

In Our Prayers

Our Members

Eleanor Brouwer, Al Palmer, Mark Logan, Bill Bradley,
Peggy Heath, Dixie Roberts, Coy Williams

Our Community

Peggy Reskin, sister of Michael Clancy
Shannon Threatt, daughter of Roberta Whitaker
Scott Maxfield, friend of Joyce Morin
Evelyn Faulkenberry, mother of Dixie Roberts
Butch Anderson, brother of Elaine Reese
Dot McDowell, mother of Eric Marshall

Our Sympathy

The Sympathy of the pastor and congregation is extended to Dr. Pierce Horton and family on the recent death of his sister Betty McIlwain.

To God Be The Glory

The flowers that grace the chancel today are given by Jimmy Barton to the Glory of God and in honor of Jane Carroll's birthday, April 3rd.

In Ministry Today

Ushers: Donnie Little, Tim Page, Hugh Mobley, Marilyn Rainwater, Odell Steele,
Greeters: Nitsa Barrentine, Martha Swain (9:00 a.m.)
Cecile Flanders, Anita Palmer (11:00 a.m.)
Nursery: Deborah Adams, Katy Ghent
Acolyte: Lana Geiger
Crucifer: Pat Clancy
Counters: Carolyn Plyler, Sara Hagins

Attendance and Stewardship (March 25)

9:00 Service: 47
Sunday School: 54
11:00 Service: 108
Offering received: \$5,539.00
Weekly need: \$8,234.00

Announcements

VISITORS AND GUESTS

We are glad you are with us today, and we welcome you as our guest.
Please fill out the Guest Information Card you find in the pew pocket
(place it in the offering plate as it comes by).

We hope you will join us again each Sunday as we worship God together.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, April 3rd for a pot luck meal.
Please bring a covered dish. Drinks will be provided. The program will include a presentation
by Shelly Holder on Keeping Seniors Safe from Scams and Identity Theft.

This Week

Today

9:45 a.m. Light Refreshments
10:30 a.m. Combined Service

Monday, April 2

Office Closed
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Tuesday, April 3

Noon Lunch Bunch
6:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle

Wednesday, April 4

6:00 p.m. Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir



First United Methodist Church

200 West Gay Street
Lancaster, South Carolina



Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

Encountering God

Building Community

Transforming Lives

Gathering to Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY
The Empty Tomb

Jubilant Ringers

John Behnke

FIRST WORDS

*GREETING

Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus, once crucified.

He is not here; for he has been raised.

Then go quickly and tell the world,

He has been raised from the dead!

Christ the Lord is Risen today!

Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise our Risen Lord with shouts of joy!

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (verses 1-4 only)

EASTER HYMN

During the singing of this hymn, all the signs of life that were removed from the chancel during Maundy Thursday "Stripping of the Chancel" will be returned to the sanctuary as a sign of the glory and majesty of the Risen Christ.

*OPENING PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

MEINEKE

Hearing God's Word

HYMN OF PREPARATION

The Day of Resurrection Dawns

THE GIFT OF LOVE

1.) The day of resurrection dawns
as angels wait beside the grave:
not to console a weeping world,
but waiting to declare: "He saves."

3.) So hearts that broke hear cries of joy
and leap as angel voices say:
"He has been raised, he is not here,
he goes before you on His Way."

2.) For women in the early light,
and men hid in an upper room
where grief has blotted out the hope;
a dawning light invades the gloom.

4.) Where darkness ruled the Christ light shines.
Belief is blessed and hope revived.
We go to all the world and tell
the Gospel truth: "He is alive!"

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

SECOND LESSON

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

The Message

"A New Day Has Dawned"

Pastor Charles

Responding to God's Word

CHORAL RESPONSE

Christ the Lord Is Risen

Chancel Choir

Ghanaian folk song

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Dan Forrest

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE (page 12)

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (page 13)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit... Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (UMH 895)

BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Gluten-free communion wafers are offered to those with food allergies. Unfermented juice is served.

CONGREGATION HYMNS DURING COMMUNION (as time permits)

UMH 617

I come with Joy

UMH 620

One Bread, One Body

UMH 624

Bread of the World

UMH 629

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

DOVE OF PEACE

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

EUCCHARISTIC HYMN

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

CHANCEL CHOIR

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. Lynne Pickett

Into the World

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT UMH 308

Thine Be the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Alleluia, Amen

Dan Forrest

*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY