



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

GATHERING

WELCOME

Dr. Steve Eason

PRELUDE:

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Roy Brunner

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #487: *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(in unison)*

Rev. Rachel Hamburger

Holy God, you call, but we do not answer. You offer us your grace and mercy, but we consider other offers. We take your help for granted and we go after our own little kingdoms. We are not clothed in righteousness but in excuses. Forgive our sin. Remove the rags of our disobedience and clothe us in Christ. O God, remember us in your mercy, we pray. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* ACT OF PRAISE #145, vs. 1: *(Congregation sings.)*

MARION

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

* PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00)

(As the children come forward, the congregation shall sing "Jesus Loves Me!")

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

(Children age four through first grade meet Children & Worship greeters. Children should be picked up below the Sanctuary after the service.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 66:1-12

Pew Bible, p. 528

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN #316 (8:30): *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

ANTHEM (11:00) *God of Great and God of Small*
Joyful Praise Choir

Natalie Sleeth

NEW TESTAMENT: John 20: 19, 24-29

Pew Bible, p. 115

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *"Six Bad Words in the Bible: #1 DOUBT"*

Dr. Steve Eason

HYMN #322 (seated): *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING

*Attendance registers are in the pews, next to the center aisle.
Please sign and pass them on to the person sitting next to you.*

OFFERTORY: *“O Rest in the Lord”* from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn
 Brynn Johnson, mezzo soprano

* DOXOLOGY: (*Congregation sings.*)

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release of the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick, and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SENDING

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #379: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00)

POSTLUDE: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Again* Johann Fischer

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals, and assisted-listening devices (Bluetooth and t-coil compatible) are available upon request. Lightweight shawls are hanging on the coat rack for anyone who would like a little extra warmth. Ushers are available to assist you with these items. Please let us know how we can further assist you.

If you feel the Spirit of God moving you to affirm your faith in Jesus, please speak to a pastor following the Service or contact one this week at the church.

May applause resound in our hearts as we ascribe to the Lord the glory of His Name!

** Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

TODAY

- 8:30 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:15 A.M. - Fellowship Coffee Cart (Bell Tower)
- 9:30 A.M. - Sunday School (see CE brochure)
- 10:30 A.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Media Room)
- 6:30 P.M. - Middle School Sunday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)

MONDAY

- 10:00 A.M.- Noon - Staff Retreat (Fowler Conference Room)

TUESDAY

- 9:00 A.M. - FISH (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Disciple Small Group (The Loft)

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 A.M. - Wednesday Bible Study (Fowler Conference)
- 4:30 P.M. - Joyful Praise Choir (Upper Conference Room)
- Joyful Noise Choir (Children & Worship Room)
- 5:30 P.M. - Wednesday Night Fellowship (Barron Hall)
- 6:00 P.M. - Infant/Toddler Childcare (Room 204)
- Preschool/Elementary Childcare (Media Room)
- Youth Small Groups (The Loft)
- Younger Women's Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

THURSDAY

- 9:30 A.M. - Sequoyah Seniors Trip (off site)

FRIDAY

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Studies (various locations)
- 8:30 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (The Empty Cup)
- 10:00 A.M. - Tai Chi (Barron Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ARE YOU A VISITOR WITH US TODAY? We are delighted that you are here. If you would like more information about Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, please speak to an usher or visit our website at www.sequoyahchurch.org.

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God in honor of Ali Gilbertson and Andy Rawlins, who were married yesterday in the Sanctuary.

PRINTED COPIES OF PREVIOUS SERMONS are available in the back of the Sanctuary and in the church office. Sermons and recorded worship services are also available on the church website (sequoyahchurch.org) under the Sermons & Media tab.

A NEW SERMON SERIES: Dr. Steve Eason's six-part sermon series "Six Bad Words in the Bible" begins today and runs through Sunday, May 20. Invite someone to join you for this series and to experience the warm hospitality of Sequoyah Hills.

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUPERVISION meets tonight at 5:30 in the Media Room.

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION: The session approved a request from the Personnel Committee to upgrade the Business Manager position from part-time to full-time. The demands of our buildings, properties, and finances have increased and call for full-time attention. We say goodbye to Noah Allen, who has filled the part-time position over the past two years. Thank you, Noah, for your faithfulness and friendship. The Personnel Committee will conduct interviews and hopefully fill this position in the near future.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER this week features S&S fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, salad, and dessert. Serving line opens at 5:15 P.M.

SEQUOYAH SENIORS TRIP to the Gray Fossil Museum in Gray, Tenn. is Thursday at 9:30 A.M. The group will have lunch at Cracker Barrel in Johnson City before touring the museum. The cost of lunch and the museum tour is \$15. Call 522-9804 if you'd like to participate.

THE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS for all second-graders through fifth-graders who have not yet participated is Wednesday, April 25, at 6:15 P.M. in the Sanctuary. RSVP to memorris@sequoyahchurch.org or 522-9804.

ANOTHER LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY is approaching, as we prepare for the KARM dinner on Sunday, April 29. Please consider volunteering. We will again partner with our brothers and sisters from Shiloh Presbyterian Church. The sign-up sheet and volunteer information, including the waivers, are in the narthex. Join in the privilege of serving the people at KARM. You will enjoy the experience.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Chad and Stacy Evans on the birth of their son, John Corbin Evans, on Friday, March 23.

OUR POND GAP KIDS NEED SHOES: Last summer we had the privilege of providing tennis shoes for many of the Pond Gap students who needed them. They have requested our help again. Anyone who can assist this spring, your donations would be greatly appreciated. They are most in need of boys' size 11 through men's size 7. Girls' size 5 through women's size 7 are also being accepted. Please drop off whatever new tennis shoes you can donate to the church office, marked clearly for Pond Gap, no later than May 13.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" is June 4 through 8. Mark your calendars. Registration information has been mailed.

YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS: Middle School Youth are invited to the Great Escape, a Young Life camp July 28 through August 1 in Southwind, Fla. High School Youth are invited to Fun in the Sun July 8 through 13 in Hilton Head, S.C. The trips cost \$449 and \$459, respectively, per person plus money for two meals on the road, incidentals, and snacks. Forms are downloadable from the church website or in the box on Laura's door. A \$50 deposit with the registration form holds your spot. The balance is due by July 1.

APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH to help raise awareness about the critical need for organ, tissue, marrow, and blood donors and inspire people to register their decision to donate life. For more information please visit the Parish Nurse's bulletin board across from the Chapel.

THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS: Greeter – Dave Petersen; Ushers – Al Akerman, Ned Babb, Joe Bruner, Rusty Burton, Sandy Gillespie, Beau Hannifin, Lee Hyde, Vance Link, Jim Mitchell, Jerry Sinclair, and Judd Spitzer; March Flowers – Denise Anderson,

Samma Bromley, Kathryn Callaway, Cammy Glover, Judy Luttrell, Susan Schmid, Joyce Simms, and Tamara Warner.

IN THE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED-LIVING CENTERS: Arbor Terrace – Donna Stevens; Clarity Pointe – Mrs. Barbara Knoph; Westmoreland – Mrs. Betty Benson, Ms. Pat Gray, and Mr. Tom Wood.



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