

Worship For The Day Of Resurrection

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FRIDAY Romans 6:15-23

WEDNESDAY Galatians 2:11-21

SATURDAY Romans 8:18-30

Weekly Calendar

Sun., April 12	Easter Breakfast	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
Wed., April 15	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study	9:30 AM
	Second Helping Lunch	11:00-12:30 PM
Sun., April 19	Sunday School	9:00 AM
	Worship	10:00 AM
	Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	
	Session Meeting immediately after worship	

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 4/12/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- The Mission Study Task Force Team
- Praise: Newly-elected Elders: Barbie Andrews, Bill Ferguson, David Mabry, and Jenny Roark.
- Praise: New Members: Brian Bernard, Shirley Jefferson, Billy and Darlene Robertson.
- Help to grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and to share the Good News with others this year.
- Those who are lonely and those in need
- Financial uncertainty and the unemployed
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, Eula Dillon, Dianne Emmett, Tim Fenn, Steve Graham, Jim Hankins, Elizabeth Hawkins, John Hawkins, Doug Hecht, Hannah Johnson, Ralph Liebchen, Betty Sue Moehlenkamp, Darnell Moorman, Conner Niblett, Bob and Ellen Ragsdale, Charles Thomas, John Trotti, Heath Tuttle)
- Leaders in the town, county, state, country and world.
- Military and their family (Jeremy Larkin, Grant Martin, Joshua Wright)
- Our church mission projects.
- John and Beth Muehleisen in Kenya/Uganda (Their newsletters are posted on the bulletin board.)
- John Farmer with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at UNC.
- Residents in retirement homes and residential care (Thelma Blanchard, Tom Chappelle, Francis Harvey, Ruth Knight, Wilmoth McClelland, Martin Strebel, Margaret Young)

Going Forth to Live the Good News

Spoken Sermon *The Importance of Having Witnesses*

Responding to the Good News

- * **Hymn of Praise** *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* Hymnal #115

Reception of New Members and Sacrament of Baptism

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn again from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? *I do.*

Who is your Lord and Savior? *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple? *I will, with God's help.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? *I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? *I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

- * **Gathering Gifts of Gratitude**

Offering *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* F. Handel

During the offertory, you are invited to offer this prayer of gratitude or your own.

We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. Amen.

- * **Prayer of Dedication**

- * **Hymn of Celebration** *Thine is the Glory* Hymnal #122

- * **Charge and Benediction**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

Alleluia! And thanks be to God!

- * **Choral Response** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* P. Lutkin

- * **Passing the Peace of Christ**

*The Lord has risen this day. He has risen indeed!
The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you!*

Organ Postlude *He Lives!* A. H. Ackley

Announcements

Welcome to Altavista Presbyterian Church this Easter day!

If you are a guest with us this morning, we extend to you the hand of fellowship in the name of Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with us, and hope you will return. If you are interested in more information about our congregation, please speak to the pastor or one of the greeters at the door.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Doug Hecht**.

The **church office** will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Easter holiday.

Our **church secretary**, Carolyn Doss, will be on vacation this week.

Thursday (April 23rd) is the deadline for articles for the **May “Link” newsletter**. Items for the Link may be e-mailed to Sue Ferguson at billsueferguson@aol.com

The **Session** will meet next Sunday immediately after worship for its April stated meeting.

Saturday, May 2nd APC will be traveling to the **Volunteer Farm in Woodstock, VA** (South of Winchester, VA) to donate time & talents for the planting of fruits and vegetables for this year’s harvest. Volunteers will meet at APC at 5AM the morning of the 2nd and return approximately at 4 PM the same day. Traveling arrangements are still being planned. **All ages are welcomed.** Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office.

Responsive Prayer for Easter

O Christ, in your resurrection, the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia! By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell, and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead, and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your enemies, and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles, and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

Prayer of The People — Lord’s Prayer

* **Congregational Response**

Hymnal #569

Hearing the Good News

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from John 20:10-18

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Reading from Acts 10:34-43

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This is the word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Choral Sermon

Jesus Reigns!

arr. T. Fettke

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, He is alive.

God loves us so, see here His hand, His feet, His side.

Yes, we know He is alive. Our God reigns!

And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:

Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy
matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o’er the grave,
who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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