

Worship for the Lord's Day

May 24, 2009 – Seventh Sunday in Easter
10:00 AM

*An asterisk * indicates standing, as you are able.
The congregation's responses are in **bold italics**.*

The Church is Gathered

Welcome The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

Announcements *Please see the bulletin insert for all announcements.*

Prelude *Panis Angelicus* C. Frunck

In order to prepare for worship, you are invited to pray silently during the prelude.

Choral Introit *O Lamb of God Most Holy* arr. J. S. Bach

To Praise God's Name

Call to Worship

I keep the Lord always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

***Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
in thy right hand are pleasures for evermore.***

* **Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* Hymnal #473

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, forgive us when our walk is one of fear and not of faith; when we are prone to parade our perplexities and to conceal our convictions; when we prefer the pretensions of pride rather than the gifts of grace; when we favor the liberty of license over the restrictions of responsibility. Look with pity upon our folly and frailty and grant us renewed spirits. For the sake of Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Responsive Assurance of Forgiveness

Holy One, you know all things and remember all things except the sins of the penitent.

Since our sins have been forgiven and forgotten, give us a new zest for life.

* **Song of Praise** *Gloria Patri* Hymnal #579

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.

Response Forgiveness is ours in Jesus Christ. ***Thanks be to God!***

Choral Anthem *God Leads Us Along* Tom Fettke

Passing the Peace of Christ

The peace of Christ is with you. ***And also with you.***

As our Passing of the Peace ends, all children through fifth grade are invited to depart for Children's Church.

To Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 118: 21-25* p.531

New Testament Reading *II Corinthians 5: 16-6:2* p.1006

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

Sermon *Why Not Live Now?*

To Thank God

* **Hymn** *God of Our life* Hymnal #275

* Unison Profession of Faith

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; and that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Announcements

The Session is delighted to once again welcome to our pulpit **Rev. Sherwood Smith** of Lynchburg, an honorably retired member of our presbytery, a former Interim Pastor of our congregation, and a friend to many in our flock.

The **sanctuary flowers** this morning are given by Preston Andrews for the glory of God and in celebration of Anne's birthday.

The **Lay Reader** today is **Dolores Drumheller**.

The **church office** will be closed tomorrow, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Please return your yellow **Stewardship Opportunities** form to the church office by Tuesday, May 26.

All women are encourage to attend the **Extraordinary Women's Conference** Sept. 25-26, in Roanoke. The cost is \$49. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by the church office. Please turn in your registration form and money to Dana Taylor, Denise Tucker, or the church office by May 31.

Next Sunday we will have a **special recognition** for our Adult Sunday School & Children's Church Teachers and our High School Graduates.

Children's Church Teachers: Anne Mabry, Debbie Berger, Martha Moore, Denise Tucker, Stephanie Moehlenkamp, Sue Simmons, Kelly deBernard, Glenn Berger, Louise Phillips, Jenny Roark.

Adult Sunday School Teachers: Sang-il Lee, Brenda Mocsiran, Rev. Bob Button, Ron Coleman.

High School Graduates: Joshua Larkin & Kyler Bogert.

We will be collecting a special offering May 24, & 31, to enable children in our community to attend **Camp Elpis**. This special offering will provide education, spiritual encouragement, recreation, nutrition, and fun in a wholesome, Christian, atmosphere. The offering will be matched by ACT for Mission

The first church-wide **Committee Meeting Night** for 2009-10 will be Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 pm at the church.

Schedules

Ushers, June

Chip & Georgie Roark
David & Allison Mabry

Greeters, June

Gary Strebel, Ron Coleman

Lay Reader, May 31

Kathi Bogert

Lay Readers, June 7

Les Woodie

Nursery, May 31

Kelly deBernard

Nursery, June 7

Dana Taylor

CC Helpers, May 31

Mary Woodie, Bill Ferguson

Communion Servers, June 7

Dennis & Linda Janiak, Anne Mabry
Kelly deBernard, Doug Hecht,
Bill Ferguson, Sang-il Lee
Murrell Routon

Daily Scripture Readings

Theme: *Life in the Spirit* Psalm of the week: 104

MONDAY	Ephesians 4:17-32	THURSDAY	2 Corinthians 1:3-11
TUESDAY	Ephesians 3:14-21	FRIDAY	2 Corinthians 8::1-15
WEDNESDAY	Ezekiel 39:21-29	SATURDAY	1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Weekly Calendar

Sun., May 24	Sunday School Worship, Rev. Sherwood Smith Preaching Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wed., May 27	Prayer Fellowship - Pastor's Study Second Helping Lunch	9:30 AM 11:00-12:30 PM
Sun., May 31	Sunday School Worship Children's Church & Sunday School for 4 th and 5 th Graders	9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Joys and Concerns for Prayer 5/24/09

- Pastor Bob Button and his ministries
- The session and the staff
- Praise: fruitful session retreat
- The Mission Study Task Force Team
- 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
- Dante Erk, an Altavista Elementary School student, health concern
- Health (Gary Alley, Mike Barker, Dave Campe, Tim Coleman, 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, Jessie Smith, 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)
- Francis Harvey
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People to Contact at APC

Session (Active Elders)

Ron Coleman
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Kelly deBernard
Ministry Within the Congregation

Rob Gilliam
Ministry Support

Sang-il Lee
Prayer & Visitation

Anne Mabry
*Worship & Discipleship,
Nominating Committee*

Jennifer McCrickard
*Ministry Within the Congregation,
Visitation*

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
Worship & Discipleship

Caroline Peerman
Home Communion & Pulpit Supplies

Chip Roark
*Visitation, New Membership,
Presbyterian Men*

John Tucker
Visitation & Nominating Committee

Mark Younkin
Ministry Beyond the Congregation

Bob Button
Moderator of Session

Staff

Carolyn Doss
Church Secretary

Stephanie Moehlenkamp
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Organist

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