

Today's liturgical color is white which symbolizes joy and festivities.

To help promote the happenings in our church, you can share our services and events to the community on your Facebook page.

SPECIAL THANKS TO JASON BAILEY AND KIMBERLY STURGILL FOR PLAYING TRUMPETS TODAY.

All are invited to the Highland Winds Spring Concert next Sunday, 4 pm, in the David J. Prior Convocation Center at the UVA Wise Campus.

Prelude: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name with Fanfare from L'Ecote d'Orgue arranged by Sharon Wilson

Lighting of the Candles

Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). The presence of the light reminds us of Jesus' coming into our world and into our lives. The light is carried into the worship service as a symbol of Jesus' coming into the presence of the worshipping community.

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship: This is the Day

Announcements (*noted within the bulletin)

A Time for Prayer:

Rev. Timothy Robinson
Special prayer for Barbara Hargrove

Opening Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today No. 302

Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2 & 14-24 CEB

¹Give thanks to the LORD because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever.

²Let Israel say it: "God's faithful love lasts forever!"

¹⁴The LORD was my strength and protection; he was my saving help!

¹⁵The sounds of joyful songs and deliverance are heard in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's strong hand is victorious!"

¹⁶The LORD's strong hand is ready to strike! The LORD's strong hand is victorious!"

¹⁷I won't die-no, I will live and declare what the LORD has done.

¹⁸Yes, the LORD definitely disciplined me, but he didn't hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open the gates of righteous for me so I can come in and give thanks to the LORD!

²⁰This is the LORD's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

²¹I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.

²²The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!

²³This has happened because of the LORD; it is astounding in our sight!

²⁴This is the day the LORD acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

This is the word of God, for the people of God,

Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment: led by Cindy Ashley

At this time, children can come forward or you can bring your child to the front pew to hear and participate in the children's reflection.

Scripture about what the LORD calls us: 1 John 3:2-3

²Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when He appears we will be like Him because we'll see Him as He is.

³And all who have this hope in Him purify themselves even as He is pure.

Anthem/Special Song Up From the Grave He Arose

The Presentation of Tithes and Offering
(Thank you for your generosity!)

Ushers: (Alberta M. Beth H., Erin H., Donna M.)

"If those who gain all they can, save all they can, will likewise give all they can; then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven." - John Wesley

Offertory Prayer

Lord God of all, accept our offering of money this day, but also the offering of our lives. Help us to live simply, generously and courageously, that our lives may point to You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Offertory Music: I Know That My Redeemer Lives Arranged by D. Schaller Featuring Jason Bailey-Trumpet & Rick Galyean-Euphonium

Doxology

No. 95

Anthem/Special Song Joy in the Morning

Sermon: "The Internal Workings of a Breakthrough Church"

1. Members have accepted responsibility~Matthew 28:16-22, Luke 10:27

2. Members are committed to powerful prayer~Colossians 4:2-4

Response to the Service: Altar Call, if you desire to come to the front for prayer, you are welcome to do so.

Closing Hymn: Because He Lives

No. 364

Benediction

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. AMEN!

Postlude: The Hallelujah Chorus by G. F. Handel

Sending Forth/Extinguishing of the Candles: At the end of the service, the light is carried out into the world to show that Jesus Christ is for all people everywhere. The acolyte leaves the worship service at the pastor's direction, carrying out the lighted candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers are to serve.

*Offering stewards for April

23rd—Cindy A., Susie W., Joyce P., Amy G.

30th— Spencer Q., Paul C., Alberta M., Patty R.

*Children's Moment for April

16th—Fred H

23rd—Kim P

30th—Nicole R.

*Greeters for April

16th—Patty R, Joyce P

23rd—Angie T, Amy G

30th—Alberta M, Patty R

*Communion Stewards for May 7

Amy G., Beth H., Erin H., Patty R.

MONTHLY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES ARE NOW BEING POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF THE CHOIR ROOM. We will be posting activities, schedules, etc. on this bulletin board moving forward. Please take a moment to check it out. If there is something you would like to see posted, please see Amy Garcia. thanks!

New feature on bulletin board—Trinity's Classified Corner; got something to sell or trade, looking for something, lost something.....let Amy know and we will post it on the bulletin board! Take a peek! (there's already something posted....wanna know what it is—check the board!!)

If you have not done so yet, please complete a Member record update form and return to Amy Garcia's mailbox located across from the bulletin board/choir room. Blank forms are available as you enter the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEETINGS AND SUCH.....

Adult Sunday School is Sunday at 10 am.

Choir Practice is Wednesday at 7 pm.

Administration Board Meeting—Our next meeting is Sunday, April 23, immediately following the worship service

Methodist Men—The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 10 @ 6 pm; the meal cost is \$12 per person.** The guest speaker will be Emil Schanck. Emil is the youth pastor at First Apostolic Faith Church of God. Also, he is the cross country and wrestling coach at Union High School. All men are welcome to attend.

Safety Team—The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 11 @ 6pm.**

Trinity Book Club—Our next book is “The Power of a Praying Church” by Stormie Omartian. The ISBN number is 0736920773. We will resume our gatherings on **Monday, April 17 at 6 pm.** All are welcome to attend, and please notify the church office if you need assistance with purchasing the book.

Laity Sunday—April 30th with special guest speaker D.S. Jeff Lambert

EVENTS AND CHURCH HAPPENINGS.....

Special Called Conference—April 22nd at 10 am in Knoxville TN. The purpose of this conference is to vote on the approval for churches that have completed requirements to disaffiliate from the United Methodist denomination. Alberta Mitchell, Christy Smith and Pastor Tim will be attending.

Birthdays—a monthly calendar listing our members birthdays of the month is posted in the hallway next to the choir room so check it out! Blank member record update forms are available as you enter the Fellowship Hall and this is how we can share birthday info-if you haven't already, please take a form to complete and return to Amy Garcia.

Change for Children—We are receiving loose change through mid-May to benefit children's ministries within the Holston Conference and in other United Methodist ministries around the world. Each year, people and organizations receive these funds through grants. These grants support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children from birth to age 12 and their families. If you want to donate loose change, you can place your donation in the designated buckets located throughout the church building.

Flower Fund—If you want to donate to the Easter flowers, you can send a donation marked for the flower fund.

Pop-N-for-Jesus—Our next opportunity to serve the students & staff members of Mountain Empire Community College is Wednesday, April 26th at 9 am.

Easter Cantata—Last Sunday's Easter Cantata was “The Old Rugged Cross”. What a powerful service it was! If you missed it, you can view on our Facebook or web page!

Baptism Sunday—On **Sunday, April 16th**, during the worship service, we will be baptizing Addaleigh Blake Barton. Addaleigh is the daughter of Brandee and Stuart Barton and is the granddaughter of Paula and David Barton. Come celebrate with us as we welcome another precious child into the life of the church!

A Spaghetti Supper fundraiser will be hosted by Women of Trinity group on **April 16 at 12:30pm** in the fellowship hall. Mark your calendars and share the info! The Methodist Men have volunteered for clean up duty—bring your aprons guys! All proceeds will be used to furnish backpacks filled with school supplies for underprivileged children in Zimbabwe.

Blessing Box—If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the fellowship hall.

Bargain Hunters get ready; mark your calendars—it's almost time for our **Spring Rummage Sale—May 1-5!** If you can volunteer to assist, we will feed ya!

Bulletin color donation in memory of all the choir members who have joined the church triumphant and will not be forgotten.

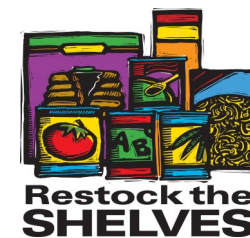
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE APRIL 9th:

Sunday School: 6
In-Person Worship: 96
Facebook: 17
Visitors: 5

UPS Back Pack Program

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of March, the requested item is Mac n Cheese.

The food item requested for March is single serve mac n cheese.



The Trinity Companion

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