

Hymn: (See Insert) *"Because He Lives"*
 New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 919-920) Luke 24:1-12
 Sermon: *"Easter: Is It An Idle Tale?
 Or, Is It The Hope Of All Humankind?"*
 Rev. Dr. David Dickerson, D. Min.
 Moment for Meditation (Back Street Ringers) *"Love is Come Again"*
 (See the insert for the words to this hymn for reflection while listening) D. Wagner
 Profession of Faith: #14 Apostles' Creed
 *Hymn: #234 (vs 1 & 4) *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*
 Charge
 Sung Response: #97 *"He is Lord"*
 He is Lord, he is Lord!
 He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
 Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
 That Jesus Christ is Lord.
 Blessing
 Postlude *"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*
 Hoffman/Showalter

Prayer Concerns



Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps,
 Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

Friends and family of FPC: Jody Young
 Balaun and Diane Knave (high school
 friends of Danette), Mary Black, Mary
 Collins (the mother of Hi Nicely's oldest
 son Casey) the family and friends of
 Becky Dennis (close friend of Danette
 Heinlein), Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of

Shueys), the family and friends of Bill Harris (Paul Phillippe's cousin), Ja-
 son and Linda Jenkins (neighbors of the Porters), Sheila Kessler (Danette's
 sister), Laura Holt McCann, the family of Willie Simmons.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*
G. Elvey/Arr. B. Greer

Place Flowers on the Cross *"Lord of the Dance"*
19th C. Shaker Tune/ Arr. D. Hart

Introit—Back Street Ringers *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*
D. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (Responsive) 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

One: But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Many: For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

All: for as we all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn: #248 *"He Lives"*

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Call to Confession: (Responsive) (Heb. 4:14-16)

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Many: **Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

All: **Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

* Please stand if you are able

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Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

Mighty God,

By your power is Christ raised from the dead to rule this world with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when your kingdom comes.

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

One: We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen, and rules over all.

Many: **We praise you for his presence with us.**

All: **Because he lives, we look for eternal life, knowing that nothing past, present or yet to come can separate us from your great love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Gloria Patri: 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. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer.

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Offering:

Regular Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing
Offertory Anthem

"Christ Arose"
R. Lowry/Arr. T. Wilhelmi

*Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

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*Prayer of Dedication

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Special Music:

"Lamb of God"
T. Paris/Arr. M. Hayes

Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pgs. 644-645)

Isaiah 65:17-25

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Celebrate our April Birthdays! April 21—Craig Leisure, April 25—Debbie Coots.
- ◆ The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is currently accepting donations for Helene Disaster Relief (DR000169) as well as, CA Wildfire (DR000165). You can donate through e-giving or by check.
- ◆ If you or your committee or organization needs to use **any space at the church**, please let Danette know so she can make sure the calendar is clear!
- ◆ Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the side entrance for **Botetourt Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities**. Please speak with Teri Walker if you have any questions.
- ◆ Make sure your calendar is marked with our Wednesday, April 23, Wholeness and Healing service at 5:00 pm. We will share a light supper together following the service.
- ◆ Prayers for Patsy and David Dickerson as they leave us for an extended vacation through the first week of June.
- ◆ Thank you to the Back Street Ringers for today's special music—Lynne Bolton, Alan Brenner, Lyn Burton, Debbie Coots, Patsy Dickerson, Cathy Goad, Jennifer Kincaid, Verna Shuey, Lori Turner.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Mission Statement

Striving to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, Growing in God,
through uplifting and inspiring spiritual experiences,
And serving the community in love.

Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of April 20
Mon., 10:00 am –4:00 pm; Thur., 3:00 pm — 8:00 pm
Friday 10:00—3:00.

- Sunday April 20 Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day**
Sunrise Service with FUMC, Godwin Cemetery, 7:00 am. Breakfast to follow in Family Life Center
No Sunday School
One Great Hour of Sharing
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Duty Elders: Lynne Bolton & Patsy D.
Fellowship: None
Mon., April 21 HFI, 6:00 pm, Fellowship
Wed., April 23 Wholeness & Healing Prayer Service, 5:00 pm, Light Supper immediately following.
Thur., April 24 Session, 7:00 pm, Fellowship
Sat., April 26 Earth Day
- Sunday April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & _____
Fellowship: T. Walker
Mon., April 28 **Vacation for David & Patsy begins.**
Thur., May 1 National Day of Prayer
- Sunday May 4 3rd Sunday of Easter**
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen
Duty Elders: Lyn Burton & Teri Walker
Fellowship: T. Walker
Thur., May 1 National Day of Prayer



Because He Lives

1 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.

2 How sweet to hold
a newborn baby
And feel the pride
and joy they bring;
But greater still
the calm assurance;
This child can face
uncertain days
because he 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.



*because He lives,
I can face tomorrow*

Love is Come Again or Now the Green Blade Riseth

1 Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green



**Thank you for all who have blessed
our Sanctuary with the beauty of Lilies
this Easter Morning.**

Who	In Honor of:	In Memory of:
Danette Heinlein	Our Children & Grandchildren	Our parents
Julia Richardson		Ernest Dodson
Lyn, Kip Burton	Our family	
Patsy & David Dickerson		Pat & Bill, Monty & Brenda, Eli , George & Bob
	Patrick, Ariel, Anders, William, Kyleen, Clair, Reese, Leeann, Scott and Allen and Mary Lee	
Patsy & David Dickerson		Our Parents
Fred & Debbie Coots		Our son, William Lowe
Kaye & Allen Lowe		Dewey, Nellie & Ronnie
Cathy & Mike Goad		Goad
Alan Brenner		Carol Brenner
Jennifer Kincaid	Our family	
		Frank A. Rizzo & Dana A. Wilson
Jim and Sue Porter		Our family & friends
Garland & Jane Jones		Rick Vari
Patty Vari		Marshall Gates
Sandy Gates		



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#248 He Lives

1 I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever others say;
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him he's always near.

[Refrain:]
He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow
way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

2 In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast,
the day of his appearing will come at last.
(Refrain)

3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find,
none other is so loving, so good and kind. (Refrain)

#634 Christ the Lord is Risen To-day

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

- ¹⁷ "For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth;
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing,
and her people a joy.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the child shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;^[a]
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,
and their children with them.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,

the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
and dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,
says the Lord."

New Testament Readings

Luke 24: 1-12

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body.^[a] ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; ⁵ and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"^[b] ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise." ⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Mag'dalene and Jo-an'na and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened