SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 21, 2019  9:00 A.M. and 11:15 A.M.

*Those who are able will please stand.

**Bold print** = Congregational participation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*MOMENT FOR GREETING

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

(Let the Congregation prepare for worship with silent prayer.)

PRELUDE  
Toccata in B minor  
Eugene Gigout

CHORAL INTROIT  
Hallelujah, Amen!  
G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

*Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.*

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

*Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God’s love.*

The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

*Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!*  

**HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 204**  
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Responsive)

No matter the situation, no matter the problem, no matter the trouble, God is always with us.

*God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us and rebirth us now and always!* (Silence is kept.)

Yes, most certainly on Easter but every day as well!

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Awesome God, your steadfast love endures always.

*God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us and rebirth us now and always!* (Silence is kept.)

As we celebrate the promise of Easter, remind us that our lives can and will be totally transformed, just as the disciples were on that first Easter.

*God is always ready and willing to receive us, redeem us, renew us, restore us, refresh us and rebirth us now and always!* (Silence is kept.)

Help us to savor the mighty power of this Resurrection Day; in our risen Lord. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Responsive)

Our blessings, they come from God.

Jesus receives us! Jesus redeems us! We are forgiven.

Our blessings they come from God!

Forgiveness in Jesus’ name renews us. We are restored and refreshed. Our blessings they come from God!

We are God’s people, children of the living God!

**GLORIA PATRI**

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

(Children 3K-2nd grade may leave for the Children’s Worship Service during the 11:15 service. McArn, Rm 40)

ANTHEM  
O Divine Redeemer  
Charles Gounod

(ari Dickinson, soloist)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“A Premature Announcement”  
Reverend Jim Burton

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN NO. 205  
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain  
Hymnal, page 12

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (Together)  
The Apostles’ Creed  
Hymnal, page 12

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

TI THERS AND OFFERINGS

Call to Giving

Offertory Music  
The Strife Is Over  
Palestrina

*The Doxology  
Hymn No. 544

*Prayer of Dedication (Together)

Lord God, who has given to us so many gifts, your generosity is sometimes even more than we can comprehend. We praise you for all your loving gifts. Now we bring to you our gifts. May these gifts that we bring now, and our lives, be dedicated by you for service and ministry. May all that we do show to all the world your great love for all humankind; in Christ’s name. Amen.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 208  
The Day of Resurrection!

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE  
Finale from Symphony for Organ  
Louis Vierne

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The flowers placed in the sanctuary today are given in loving memory of their son, Lang Thomas Clithero, their parents Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Henry Clithero, and Mr. & Mrs. R.P. Crowe by Bob & Pat Clithero.

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad that you have come to share in worship with us.

A Nursery for small children is available during the worship service in McArn Building, Room 38.
CONGREGATIONAL NOTES
April 21, 2019

SUNDAY
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:00 AM SS/Easter Egg Hunt/Butterfly Release
11:15 AM Worship Service
4:30 PM Griefshare

MONDAY
11:00 AM Pilates

TUESDAY
1:00PM Pastor Jim at Starbucks
4:00 PM Prayer Group
4:30 PM VBS workday

WEDNESDAY
3:15 PM Choir+Plus/Pioneers

THURSDAY
10:30 AM Pastor Jim at Starbucks
4:30 PM VBS workday

USHER CAPTAIN: 9:00 A.M. Freddie Myers 11:15 A.M. John Thomas
GREETER CAPTAIN: 9:00 A.M. Mike Satterwhite 11:15 A.M. Joey Mayconich

PRAYER CONCERNS:
MEMBERS: Bettesue Webber, Susan Marshall, Jim and Gail Sinclair, Jim Macfie, Betty Coombs, Lyn Bradley, Nell Weir, Butch Williams
FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lou Beth Kelly (Jody’s mother), Jim Holmes (friend of Serena Ogburn), Betty Whitman (Debbie Herman’s mother), Collins Watts (child – friend of Prestages), Amy Mulvaney (friend of Susan Coble), Debra Taylor, Alisa K. (friend of the Blanks), Caitlin Siems (the Outlaw’s granddaughter), Tammy Clay (Dan Outlaw’s sister), Parkin and Emily Thomas (John Thomas’ parents), Anna Moody, Tami Hames (friend of the Satterwhites), Scott Gibbes, Jeff Tindall (friend of Cathy Floyd), Leigh Ann Mellichamp (friend of Cathy Floyd), Wanda H. Hein (friend of Lindsay and Angie Guy), Anna Ruth Cox (relative of Jim Moody & Jamey Price), Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon’s cousin), Clara Fife (Lisa McCaskill’s mother), Phyllis Davis (friend of the Barfields), Tatum Stidham (granddaughter of Steenrods), Kathleen Burdin, Bob Beard, Catherine French, Josie Tiller (Dickie & Kay Tiller’s great niece)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
Contributions (April 14-19) $8,980
Weekly Budget $11,339
YTD Budget $170,085
YTD Contributions $155,238

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY
There will be one worship service on Sunday, May 5th at 11:15am.

2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
If you are graduating from high school this year, please let John Gardner know so that we can recognize all of our graduates on Sunday, May 19th.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:00am - Early Easter Worship Service
10:05am - Sunday School (Children are asked to meet in their Sunday School Classes at the regular time. No Adult SS classes, but we will have Donuts/coffee and fellowship time in Westminster Hall. Youth will be hiding the Easter Eggs on the front lawn during this time.)
10:20am - Children dismissed from their Sunday School classes and report to the front lawn
10:25am - All children ages 2 yrs old - 5th grade participate in the Easter Egg Hunt & Butterfly Release. Parents, grandparents, family members, and anyone wishing to watch the children participate in the Easter Egg Hunt & Butterfly Release are welcome to join the fun!
   *Don't forget your Easter Baskets and cameras!
11:15am – Second Easter Worship Service

DIRECTORY UPDATE
In anticipation of welcoming a new minister to Bethesda, we plan to update the church directory. Beginning Palm Sunday (April 14, 2019) Johnny Deal will be taking photographs of members of the congregation in the church courtyard. Photos will be taken after the first service throughout the Sunday School hour and after the second service. We will run this program for 5 weeks, with the last opportunity being Mother’s Day (May 12, 2019). Please join us in this vital ministry program.

JOIN PASTOR JIM FOR COFFEE
Pastor Jim will be at Starbucks on Tuesday, April 23rd from 1-2:30pm and Thursday, April 25th from 10:30-12:00pm.
Since 1949, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has joined with many ecumenical partners in sharing God’s love with people in need through One Great Hour of Sharing. Presbyterians’ gifts help God’s children know hope in their time of need and despair. These gifts help people to find safe refuge in order to start their lives anew, to learn new trades and skills to feed and support themselves and their families, and to obtain better healthcare. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our brothers and sisters around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

We will collect this offering on Easter Sunday, April 21.

WORSHIP NOTES
Pastor Jim is available for pastoral visits, conversation, personal visits most any time.
Call his cell phone to make sure that he's available. 803-225-4051
He will also be available at the baptismal font for personal prayer and voluntary anointing at both services.

What is a CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP during a worship service?
This phrase is not new in reformed Presbyterian worship. This phrase always asks for a spiritual checkup from every individual with no exceptions. The Reverend William Holmes, a PC (USA) pastor said every Sunday including his last day leading worship, “If there is anyone here this morning who has never had the high and holy privilege of declaring faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ, I invite you to do so this day by speaking with one of the Elders. If you are a stranger within our gates and have no church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining with this congregation. And if you are visiting with us only for today, please know that you have made the joy of this hour complete.” Occasionally, I will ask the congregation to take an action. I might ask you to make amends with a friend or to call a relative that you struggled with in the past. I have asked to consider your Christian walk and even adjust your walk to be in line with Jesus’ example many examples. After worship, I stay at the Baptismal Font for personal prayer and/or anointing and to participate in your spiritual journey or requests. In doing this, I am blessed to be your spiritual friend. (JDB)

Congregational Engagement Retreat
For Pastoral Search
YOU ARE INVITED
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019
5:00-7:30 PM

WE NEED YOUR PRESENCE!!!!
WE NEED YOUR VOICE!!!!

The Congregational Engagement Retreat on Sunday, May 19, 2019 will be an important and exciting event in the life of the Church. It is an opportunity for YOU, the congregation, to provide input into the pastor selection process. One of the first steps in the process of pastoral selection is the creation of a Ministry Information Form (MIF). The MIF includes a detailed description of the Congregation, its ministries and the criteria we will be looking for in a new pastor. At the Retreat, through small group discussions, your input will be collected and used by the PNC to help create the MIF. Please attend this important event. It will be fun and engaging. We will begin with a barbeque supper at 5:00 PM followed by the Congregational Engagement for the MIF. Child care will be provided.

Blessings,
Pastor Nominating Committee
Bill Ligon, Patricia Geddings, Jane Clyburn, Neal Blank, Jr., Angie Guy, Johnny Deal, Bill Nettles

BETHELDA PRESENTS DON PIPER
Inspirational Speaker and New York Times Best-Selling Author of 90 Minutes in Heaven and Heaven is Real.
All are welcome. Come hear the simple, amazing story of death and life and hope we have in Jesus Christ.

ADMISSION IS FREE
Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m. Westminster Hall Message: 90 Minutes in Heaven
Sunday, May 5, 11:15 a.m. Sanctuary Message: People I Met at the Gates of Heaven
Bethesda Vacation Bible School 2019
ROAR: Life is Wild; God is Good.

Bethesda’s Vacation Bible School NEEDS YOU! Please commit to help with VBS 2019. The experience is truly so fun and rewarding! It is a great once-a-year opportunity to share your time and talents for God’s glory! Thank you on behalf of VBS, the children, Bethesda, and the community!

Here are the specifics of what we need volunteer commitments ASAP:
Crew Leaders (in charge of leading a group of children around station to station)
Decorating Leader KidVid Room
Helpers to come on scheduled work days to assist Decorating Leaders

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR ROAR VBS!!
NEEDED BY APRIL 15th

- 6 9x12 canvas drop cloths
- 3 4x12 canvas drop cloths
- Zip ties
- Lanterns
- Brown craft paper—LOTS!
- Brown paint and paint brushes
- Large plastic flower pots (cheap ones)
- Duct tape – black & brown
- Double sided tape
- plastic table cloths – yellow, orange, green, brown
- Large boxes
- XL boxes(refrig/stove/washing machine)
- 2 camping cots
- large cereal and oatmeal boxes
- Old suitcases
- camping gear
- Artificial trees, bushes, leaves
- wooden crates, large baskets

VBS WORKDAYS
Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30pm
to help prepare the decorations for VBS!

HONDURAN MISSION TRIP REQUEST
Hi fellow members of Bethesda Presbyterian Church,

I am grateful to have been accepted to join a Christian mission team that will be serving two impoverished Honduran communities in July this summer. Our team will be assisting in a rural mountain community of about 55 families near Catacamas and also in Las Flores which is an even smaller community. Both have little water, electricity and medical care. Our mission focuses on Christian service to others where we will be assisting local teachers with language lessons, conducting a vacation Bible school for the village children, supplying building materials and working on a building project (a previous group built latrines for the village) and sharing the Gospel. We will also assist Predisan (medical ministry out of San Antonio, Texas that maintains an ongoing relationship with the villages) with medical service to these communities. My fundraising goal is $2,600 for the trip. In addition to that fundraising goal, I am working as a lifeguard at the Kershaw County Recreation Department and other odd jobs to raise the money for my airfare to Miami and other travel related expenses. Bethesda Session has graciously allowed any donations to be earmarked for this mission project. I appreciate your prayers both for our team that we glorify God in all that we do in Honduras and for the communities where we will be serving.

Sincerely,
Neal Blank, Jr

SACKS OF LOVE
Monetary donations are welcome and needed to fill any shortfalls that we may have in donated food items. Anyone interested in volunteering to help shop, pack or deliver to the school this year, please email Dee and Neal Blank, Jr. at nealdeeblank@aol.com.

Items needed:
*All should be individual serving sizes with pop-tops or tear-off lids*
- Tuna, chicken, spam
- Peanut butter or cheese crackers
- Beanie Weenies
- Vienna sausage
- Spaghettios, Beefaroni, or other canned pasta
- Poptarts
- pudding cups
- Raisins
- Instant oatmeal
- Soup
- Instant grits
- Individual cereal boxes
- Fruit or applesauce cups
- Canned vegetables
- Juice boxes