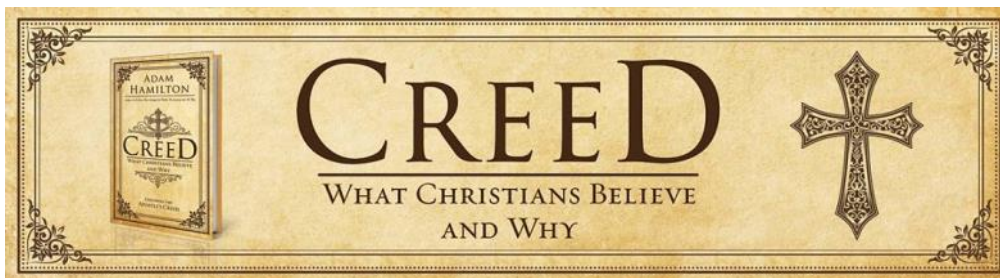




April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

LENTEN SERMON SERIES:



✠ *We invite you to stand as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Opening Voluntary

Passion Chorale

arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel

Ben Jones and Harold Sedano, Trumpet,

Caresse Virnig, French Horn, Brannon Cling and Christa White, Trombone

✠ **Hymn of Praise No. 302**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

arr. by John Rutter

Christ Candle Reading on Easter Sunday

Grace Woods

Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem (11:00a)

The Day of Resurrection

arr. by Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble

The stone is rolled away this resurrection day; give glory to the King!

Rejoice, O victory! God's son has set us free; give glory to the King!

He conquered death and sin and rose to live again; forever He will reign!

And evermore shall be a song of victory, for Christ has come to reign!

From darkness into light, God's love has pierced the night; His glory now we sing.

Let ev'ry heart and voice sing praise to God; rejoice! For Jesus Christ is King!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,

the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,

our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

(The congregation sings:)

Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth her song begin!

The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein.

Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;

For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

(Choir only:)

To Him our praises sing: hail to the King of kings!

He came to set us free; rejoice, O victory! Alleluia!

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Praise to the Lord

arr. by Vaclav Nelhybel

Brass Ensemble and Organ

Doxology

*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.*

Holy Infant Baptism

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Kenleigh Gray Mabe

October 2, 2017

Parents

Kimberly and Micah Mabe

Godparents

Olivia and Zach Mabe

Kae Ashleigh Eller and Kurtis Eller

Grandparents

DeLee and Lee Mabe

Kathy Eller and the late Ken Eller

Great-Grandparents

Morris Mabe

Mickie and Don Anderson

New Member Reception into the Congregation of First UMC

By transfer of membership from Canaan UMC, Winston-Salem, NC:

Carrie and Jeremy Bowers (Professing Members)

Elin Aubrey Bowers (Baptized Member)

Harper Lynn Bowers (Baptized Member)

Arianna Nicole Taylor (Candidate for Baptism)

James Henry Taylor, III (Candidate for Baptism)

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 12-19, 25-38, 42-44, 50-55

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Sermon

I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body

Rev. Jamie Armstrong

My friend Ken Carter, bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, shared a sermon he preached on Easter 2011, for clergy who are prepping for Easter Sunday sermons, with the words..."if it helps, give God the glory." The following quotes from his sermon speak powerfully to where I want to go on this Easter Sunday.

I have learned that Easter is not only theologically essential, it is pastorally necessary. I am drawn to the hope, once again, that there is simply more to life than this life...

On Easter morning we will sing the words of the best theologian in my own tradition, Charles Wesley. Before we reach a particular stanza, one that's buried deep within the hymn, a momentum is building with the affirmation, "Christ the Lord is risen today." I imagine the hymn sung in country churches where a young teenage boy is playing the trumpet, and I can see the relief on his face when he's finished; I can also imagine a small orchestra of professional musicians accompanying a large city congregation, with every seat filled. In either setting, singers come to the midpoint of the hymn and declare, "Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!" Then comes a phrase that reminds me of our true human nature and destiny: "Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!"

This Holy Week we have been to both the cross and the grave. Some of us are carrying heavy crosses. Some of us, in this season, have been to the grave. But now it is Easter, and once again there is a miracle: we have died, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God. Look! The stone is being rolled away, and we hear the promise of the Risen Lord: "Because I live, you will live also." We will set our minds on the things that are above. Yes, ours is the cross and the grave, but yes, ours too are the skies." (Ken Carter, Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011).

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

† Hymn of Response No. 327 vs. 1

Lift High the Cross

Nicholson

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore His sacred Name.

¹Come, Christians follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. *Refrain*

²Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears
on the brow the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

³O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as
Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee. *Refrain*

⁴So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

† Flower Cross Procession to the Front Lawn

† Benediction on the Front Lawn

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with our church calendar, ministries, activities and events.



The Sparrow Project Your feedback is vital in helping to build this project so that it may meet the needs of our congregation. Share your thoughts, ideas and needs on the brochure and return it to the basket provided on the Volunteer's Desk. Brochures are located at the Volunteer's Desk.

Sunday, April 22—Gold City

Nationally known Southern gospel quartet from Gadsden, Alabama and 2017 Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee will join us:
10:00a - Concert in the sanctuary
11:00a - Worship Service featuring the music of Gold City



Lexington Choral Society Spring Sing Sunday, April 29 (3:00p) Sanctuary

Would You Like to Host a Table for the Ladies' Tea?



Committee Members and Benefactors are providing all food, favors, and gifts. **There will be no hostess expense other than what you want to spend on your table.**

If you have questions before you sign-up, please contact: Gay Smith 336-479-3822 or G. F. Smith 336-596-9563 • **Sign-Up at the Volunteer's Desk**

Hostess' Responsibilities:

♥ Sell 6-8 tickets (\$10 each) (including yourself)

♥ **Set up** your table for 6-8 ladies (**arrive early on Saturday, May 5**)

2018 Ladies Tea Committee: Gay Smith, G. F. Smith, Judy Roberts and Rachel Roberts



*Third Annual
Ladies
Tea*

Saturday, May 5

(2:00p-4:00p) ♥ Fellowship Hall
Spring is the Time for New Beginnings
Tickets: \$10

(Proceeds benefit Open Hands Ministry)

Guest Speaker: Sandy Blackburn

Our Stewardship for God's Work This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Each Sunday, please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for Sunday, March 25, 2018:

Early Worship: 29 Morning Worship: 160 Total: 189

Weekly Offerings: \$24,513.67

Weekly Needed: \$10,632.90

Total Received to Date: \$119,319.30

Needed to Date: \$127,594.80



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 1 *Easter Sunday - One Service of Worship*

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary - At the close of the service we will process together singing and carrying the flower cross outside to the front lawn for our Easter Sunday benediction.

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 3

Wednesday, April 4

- 7:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast, Cagney's
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room

Thursday, April 5

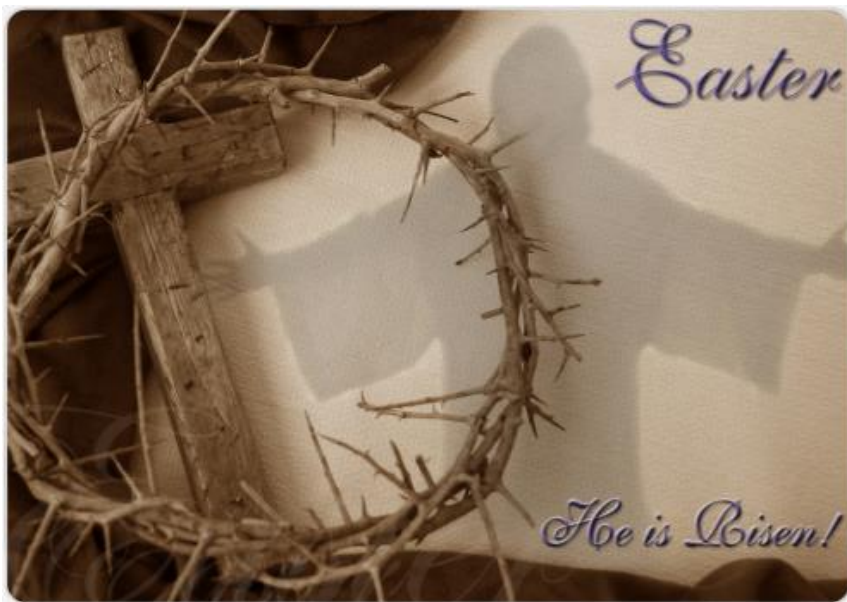
- 7:45 a.m. Men's Devotion & Fellowship, Biscuit King on S. Main Street
7:15 p.m. SPRC, Conference Room

Friday, April 6

Saturday, April 7

Sunday, April 8

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Endowment, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Trustees, Parlor



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Flowers

The flowers are placed at the front of the sanctuary today in honor of Kenleigh Gray Mabe upon the occasion of her baptism by her great-grandfather, Morris Mabe.

Today's Greeters:

Deborah and Terry Arnold

Chief Ushers: Richard Foust, Jimmy Everhart

Captain: Rick Samuels **Co-Captain:**

Mark Berrier, Bradley Hedrick, Loyd Leonard, Adrian Neal and Maywood Wilkerson. **Security:** West Lamoureaux

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Prayer Requests

Linda Fisher
Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Kathy Baragona
Doug Clayton
Debra Craver
June Craver
John & Judy Hensch
Earl Hester
Miheepa Jones
Susan Terry Jones
Jim Ragan
John Scarff
Donna Smith
Gay Smith
Paul Smith
Dare Wilson

Shut-Ins

Dot Kinsey
Caroline McCree
Evelyn Sink

Piedmont Crossing

Health Care

Margaret McCrary Carver
Barbara Proctor
Margaret Ragan

Residents

Jo Doris Beck
Herman & Naoma Crabtree
Richard & Camille Lawrence
Madeline Palmer
Jim Ragan
Nancy Wilkinson

Alston-Brook

Isabelle Trimpey

Bethany Woods (Albemarle)

Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Betty Darr

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House (Salisbury)

Julee Smith

Lexington Health Care

Hilda Brower

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor (Albemarle)

Bonnie Cates

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

Louise Pope

Extended Family & Friends

Billy Everhart
Shannon & Steve Ford
Sherry & Roger Smith
Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Helen Hall
Rae Leonard
Jayne James
Dermont Morris
Arlena Edwards
Sandy Balsler
Ruth Carlton
Mike Daniel
Patricia Addair
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Rev. Russell Brownworth
Gary Leonard
Lillian Shearin
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Chris Hunt
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Kendall Conner
David Ogle

Tempie Almstead
Kelly Michael
Kristin Harris
Claire Dowling
Ann Schaefer
David Stafford
Cameron & Pete Dunlap
Linda & Tom Dunlap
Carol & Steve Harris
Peggy Sisk
Anna Smathers
Pat Wilson
Jack Smith
Gene Oldham
Nakajah Vaughan
Brenda Hipp
Jane King
Breanna Wilson
Ethan Reavis
Jason & Stacy Heitman
Jenny Rains
Jimmy Davis
Bentley Leonard
John Bruce Davis
Eric Leonard
Robert, Doris, & Keith Hunt
Martha Daniel
Debra Ann Leonard
Betty Jean Whitaker
Len & Dottie Harris
Jack & Susan Phillips
Jordan Beswick
Susan Fritts
Regina Chrest
Bruce Thornton

Serving in the Armed Forces

SGT John Hall
Capt. Jarrad Thorley
SMS Jason Brownworth
SGT Alan Ingram