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A **call to worship**, typically
drawn from sentences of
Scripture, expresses God's
invitation to gather as
Christ's body in this place.

A **call to confession**
expresses God's initiative in
calling for repentance and
promising forgiveness in
Christ. As members of
Christ's body, we confess
the reality of sin, captivity,
and brokenness in personal
and common life and ask
for God's saving grace.

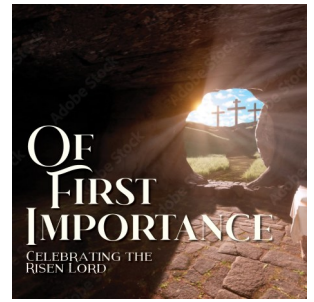
A **declaration of**
forgiveness proclaims the
good news of God's mercy
and offers the **assurance of**
pardon in Jesus' name. We
respond to God's mercy
with an act of praise.

The Peace of Christ: "His
purpose was to create in
himself one new humanity
out of the two, thus making
peace, and in one body to
reconcile both of them to
God through the cross, by
which he put to death their
hostility." **Eph 2:15-16**

SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025 | 8:45 and 11:00 A.M.

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CHORAL INTROIT *Victory* by John Ness Beck

WELCOME Dr. Jay Howell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*HYMN *Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High* arr. Mary McDonald

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ hath opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) 8:45 Stephanie Daniel | 11:00 Howard Grower

God of Life, we praise you this day in your glory. Your victory is the foundation of our faith. Yet too often, we take it for granted, and the amazing power of this morning has little bearing on how we live our lives. We can be selfish. We can live unto ourselves. Forgive us, we pray, and give us hearts to live to the fullest in the identity forged by your Son, the Risen Lord, in whose name we now silently confess...

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME (11:00 only) Mary Emily Morris
(Children & Worship: Children ages four through first grade will leave with Mary Emily and may be picked up in the lower level of Spitzer building.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 8:45 Stephanie Daniel | 11:00 Howard Grower

OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 6:10-12 PEW BIBLE PAGE 163
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Forevermore* by Dan Forrest
SHPC Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT John 20:1-10, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 PEW BIBLE PAGE 114, 176
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Of First Importance: Reminding* Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Ben Garriss

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Crown Him!* by Dan Forrest

*DOXOLOGY (Congregation sings.) Old 100th
**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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Rev. Mark Lampley

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the

A prayer for illumination calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's Word.

The Word of God: The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who "became flesh and lived among us" (John 1:14). Where the Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord's Day.

Response offering: These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel. **Online giving** is available via this QR code.



Responding to the Word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. This affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of Scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.

Sending: *Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.*

*We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. **The charge calls** the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world. The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God, such as **the priestly blessing or apostolic benediction.***

Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #233 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ Arose* arr. John M. Rasley

**Please stand as you are able.*

Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
- 8:45 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 A.M. - Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main)
 - Elementary Sunday School (Spitzer Lower)
 - Youth Sunday School (Loft)
 - Bible Discovery (Room 318)
 - Faith Gathering (Room 320)
 - Adult Biblical Imagery (Room 317)
 - Adult Faith Practices (Room 322)
 - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 319)
 - Sojourners (Tree Top Coffee)
- 10:30 A.M. - Coffee Fellowship (Bell Tower)
 - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary / Livestream)
- 4:00 P.M. - Youth SNF resumes May 4
- 5:00 P.M. - Youth Small Groups resumes May 4

Monday - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

CALENDAR

Tuesday

9:30 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Loft)

Wednesday

- 9:20 A.M. - LIFE Group-Howell (Room 320)
- 9:30 A.M. - LIFE Group-Zeanah (off-site)
- 10:30 A.M. - Dotterweich Bible Study (Room 322)
- 4:00 P.M. - Knitters & Stitchers (Room 320)
- 4:30 P.M. - KidsPraise (room 118)
- 5:00 P.M. - LIFE Group-Gale (Room 319)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 116)

Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
- 5:30 P.M. - Table Talk for Widows (off-site)
- 6:00 P.M. - New Officer Joint Session Mtg (Barron Hall)

Friday

7:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)

Friday-Sunday—Montreat All-Church Retreat

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES next Sunday morning are at 8:45 A.M. (Acoustic) in Barron Hall and 11:00 A.M. (Traditional) in the Sanctuary and by Livestream at sequoyahchurch.org.

WELCOME to our guests today! Please use the QR code to learn more about our church. Contact Stephanie Daniel, tefdaniel@gmail.com, with questions.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Thank you for your patience as we improve connection and accessibility throughout our building. For regular weekly updates use the QR code or reach.sequoyahchurch.org.

WORSHIP

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIANS: Trumpets- Thomas Bates, Hope Williams, Ian Kreuger; Trombones- Bryce McCracken, Jacob Ross; Horn- Ben Makins; Tuba- Cameron McKenzie; Percussion- Lawrence Montgomery, Chris Rosas; and Piano- Tianran Gao.

NEW OFFERING PLATES were made possible from donations made in memory of Frank Marion Addicks. At his family's request, this designation was approved by the SHPC Worship Committee.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who gave an honorarium or memorial for our Easter flowers this year. Follow the QR code to view the list of donors. If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

OUR STEPHEN MINISTRY caregivers are devoted listeners to those experiencing difficult transitions in life. They are highly trained, attentive, and faith-filled volunteer members who can be relied upon to show Christ's love. For more information, contact coordinator Nancy Hays, nancyh43@aol.com.

HELPFUL PASTORAL LINKS to information on coping with anxiety, depression, suicide, and much more can be found on our website, sequoyahchurch.org. Look under Connect and Grow/Adult Resources/Getting Mentally Fit. These come highly recommended among some of our congregation's professional psychologists, counselors, and pastors.

TRANSPORTATION: Do you need a ride to Worship or a church event? Our Transportation Team will arrange ahead of time to pick you up and take you home. Contact Janna, jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org, to arrange for a ride or to join the team.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

TABLE TALK FOR WIDOWS is April 24 at Cazy's in Bearden. Please RSVP to Janna, jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org or 522-9804, for headcount.

JOY FELLOWSHIP MONDAY MOVIE is April 28 at 2pm in room 320, Spitzer Education Building. Bring a friend and enjoy popcorn and drinks while watching *The Triple Six Eight*.

JOY FELLOWSHIP COMMUNITY LUNCHEON is May 8 at noon with Michelle Marciniak from Center for Sports, Peace, and Society. RSVP to Janna, jpreston@sequoyahchurch.org.

OUTREACH and MISSIONS

INWARDLY STRONG, OUTWARDLY FOCUSED: Our Lord Jesus came to serve, not to be served (Matt. 20:28), so we encourage you to find one place you can serve well and in whatever capacity best suits you.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: pray with UT students with Campus House of Prayer, rock babies at Olive Tree, or deliver food with FISH. These are just a few examples available. Contact Pastor Ben, bgarris@sequoyahchurch.org, for more information. Our current partnership volunteer opportunity is to serve dinner at KARM June 1. Email victoriadabbs@gmail.com for details.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:30 and 10:30 A.M. Nursery/Childcare (Room 204); Extended Session (Room 220).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 9:45-10:45: **Bible Discovery** (1 Kings), **Faith Gathering** (Wisdom), **Faith Practices** (guest speakers), **Adult Fellowship** (John), **Biblical Imagery**, or **Sojourners** (Sunday Scripture).

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS for children ages 2nd –5th grade will be April 23 at 5:45pm in the Sanctuary with Mark Lampley and Mary Emily Morris. Please contact memorris@sequoyahchurch.org to register.

JOIN US FOR VBS JUNE 2-5. Register now to attend or volunteer by using the QR code or the church website, sequoyahchurch.org. Email Mary Emily, memorris@sequoyahchurch.org, for more information.



HIGHLIGHTING THREE OF OUR THIRTEEN LIFE GROUPS/SMALL GROUPS: prayerfully consider joining: Monday's noon men's group discussion of a study by Tim Keller; Wednesday's 9:20 women's group studying Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon; or Wednesday's 9:30 women's study of James. The latter two have free childcare in our nursery.

