

balmoral presbyterian church service of worship

April 22, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00am

**asterisk invites you to please stand if you are able*

please turn your cell phones to silent

Choral Introit

“Welcome”

Mark Miller

Chiming the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Don Lamb

One: Children of God, look what Christ has done for us!

All: Christ has shown us the way of love.

One: Children of God, we are commanded to love:

All: to love God with heart, soul and strength and our neighbor as ourselves.

One: In the love of our God, we live secure.

All: In the love of God, we abide. In our love and faith, God abides in us!

One: Let us praise the God of love whose Son and Spirit dwell in us!

*Hymn 755

“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

WEISSE FLAGGEN

Confession

Rev. Carla Meisterman

All: Loving God, You have come near to us in Christ. Your grace and Your love is so great You raised Your son to give us life. You long for Your love to flow through us to change the world, but we limit the power of Your love. We love things more than You. We love comfort more than service. We love having our way. You sent Your son to us to teach us heaven’s love. Forgive us that we have not devoted our lives to living what he taught.

Keep a generous silence, and listen to your life.

Assurance

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Share the Peace of Christ

Don Lamb

*Congregational Chorus 248 (v. 2) “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

bpc mission statement

We will respond to our call to share bread with the hungry,
befriend the marginalized,
and engage our minds, talents and treasures
toward building a community reflective of God’s Kingdom.



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music director
leiza collins
pianist
lynn ward
bell choir
mary hattie mc alister &
carolyne kelley
child care attendants

Announcements

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Musical Offering

“Brother James’ Air”

arr. Mack Wilberg

Prayer for Illumination

Don Lamb

Centering Silence...*Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.*

Scripture

Psalms 23 & I John 3:16-24

Don Lamb & Rev. Carla Meisterman

Sermon

Rev. Carla Meisterman

Silent Reflection...*In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.*

Hymn 215 (please remain seated)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

The Prayers of God’s People

Don Lamb

A Time for Offerings

Don Lamb

Please place tithes, offerings, and sign-up sheets in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund to help with rebuilding after the 2017 fires and hurricanes. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry.

Offertory

*Hymn 710

“We Lift Our Voices”

OFFERING

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Usher

*Hymn 343 (vv. 1-4, 6)

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

GERMANY

*Charge and Blessing

Rev. Carla Meisterman

*Benediction Hymn

“Lord, Let Us Leave Now”

Old English Tune

Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.

Though we have some questions, our faith in Thee is sure.

We know Thou art with us; Thy way will endure.

Lord, let us leave now, filled with Thee anew,
and pledged to Thy service in all that we do.

announcements...

- **HEADSETS** for improved hearing are available in the sound booth at the window side of the sanctuary.
- **TODAY** is our **FIVE WISHES** presentation. Stay in the sanctuary after worship for an informative and important program which helps you learn how to start and structure important conversations about care in times of serious illness and transitions. Russell Belisle with Methodist Health will guide us in how to have the discussions. Light snacks will be available.
- Next Sunday, April 29, 2018, is the **MARY AND MARTHA: THE MUSICAL** at 5:00pm with a potluck to follow. Fran Addicott has written this musical, and our choir will be performing it in a Readers Theater style. Bring a dish to serve 12 people. Meat and drinks will be provided.
- Get ready for **VOTING HOSPITALITY** on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, when our neighbors come to vote in the Shelby County Primary Election. **SIGN UP** today to serve as a greeter during the election hours of 7am to 7pm. Please bring a light snack to serve our guests. You can drop it off on Monday, April 30, 2018, between 10am and 2pm in the church office. It can also be left in the kitchen, clearly labeled “Snacks for VOTING.” Let’s continue our tradition of being the friendliest place to vote in Shelby County.
- Mark your calendars for the **BPC HEALTH FAIR**, Sunday, May 7, 2018, in the narthex, immediately after worship. A variety of health care providers will be here to consult on everything from arthritis to senior services and much more!
- Mark your calendar for **PENTECOST**, Sunday, May 20, 2018, from 4pm to 6:30pm at the Rhodes College Bryan Life Center. Come worship with your Presbyterian family as the Presbytery of the Mid-South gathers.
- You should have received a postcard this week about saving the date for our **50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**, September 15 and 16. Please be sure to RSVP to tell us how many in your family will be attending: by phone, by email, or by filling out the **SIGN-UP** sheet in the friendship pad.
- **NO BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

our worship has ended...our service begins...