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Easter Sunday

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*(+) Those who are able please stand **Bold - congregation responds as able***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen, indeed!

+HYMN

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ had led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

SERMON *“I Have Seen the Lord”* Pastor Chuck Maxfield

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (responsive)

1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossians 1:15-20

This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the woman,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen**

OFFERING

+HYMN

“He Arose”

**Low in the grave He lay Jesus, my Savior!
Waiting the coming day Jesus, my Lord!**

Refrain

**Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign:
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

**Vainly they watch His bed Jesus, my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead Jesus, my Lord!**

Refrain

**Death can not keep His prey Jesus, my Savior!
He tore the bars away Jesus, my Lord!**

Refrain

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

If, at times, we deny you:

God forgive.

**If, at times, when the risks of discipleship are high,
we are nowhere to be found:**

God forgive.

If, at times,

we wash our hands of responsibility:

God forgive.

If, at times,

**we cast our lot with powerful oppressors
and seek to buy freedom with silver:**

God forgive.

If, at times,

**fear keeps up from witnessing to your truth,
or prejudice keeps us from believing it:**

God forgive.

**In the bright light of Easter morning,
our sin is exposed,
but your grace is revealed.**

**Tender God,
we are bold to come before you
and ask you to forgive us.**

**Help us to leave behind our foolish doubt
so that with joy we may witness
to your awesome deeds
in Jesus the Risen One.**

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

+SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

+HYMN

“Because He Lives”

**God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

Refrain

**Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still, the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

Refrain

continued →

And then one day I'll cross that river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Refrain

+COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

+RESPONSE

*God be with you till we meet again. By His counsels
guide uphold you, With His sheep securely fold you.
God be with you till we meet again.*



* Large print bulletins are available, see any usher.

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Welcome Visitors – We warmly welcome you and ask that before you leave today, please make sure to sign the guestbook on the podium out in the Narthex.

Holy Communion – We invite you to join us in sharing Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church to come to Christ's Table. All mature believers are welcome to receive the bread and cup of the Lord.

Easter Flowers – If you sponsored flowers for our Easter Services, we thank you! Remember to pick them up on your way home. Each flower has your name on it in case you forgot what you ordered.

Grocery Gift Cards to Support Missions: Giant, Redner's, & Weis – See Connie Hile

Fundraiser – Contact our sexton, Charles Anhalt, for discounted in-house tile and carpet cleaning. 20% of all proceeds received will be donated to our church in honor of you. Contact Charles at 484-333-1424.

Part Time Help Wanted – Anhalt Carpet & Tile Cleaning is looking for part-time/per-diem help. If you are interested or want more details please contact Charles at 484-333-1424

VBS Help Needed – Volunteer forms are in the Narthex and on the window sills...Please consider helping out with VBS! You can now also sign-up online at www.stjohnhillucc.org

Help Wanted! – Would you like to help during the worship service with announcements and reading scripture? See Nikki if you are interested in helping out as a Worship Assistant!

Mission Trip Sign-up – See Connie or Mark Hile or visit <https://stpaulsbirdsboro.org/2019-mtb-volunteer-registration.html> There will be a special sign-up Sunday NEXT week.

Membership Update - The consistory has decided to go through our membership list to update addresses, phone numbers, & emails. You may receive a phone call or post card to fill out and return to the church. We would like to have the list completed and ready for when we call our new pastor. Thank You for your cooperation.

VBS Fundraiser – We are asking YOU to be a part of VBS this year. Help us by participating in our ROARing contest by voting on your favorite an African Drum. To vote you can place money in a jar by the drum you want to win - all “votes” will be used to purchase music CDs for each VBS family. The winning drum maker will receive a VBS t-shirt! Voting will take place from April 21-May 5!

Collection – VBS needs toilet paper and paper towel rolls! Please place empty rolls in the box marked in the Narthex!

VBS Donations – The VBS donation wall is up in the narthex. In addition to the items on the wall we need to ask if you have any items in your home we can borrow. If you have any of the items below, please bring them to church and place them in the primary floor Sunday School rooms and also make sure your name is on them so they can be returned to you. Items needed are:

- Safari/ fishing/ explorer Vest
- Safari Hat
- Binoculars
- Stuffed or inflatable African animals
- Round baskets

We also need (these items will not be returned):

- Brown Paper Bags
- Grass Skirts
- Bright Green Poster Board

May Sponsorship Opportunities

Altar Flowers: 5, 26

If you would like to sponsor an upcoming Sunday, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nikki in the church office.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday - April 21

Easter Sunday

6:15 am Outdoor Sunrise

Worship Service

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

Joyful Noise Offering

Newsletter Deadline

Monday - April 22

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - April 24

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK:

Sunday - April 28

8:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Worship Service

2:00 pm Covenant Assoc.

Meeting

Monday - April 29

9 am Bible Study

Wednesday - May 1

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday - May 2

5:00 pm Women's Guild Visit

with Marie Brumbach

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" ~1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the men and women in the military, your neighbors and community, and our church. Pray for all those celebrating miracles. Prayers for all those who are suffering from violence, fear for their lives, those who have been affected by violent acts, those suffering from wounds and most importantly those who have lost a loved one.

Help us keep our prayer list up to date. To add, remove, or update a prayer request, please contact the church office or place a colored prayer request slip from your pew in the offering plate. Prayer requests are kept on the list for a 4 week period, if you would like the person to remain on the list for an additional 4 weeks, please contact Nikki with an update.

Brad Kolb (Geneva Kolb's Son) ----- disabled

Vaughn Skoog-----home, but still recovering from fall

Marie Schollenberger-----at Chestnut Knoll

Serving Today

Consistory Helpers for April: Bonnie Helmick & Arlan Schaeffer.

This week's bulletins are sponsored by in honor of Cindy Stott's birthday.

This week's flowers are sponsored by Mark & Connie Hile in honor of their anniversary.

Next week's sponsors:

Bulletins: Bill & Dawn Endy

Flowers: Helen Dotterer

2019 Flower & Bulletin Sign-up sheets are posted on the Narthex bulletin board. If you sponsor flowers for the week, please remember to take them with you after the service; if you do not want to take your flowers home, please let Nikki know and she will make sure they get to a shut-in to enjoy.

Last Week

Last Week's Attendance:

Church: 79

Last Week's Offering: \$2,914.00

2019 Weekly Budgeted Expenses: \$2,975.29

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