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## ...from David's Desk

"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead"

1 Cor. 15:20

First, Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthian church: *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied."* (1 Cor. 15:17-19) But then Paul declares the great Good News in 1 Cor. 15:20: *"But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."*

Easter comes during the springtime of the year, and coincides with the obvious signs of nature's reawakening following a long and cold winter's hibernation. Trees and shrubs are putting forth fragrant blooms and budding leaves. The wild life of forest and field are bringing forth a new generation of their new born. All of this is nature's response to our sun moving ever higher in the sky and warming our good earth.

So powerful are the signs of spring that some have thought the church's celebration of Easter is nothing more than a celebration of spring time and the renewal of life that comes in the spring of the year.

For the church, Easter is the bold claim by the church that on that first Easter morning God raised Jesus from the dead into the life eternal. This miracle we call the Resurrection. Because of the Resurrection Jesus' tomb was empty. Because of the Resurrection, the risen Christ could meet with His amazed disciples; could eat with them; and did commission them to build up His church by taking the Good News of His Resurrection throughout the world. *"Making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."* (Mt. 28: 19-20)

Spring time is a wonderful time of year and should be received as a gift from God as a time of rebirth, renewed life, a celebration of life in all of its vitalities. But Easter is something more, infinitely more: it is the Good News that in Jesus Christ God has defeated both sin and death, and through our faith in Him, will give us the gift of life eternal.

By God's grace may we believe in Christ's Resurrection; and may we live the new life of grateful obedience that God offers us in the Good News of Easter! AMEN

*Happy Easter, David*



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It may be spring time, but remember  
that our furnace is not working so  
dress appropriately for church, it may  
be cool inside.



### ***One Great Hour of Sharing***

Jesus calls us to love one another with the kind of love that is shared freely with all people. This is our calling as Christ's Church: to love others as Jesus loved us. To love every person we encounter despite the many walls that separate us. One way we can show our love is through our contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing offering which we will collect on Easter Sunday.

In this country and around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. Three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing--Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People-- all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we extend God's love to the most vulnerable. Please consider giving generously because when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

***This offering will be received on Easter Sunday.***

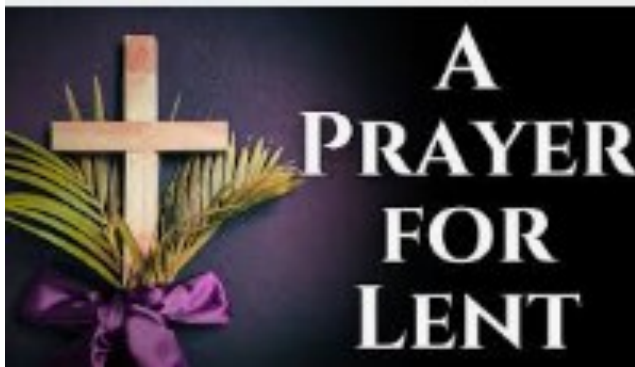
On Sunday, April 6, 2025, Fincastle Presbyterian Church will welcome the Youth Group of 2nd Presbyterian Church and their leaders to join us in our worship service at 10:30 am. The Worship Committee will provide the Fellowship Time refreshments on this Sunday.

#### Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee:

Paul Phillippe, Chairman  
Cathy Goad,  
Hal Bailey,  
Alan Brenner,  
Bill Walker

The committee would like to pass along the following information:

1. We would like to thank all those members who filled out the questionnaire form for what you would prefer we search for in a new minister. It was amazing that a predominate number of members are wanting the same attributes, so your guidance for us is very helpful and appreciated. In addition, we had a really good number of responses sent in to us.
2. The Church Information Form is now complete and is presently being submitted to the presbytery search coordinator assigned to our church for their review and approval. Upon the coordinator's approval, it will immediately be sent on to the presbytery office for them to start sending our church information out to ministers who would like to view and consider it.



### **Lenten Litany**

During the season of Lent, we come before you in prayer, saying

**We pray to you, God.**

That we may have strength to resist temptation

**We pray to you, God.**

That we may show compassion and courage in good times and bad

**We pray to you, God.**

That we may be open to receive the new life you promise

**We pray to you, God.**

That we may find our true home, welcomed by your love,

**We pray to you, God.**

That we may grow in generosity of spirit

**We pray to you, God.**

That we may follow Jesus, learning from His example of service.

**We pray to you, God. Merciful God, hear our prayer. Amen**

The session welcomed Hiawatha ("Hi") Nicely as the newest member of Fincastle Presbyterian Church at their meeting on March 27, 2025



*Easter Season*  
2025

**Lenten Lunches at Fincastle United Methodist Church—Noon (a light lunch is provided after each service. The last service is on April 2—Wednesday at 12:05.**

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**April 17**

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 20**





## Musical Notes

*The choirs are busily preparing beautiful music for the Lent and Easter season. It's never too late to join in! See Lori if you have an interest in being part of the fun.*



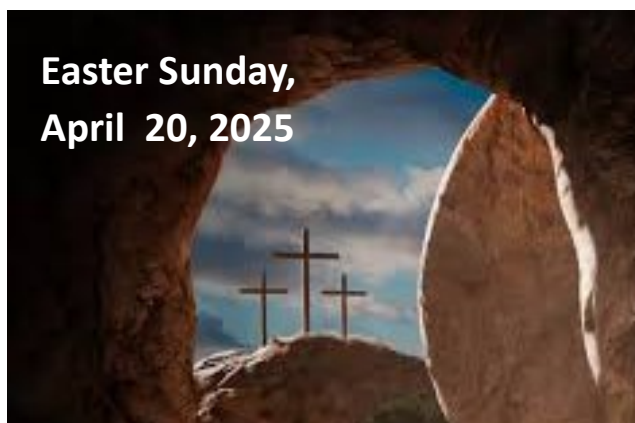
# Plans for the week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

**\*\*\*Remember to Order your Easter Lillies by Wednesday, April 2 (\$15 each)\*\*\***



- No Sunday School on Palm Sunday
- Fellowship Time will be before worship
- There will be a BREAKFAST at 9:30 am
- Proceed into the Sanctuary at 10:25 with Palms—gather at the basement door after breakfast to get your palms and proceed to the worship service.

- Tenebrae Service
- The story of the last week of Jesus' life including the Last Supper
- Communion by intinction



- Sunrise Service with FUMC in Godwin Cemetery at 7 am, breakfast to follow in the Family Life Center
- 9:30 Sunday School at FPC
- 10:30 regular worship service with gathering music starting at 10:20 am
- One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected