

Sermon: "Outside The Tomb  
Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen

Moment for Meditation "Near the Cross"  
W. Doane / Arr. D. Torres

\* Declaration of Faith:

Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced that the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So, we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death, we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn: #678 "In the Bulb, There is a Flower"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Thine is the Glory."  
E. Budry/ G. F. Handel

## Prayer Concerns

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

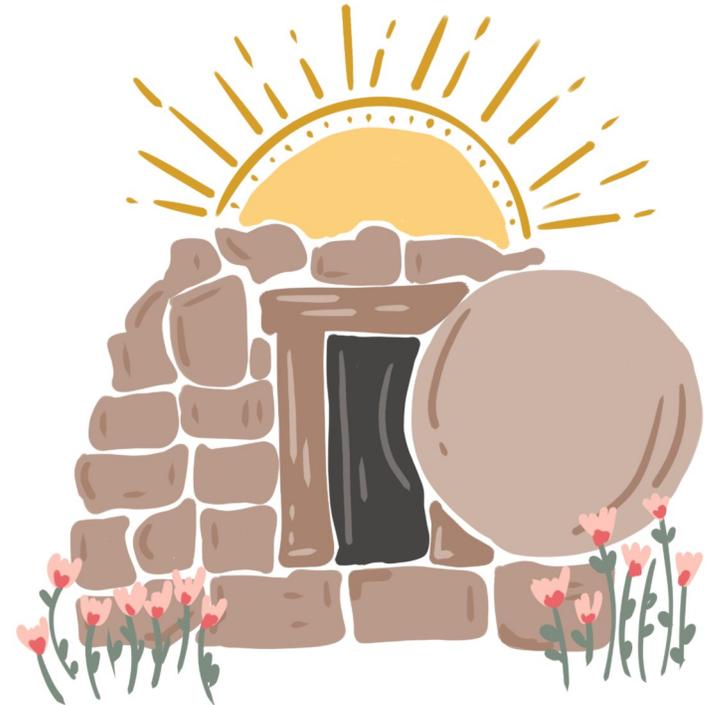
**Friends and family of FPC:** Jody Young Balaun and Diane Knave (high school friends of Danette), Mary Black, Mary Collins (the mother of Hi Nicely's oldest son Casey) Tom Doshen (brother-in-law of Shueys), Evert Ford (Danette's brother) the family and friends of Bill Harris (Paul Phillippe's cousin), Melody Hollingsworth friend of Lyn Burton), Jason and Linda Jenkins (neighbors of the Porters), Sheila Kessler (Danette's sister), Laura Holt McCann, the family of Willie Simmons.

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# Fincastle Presbyterian Church



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# Service for the Lord's Day

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude: *"We Will Glorify"*  
T. Paris/Arr. D. Torres

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music *"How Great Thou Art"*  
Solo by Kyle Allen S. Hines / Swedish Folk Melody

Call to Worship: (Responsive)

One: We are God's Easter People,  
**Many: and alleluia is our song!**  
One: We are God's Easter People,  
**Many: who believe the love of God in Christ is the world's saving grace!**  
One: We are all God's Easter people,  
**Many: who see all others as children of God.**  
One: We are God's Easter people,  
**Many: committed to doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with our Lord.**  
One: We are because God is.  
**All: Come, let us worship the Living Lord of Love!**

Prayer of Invocation

\*Hymn: #558 (1-3) *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*  
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Call to Confession: (Responsive)

One: Siblings in Christ, God, who loves and forgives us,  
**Many: also calls us to admit our sinfulness.**  
One: With a keen awareness of our shortcomings,  
**Many: and a deep longing to amend our ways, let us pray in unison:**

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Giving and Forgiving God,  
You are the Light of the World, the Standard-bearer of all**

Truth, the Giver of Mercy. Today, O God, we confess that your goodness and loving-kindness far exceed ours, that we think, do, and say things that hurt you, and that we far too often love ourselves way more than we love our neighbors. Lord, forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit, show us the way to live the resurrected life modelled in Jesus. That is, a life of grace, of presence, of purpose, of honesty, of integrity, of joy, of compassion, of accountability, of service. Lord, we know we can do better. Lead us, and love us into being, as we offer our silent confessions...

**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 hear and believe the Good News,

**Many: for it is truer than true!**

One: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Many: In Jesus Christ, God's amazing grace abounds!**

One: In Jesus Christ, the old has come and gone.

**Many: In Jesus Christ and the Spirit, we are freed and compelled to love and serve the Lord! Amen!**

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: (see insert) *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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Offering:

Two Cents a Meal & Botetourt Food Pantry Offering

*"The Servant Song"*

"Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too."

Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem

*"Simple Gifts"*  
Traditional Shaker Melody /Arr. C. Berry

\*Doxology: (see insert)

\*Prayer of Dedication

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Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 639)

Isaiah 60:1-3

\*Hymn: #243 (1,4 &5)

*"Christ Is Alive"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pg. 944 & 945)

John 20:11-18

# 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.
- ◆ Today is our special **2 Cents a Meal offering**. We will also be collecting non-perishable food for the **Botetourt Food Pantry**. They have an extra need at this time for cereal, cereal bars, and macaroni and cheese. They also can use dry dog and cat food.
- ◆ **Celebrate our May Birthdays!** **May 2**—Lyn Burton & Teri Walker, **May 5**—Rena Heslip & Danette Heinlein, **May 14**—Hi Nicely, **May 21**—Rachael Paderick, **May 23**—Cindy Bailey, **May 24**—Eric McGraw, **May 26**—Joel Branscom
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ Please check the sign-up sheet for Fellowship opportunities after service on Sundays in May!
- ◆ Check the sign-up sheet on the table in the side entrance for **Botetourt Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities**. Please speak with Teri Walker if you have any questions.
- ◆ Continued Prayers for Patsy and David Dickerson as they continue their big adventure!
- ◆ **Joyful Singers**—Come practice on Wednesday, May 7 at 3:30 pm and make a joyful noise! We will prepare music to sing during an upcoming worship service. All are welcome!
- ◆ **Back Street Ringers** — We will practice on Sunday, May 11, 12-1:00 after worship/fellowship. 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

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### The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

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Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

# Calendar of Events

**Planned office hours for week of May 4**  
**Tue., 10:00 am –4:00 pm; Wed., 10:00 am –3:30 pm**  
**Friday 8:00—11:00.**

- Sunday May 4**     **3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**2 Cents a Meal and Botetourt Food Pantry offering**  
**Sunday School, 9:30 Logan Room**  
**Worship Service: 10:30 am**  
**Supply Preacher: Rev. Dr. D. Kyle Allen**  
Duty Elders:     Lyn Burton & Teri Walker  
Fellowship:     Jim and Sue Porter  
Wed., May 7     Joyful Singers practice at 3:30 pm, sanctuary
- 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:     \_\_\_\_\_  
Back Street Ringers practice 12-1:00.  
Tuesday May 13     Women's Bible Study, 2:00 pm, Fellowship  
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:     \_\_\_\_\_  
Fellowship:     \_\_\_\_\_



JESUS CHRIST

# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 15:57

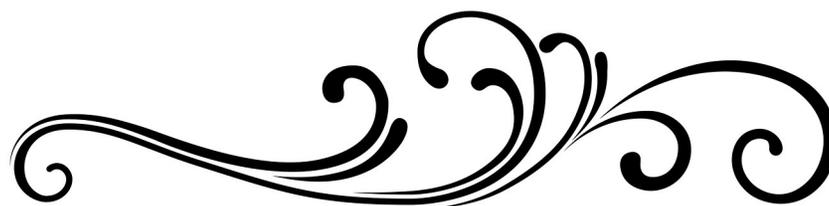
Refrain

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name!

Harmony



# 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Chords: D, A, D, Bm, A, D, G, D, Bm, E, A, D, G, A, D, Em, A, Bm, Em, D, G, A, Em, G, A, D

## #558 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit,  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

## #243 Christ Is Alive

1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

4 In every insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## #678 In the Bulb, There is a Flower

1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something  
alone can

God  
see.



## Old Testament Reading

### Isaiah 60:1-3

- <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.
- <sup>3</sup> And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

## New Testament Reading

### John 20:11-18

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take

him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." <sup>18</sup> Mary Mag'dalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

