalm 23

*Hymn – "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

First Lesson – Acts 4.1-12

Call to Prayer – "The Gift of Love"

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

Second Lesson – I John 3.16-24

Offertory -

"The Rose"

Jeanne Pribble

(Please place your offering in one of the plates)

*Doxology - #95

*Gospel - : John 10.11 - 18

Our response is, "Praise be to thee, O Christ"

Sermon - "Knowing the Truth"

*Apostles' Creed

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 Individually

*Hymn – "O, How I Love Jesus"

*Benediction

Prayer List

Tom Langford, Bill Warman, Carolyn Ashwell, June Sommers, Liz Griffin, Harry Burns, Larry Shepley, Betty Mann, Katie Epley, Dawn Tropp, Eddie Jones, Yvette Clark, Kristy Duke, Dot Flanik, David Lindsay, Bob Carson, Darby Atkins, Jean McCormick and persecuted Christians around the world.

Let us pray for all our elected Officials and our Country.

Bella, Tom Langford's dog

Darby Atkins, recovering from surgical procedure

Lynn Swartz, friend of Bea's, multiple heart issues

Bea, recuperating from knee adjustment this past week

Linda Thaxton, friend of Agnes, had a stroke

Ken McBride, friend of Agnes, broken ankle and wife Natalie

Donny Baker, friend of Glenn Harvey, in need of a liver transplant

Howard Dillon, friend of Glenn, recuperating from pneumonia

Chris Wright, friend of Brandon, severe health issues

Leslie Hair, friend of Agnes, needs liver transplant

Elijah, Yvette Clarks' great grandson, with seizures

Mitzie, Sue Rossiter's dog

Bruce Lineburger, Dave Gardner's cousin, liver cancer

Elwood Hutchins and his wife, with dementia, friends of Martha

Olivia Rowsey, Maggie's friend, 16 yo with Leukemia

Lynn Ruppe, Gail's sister, back issues

Kenny Milnor, friend of Tom Langford's, with COVID

Kenneth Lowry, in nursing home (Agnes' brother)

Paul Dietz, Ann Behnke's father

Sherry Bryant, knee issues from a fall

Nancy Turner, friend of Martha Mahanes

Camden Clark, Yvette's grandson,

Joan Smith, cancer, and her family, family of Mary Gough

Christie Smith, family of Bea Gardner, recovering from surgery

Shane Miller, Patty's son, Gwen's dad,

Colin Griffin, Web and Carey's nephew

Remington Richmond, Pat Wheeler's great nephew

Dr. Jim and Sue Henry, Mona's parents

Melody Henry, Mona's sister a nurse and all health care givers

Maria Coates, Sue Rossiter's sister

Kenneth Dickerson, husband of a friend of Jen's, has lung cancer

Cassidy Richardson, 14-year-old daughter of a friend of Carey's,

Betty Shepherd, friend of Martha Mahanes

Kim Blaum & Erik Blaum, PTSD, Dot Flanik's children

Sharon Powell, cancer, and Lisa Reynolds, Requested by the Harveys

^{*}Dismissal and Recessional