

Morning Worship
April 15, 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter

We Gather in God's Name

Greeting Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Choral Introit *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

*Call to Worship Beth Witherspoon

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence and, with his disciples, cry, "The Lord has risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 236 *The Strife is O'er*

Call to Confession

God judges all people impartially according to their deeds. Trusting in God's love in Jesus Christ, let us confess our sins before God and one another, so that we may know the forgiveness of God.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. Because of this love, made clear in Jesus Christ, we can rejoice that we are forgiven of all rebellion and strong-headedness. God is ever-present with us to guide us home. Friends, trust the good news of your salvation,

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Sermon

Preschool-Kindergarten age children are dismissed to the Pray n' Play program held in the room beside the church nursery in the main Church building. Children who are in the 1st grade and higher should return to their seats in the congregation.

Report from Long Island, Bahamas, Mission Team

Dan Tillman, Jennifer Tillman, Molly McNeil

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson Luke 24:13-35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Surprising Way"

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Service of Ordination and Installation (Elder Libby Knight)

Opening Scripture (1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27)

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

Statement of Purpose

The Constitutional Questions

Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Ordination and Installation (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Declaration and Charge

*Declaration of Faith (*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri* (hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Holy Interruption *We greet our neighbors in Christ's love*

Offering Invitation

Offertory

* Praise of God *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee

Prayer of Dedication

We Depart in God's Name

* Hymn 314 *Longing for Light We Wait in Darkness*

* Benediction and Sending

* Choral Response *Amen*

* Postlude

The **flowers** are placed in the sanctuary by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Conn in loving memory of their parents.

We **welcome** Beth Maier as our pianist today.

Elder in Charge of Greeting

Tracie Phillips

Deacons in Charge of Ushers

Kaye Marsh and Kim Brabham

Prayer List as of April 15, 2018

Benny Moore

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Gerry Rogers

Pam Chapman

Dee Pierce

Residents at Presbyterian Communities of SC

Ruth Leggett – Columbia

Artha Sompayrac – Summerville

B. J. Moore - Summerville

Copies of the **extended prayer list** (which includes non-members) can be obtained by calling the church office.

To be a good steward of God's blessings, please bring a can or two to help "fill the wagon" for the McArn Community Ministry. The need for canned goods is very high. The red wagon will be in the narthex every Sunday. Thanks for your generosity!

The Church This Week (4/15/2018)

Today	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	MMO
	3:00 p.m.	Fun Program
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thurs.	5:30 p.m.	Session
Sat.		Pancake Fundraiser
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Nursery/Pray N' Play

April 15	Hadleigh Smith
April 22	Becky Childers
April 29	Laura Folger

Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in Fellowship Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 am

After Church Mission Trip Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday May 6, 2018.

Report Back to the Congregation and 2019 Mission Kickoff Luncheon on Sunday, October 7, 2018

The Anson Singers will perform on Sunday, April 29th at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. They will sing anthems based on American Hymn Tunes. Everyone is invited.

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold, Pastor
 Mrs. Carolyn S. West, Secretary
 Mr. James W. Kendall, Sexton
 Mrs. Arneha Kendall, Housekeeper
 Mrs. Mary Gulledege, Mrs. Debra Jewart, Nursery

The Church Staff

Mr. Mac McCall, DCE & Director of Choirs
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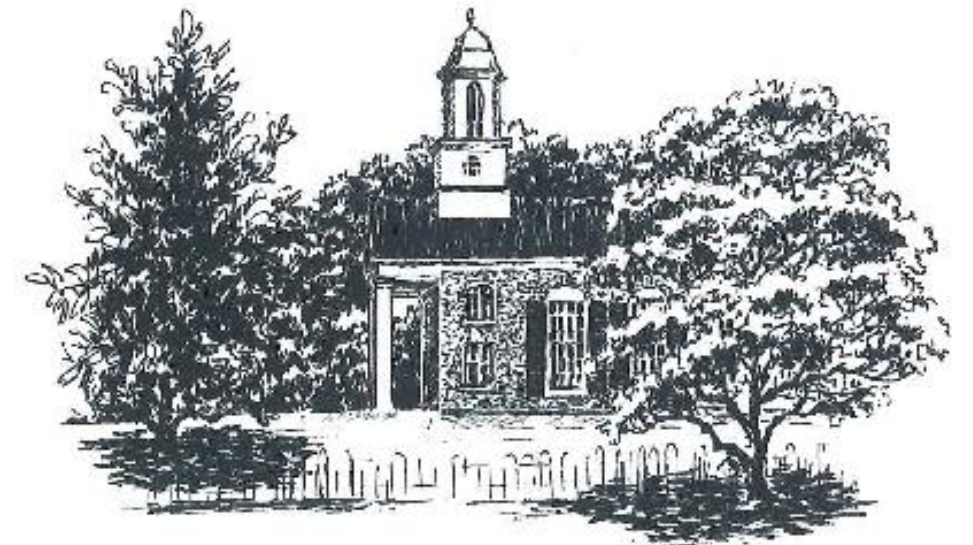
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Our Vision

**Rooted by God's Grace,
 Growing in the Spirit,
 Reaching Out with Christ's Love**



Our Mission

**By the Grace of God, we are rooted in Christ through love.
 We grow in the Spirit by worshipping, by studying,
 and by cultivating relationships with Christ and others.
 As stewards of God's gifts and affirming our faith
 in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
 we share God's Mission of reaching out
 with Christ's Love.**

Rev. Dr. Alan Arnold
Stated Supply

Missionaries

Mr. Mark Hare/ Mrs. Jenny Bent Hare *Haiti* Mr. and Mrs. Alan Smith *Germany/Russia*