

Hymn of Dedication: #669 (vs. 1 & 4)

"God of Grace and God of Glory

Charge and Benediction

As we close our service this Mother's Day morning, please stay and read the words of the Postlude, included as an insert in the bulletin.

Postlude

"Faith of Our Mothers"
H. Memy/Arr. C. Berry

Prayer Concerns

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer, Rachael Paderick and baby girl

Friends and family of FPC: Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knavé (high school friends of Danette), family and friends of Mary Black, Mary Collins (the mother of Hi Nicely's oldest son Casey), Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of Shueys), Evert Ford (Danette's brother), the family of John Glazebrook (friend of Lori Turner) Melody Hollingsworth (friend of Lyn Burton), Jason and Linda Jenkins (neighbors of the Porters), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, Joyce BoltonTurbyfill (Lynne Bolton's aunt).

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Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)



Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"How Firm a Foundation"*
J. Funk/Arr. C. Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music *"A Mother's Prayer"*
Solo by Kyle Allen C. Sager / D. Foster

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: What brings us joy?
Many: What slows us down?
One: Gives us hope?
Many: What makes us think?
One: What invites us to wonder?
Many: What makes us change?
One: Might it have something to do with the Holy?
Many: Indeed! Come, let us give our thanks and praise to God! **

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn of Joy: #374 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*
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Call to Confession: (Responsive)

One The scriptures declare that God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Many: God sees us and loves us still.
One: Admitting our sins, and seeking God's forgiveness,
Many: Let us offer confession:

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Holy God,
At times we have delusions of grandeur, and we forgot to see what is**

small; the babbling brook that holds the beauty of creation; the kind word that is a testament to grace; and the child who is not only vital for the future, but also for the present. Help us remember our place in this world you are making, to give thanks for things great and small, and to be ever humble and hopeful. Hear us now as in silence we open our hearts to you...

Silent Confession: Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon: (Responsive)

One: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News:

Many: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Many: Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn of Promise: #130 (vs. 1,2) *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Offering:

Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem

"God, Give Us Christian Homes"
B.B. McKinney

*Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; #808
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 446)

Job 19:23-27

*Hymn of Wonder: #353 (vs. 1,4 &5)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

New Testament Readings:

(Pew bible pg. 1001)

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-19

(Pew bible pg. 1072)

Revelation 21:1-5

Sermon:

"Raising the Dead"
Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen

Moment for Meditation

"Blessed Assurance"
M. Kim

Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

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THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ We are pleased to welcome as our **guest preacher this morning Dr. Kyle Allen**. Kyle is a native of Eden, North Carolina. He graduated from the University of North Carolina, and following his studies at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, he faithfully pastored 5 PCUSA congregations in South Carolina, Virginia, and North Carolina. Kyle retired from Covenant Presbyterian in Roanoke as Pastor Emeritus at the end of December, 2024. In retirement, he is enjoying golf, traveling, singing in the Roanoke Valley Choral Society, visiting and preaching in churches throughout the presbytery, and especially spending time with his wife, his three children, his son-in-law and his two grandsons.
- ◆ **Celebrate our remaining May Birthdays!** **May 14**—Hi Nicely, **May 21**—Rachael Paderick, **May 23**—Cindy Bailey, **May 24**—Eric McGraw, **May 26**—Joel Branscom
- ◆ **Men's Breakfast—Saturday May 17** at Northstar Restaurant , Lee Highway in Buchanan.
- ◆ If you or your committee or organization needs to use **any space at the church**, please let Danette know so she can make sure the calendar is clear!
- ◆ Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the side entrance for **Botetourt Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities**. There is still one Friday open for volunteers! Please speak with Teri Walker if you have any questions.
- ◆ **Continued Prayers for Patsy and David Dickerson** as they continue their big adventure!
- ◆ **Back Street Ringers** — We will practice on Sunday, May 11, 12-1:00 after worship/fellowship. All are welcome! If interested, see Lori.
- ◆ **Joyful Singers**— Will be practicing on Wednesday, May 14, and May 21 at 3:30 pm. All are welcome! If interested, see Lori.
- ◆ **QR Code for an E-Giving option:**



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

Class of 2027: Cathy Goad, Patty Vari, Teri Walker

The Trustees

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The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

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Calendar of Events

Planned office hours for week of May 11
Mon., 10:00 am –4:00 pm; Wed., 10:00 am –3:30 pm
Friday 10:00—2:00.

- Sunday May 11** **4th Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Mother's Day
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen
Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & Teri Walker
Fellowship: Ginnie Phillippe
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00.
Tuesday May 13 Women's Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship
Wed., May 14 Joyful Singers Practice 3:30
Saturday, May 17 Men's breakfast, 9:00 am, Northstar
- Sunday May 18** **5th Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. Don Makin
Duty Elders: Cathy Goad & _____
Fellowship: Verna Shuey
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00.
Wed., May 21 Joyful Singers Practice 3:30
Thur., May 22 HFI, Fellowship, 6:00 pm
- Sunday May 25** **5th Sunday of Easter**
Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room
Worship Service: 10:30 am
Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. Don Makin
Memorial Day
Duty Elders: _____ & Patti Vari
Fellowship: _____
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00.
Mon, May 26 Memorial Day
Wed., May 28 Wholeness and Healing Prayer Service, 5:00, Fellowship. Light Supper immediately following.

#374 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

#130 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

2 Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

#353 For the Beauty of the Earth

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

5 For the Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love, [Refrain]

#669 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Faith of our Mothers

1 Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death



Mother's Day Prayer!

Loving God, we ask you to
bless all Mothers today.
May they feel the joys of
motherhood everyday.
In all their struggle giving
us a livelihood, may your
love and compassion be
with them for good.
May every mother
feel today, the pride
and beauty of the family
they bear. Through all pain and
sorrow Lord deliver them- In
your strength and grace may
they always stay. Amen!

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1-3

Job 19:23-27

²³“O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

New Testament Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-19

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures...

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the

dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Revelation 21:1-5

²¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”