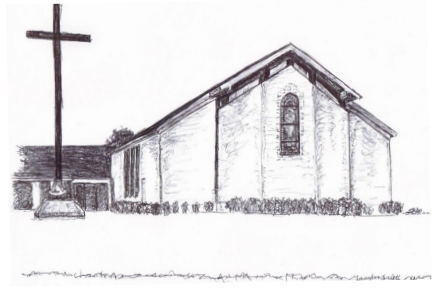


# Presby News

APRIL 2024



## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

We have a dogwood bush in our hedge by our front door. I call it a bush rather than a tree. I know very little about trees. But this dogwood has not grown like a tree. It has flowered more like a baby's breath with long runners full of blossoms. It is really a beautiful sight each spring. The dogwood reminds me that spring has sprung around my neighborhood. Finally.

I know very little about I have watched the coming of spring with the Japanese magnolias. The huge pink and purple trees are the first to watch for the coming of spring. I say this every year, but keeping an eye on the Japanese magnolias keeps the dead, cold winter blues at bay. Then a few weeks after the magnolias, I start to watch the azaleas. I know spring is very near when I see those purple blossoms around town. And finally, the dogwood begins to show her white blossoms. It's the final signs of spring.

With the fresh colors of spring and the greening of the trees and grass, I start wanting to get back outside. We have a few warm days. Some neighbor cuts grass filling the air with that undeniable smell of fresh cut grass. It just makes me want to get outside to enjoy the new growth. Of course, getting outside and getting some exercise certainly helps shed those extra pounds lingering from Christmas and King Cake!

The fresh look at our world, the bright colors, the smell of renewed life in the neighborhood all remind me that God is so good to us. He drapes us with his grace and blessings like he clothes the fields with those little yellow weeds! God is at work to paint the world with color and life. We should never forget what Matthew 6:28- 30 teaches us: "Why do you worry...? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?" God is providing for us and working in our lives at all times. He doesn't wait just until the spring! Our calling is to be ready to join Him wherever we see His hand around us.

I pray that as we enjoy the beautiful springtime, we will also keep an eye to identify the blessings of God and His invitation to join His work. May the love, joy, and smiles we share be like a fresh bouquet of spring flowers for those around us. May God use us to be a beautiful blessing to someone in need of his love.

Grace and Peace,  
Bro. Greg

In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay my requests before you  
and wait expectantly.

**Psalm 5:3**



## SPECIAL DATES

<b>April 7</b>	<b>Brookdale Worship Communion</b>
<b>April 14</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>April 21</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>April 28</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>

For I reckon  
that the sufferings  
of this present time  
are not worthy  
to be compared  
with the glory  
which shall be  
revealed in us.  
**Romans 8:18 KJV**

# *#HomeandHearthScriptureWriting*

April 1- Matthew 13:5-9	April 16- Matthew 14:9-12
April 2- Matthew 13:10-14	April 17- Matthew 14:13-16
April 3- Matthew 13:15-19	April 18- Matthew 14:17-20
April 4- Matthew 13:20-23	April 19- Matthew 14:21-24
April 5- Matthew 13:24-28	April 20- Matthew 14:25-28
April 6- Matthew 13:29-32	April 21- Matthew 14:29-32
April 7- Matthew 13:33-36	April 22- Matthew 14:33-36
April 8- Matthew 13:37-40	April 23- Matthew 15:1-5
April 9- Matthew 13:41-44	April 24- Matthew 15:6-10
April 10- Matthew 13:45-48	April 25- Matthew 15:11-15
April 11- Matthew 13:49-52	April 26- Matthew 15:16 -20
April 12- Matthew 13:53-55	April 27- Matthew 15:21-25
April 13- Matthew 13:56-58	April 28- Matthew 15:26-30
April 14- Matthew 14:1-4	April 29- Matthew 15:31-34
April 15- Matthew 14:5-8	April 30- Matthew 15:35-39

**April Theme: Matthew 13-15**

# April Responders Schedule

	Usher Narthex	Monitor	Communion Servers
April 7	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	<b>Communion Team:</b> Elizebette Kennedy & Bill Higgins
April 14	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
April 21	Robert Kennedy Elizebette Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	
April 28	Robert Kennedy	Elizebette Kennedy	



**Bill & Laverne Willson**      **4/1**

**Dirk & Annelize Benade**      **4/3**

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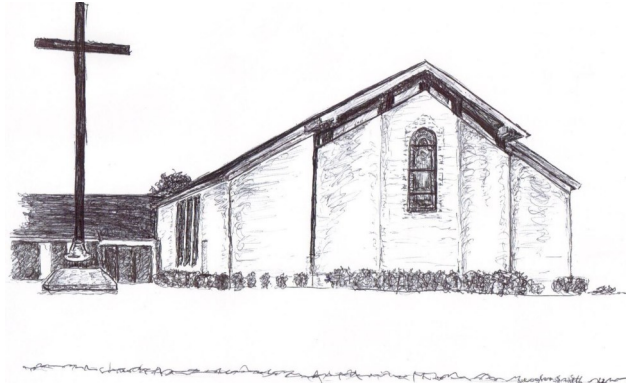
Greg Carroll, *Interim Pastor*

Aaron Rogers, *Music Director*

Jennifer Ciobanu, *Pianist*

Carolyn Sterne, *Administrative Assistant*

Charles Bell, *Sexton*



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