

Thank You for Serving Our Church

USHERS: John Gray, John Maze, Bonita Hooper, Bill Robbins, Linda Sink

PLATE ATTENDANT: Dave Fulton

YOUTH USHER: Patrick Horton

SOUND TECHNICIAN: James Gray

ACOLYTE: Parker Horton

GREETERS: Eddie & Belinda Yates

BIBLE STEWARD: Lucas Peterson

NURSERY (INFANTS-KINDERGARTEN): Alice Gray & Vicky Gray

- ❖ A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom {through left door at chancel.}
- ❖ A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child {through left or right door at chancel.}

Our Church at Prayer

PRAYER CONCERNS: Remember those in the Armed Forces. To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located in the backs of the pews, contact Sylvia Walser at 336-225-2964 or call the church office at 336-248-2617.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Carolyn Spivey, Peggy Bates, Ruth Fritts, Margot Everhart

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price, Rita Tussey, Adena Wall, Marzell Crotts, Hoyle Potts, Doris Flynt, James Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle

OUR FRIENDS: Bob Miller (Eddie Yates' stepdad), Barbara Miller (Eddie Yates' mother), Kiana Sinz (friend of Patti Lovell), Louis Honeycutt, Eliza Paris (friend of Sylvia Walser's granddaughter), Jonelle, Parker (friend of Frank Leonard), Rev. Jamie Armstrong (1st UMC) and his wife, Rev. Elizabeth Graves (Epworth UMC in Concord), Virginia Byars (friend of Alisa Johnson), Derrick Wong (friend of Joni Walser), Ashley Anderson (Lee Ann Peele's cousin), Judy Stanley (family of Alane Holste), Danny Lloyd (Frank Callicutt's father), Lynn Mack (friend of Mary Berrier), Dot Crotts (Frank Leonard's aunt), Doris Brown (Mike & Lynn Brown's sister-in-law), Ronald Yates (Eddie Yates' dad), Nell and Ken Holmes (neighbors of Jerry and Patti Lovell), Jeffery Saunders (Amy Hedrick's son), Debra Craver (friend of Alisa Johnson)

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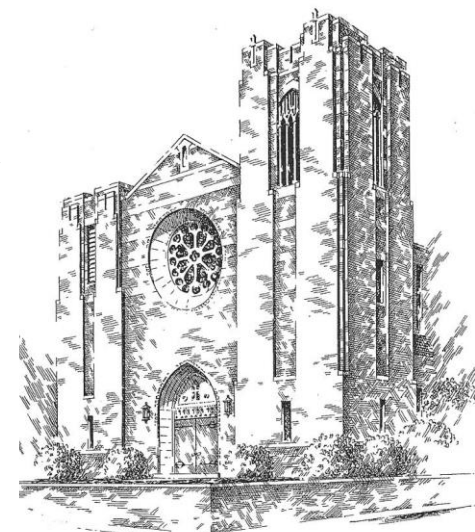
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*Where People Discover...
The Love of God
The Power to Love Others
The Ability to Love Ourselves*

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



April 8, 2018
11:00am

Welcome! If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed. Prayer Request Cards can be found on the backs of the pews if you would like to request prayer for yourself or someone else. Please place these in the offering plate when passed.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered and hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Easter

Liturgist: Eulene Shepherd

Gathering

Prelude

*Chiming of the Hour

*Choral Call to Worship

*Invocation

Elizabeth Horton

*Hymn:

"Morning Has Broken"

Insert

Welcome

Elizabeth Horton

Prayer of Confession

Elizabeth Horton

Creator of life, before we were born you knew us.

**You shaped us in the most comfortable space,
forming us inside the warmth of mother.**

When we emerged, we saw light, but we curled up into a ball and closed our eyes.

But you whispered, "Do not be afraid."

Even as we mature in life and faith, we allow fear to curl us up and close our eyes.

Still you whisper, "Do not be afraid."

Forgive us for hiding in comfortable places; for ignoring our identities;
for blocking out hope; for avoiding transformation.

Renew us as your children born of water and Spirit.

Coax us out of our comfortable places

That we may do the hard, uncomfortable work before us.

In the name of The One who created us, redeems us,

The One who transforms us, empowers us,

Do not be afraid!

Centering

Young Disciples

Elizabeth Horton

All youth, pre-K–5th grade, are invited to join Cathy Waitman and Patti Lovell for Children's Church.

Proclaiming

Anthem

"Just As I Am, Lord"

Price and Besig

*Through all the trials which life sends my way, through all the troubles I face each day;
Shadows and clouds may bring doubt and fear, but Lord, I know You are near.*

*Sometimes the darkness seems empty and cold; sometimes I search for a hand to hold.
Lost and uncertain of what to do, I find my courage in You.*

*Just as I am, without one plea, for You, O Lord, will comfort me.
Your love alone will set me free! O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*I am not worthy but still You forgive, teaching me patiently how to live.
Humble and thankful, I come to You with love so faithful and true.*

*Just as I am, without one plea, for You, O Lord, will comfort me.
Your love alone will set me free! O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

Scripture Reading

John 20: 19-31

Elizabeth Horton

(Pew Bible page 989)

Sermon

"Life Resurrected: Raised from Doubt"

Elizabeth Horton

Responding

Hymn:

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

Connecting with One Another

Elizabeth Horton

Responding to God's Grace by Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Easter Doxology

Tune: "Old Hundredth" Text: Ruth Duck

Praise God the Source of life and birth.
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honor, to God's name. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Eulene Shepherd

Sending

*Responsive Call to Dedication

Eulene Shepherd

Leader: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

People: Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

*Congregational Response

**We're so thankful that you are still speaking, You're still speaking, gracious God.
For the sake of the world you are seeking, We are listening, listening now.**

Postlude

***THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND**

Morning Has Broken

In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord. Ex. 16:7

Unison

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 horn of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, 1931
 MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans, 1927

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 5.5.5.4.D.

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

Unison

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.
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Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

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Upcoming Events

GIRL SCOUT YARD SALE HAS BEEN MOVED TO SATURDAY, APRIL 14 from 8:00-2:00
Sunny – Grass Lot...Rainy...Fellowship Hall We will say Rain - Fellowship Hall Shine - Grass Lot

FRIENDSHIP CLUB TO VISIT THE BUTTERFLY FARM on **Wednesday, April 25th**. We need at least 20 people to sign up in order to plan a weekday event. The **DEADLINE TO SIGN UP is TODAY, April 8th**. Please let Cathy know today if you are interested.

CONFIRMANDS TO VISIT CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM IN GREENSBORO on **Saturday, April 14**. If others, 9th grade or older, would like to accompany the group on this trip, please let Cathy know **TODAY**. Someone will contact you with more information about cost, meeting time and duration of the trip.



INTERFAITH FORUM #4: COME LEARN ABOUT ISLAM

April 22 from 4:00-5:30pm

Guest Speaker: Najila Faizi

Program Director for Muslim Life at Wake Forest University

THE NEXT FAMILIES FIRST GATHERING is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 at the home of Joy, Vance and Addie Walser from 5-7:00pm. Please bring a snack or appetizer to share. RSVP by April 13 so the Walsers will know how many to expect.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY is **May 20th**. We will receive new members into the congregation on this day. If you would like more information about joining the church, please contact Rev. Horton.

GRADUATION SUNDAY is scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd. We would like to honor all milestones in education. If your child is graduating from kindergarten, elementary school, middle school, high school or college, please advise the church office **by Sunday, May 27th**.

SAVE THE DATE: ORGAN RECITAL on SUNDAY, MAY 6th at 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. Performances will include various organists from local churches, instrumentalists on piano, harp and saxophone and vocal performances. **MORE INFORMATION TO COME LATER.**

WINSTON SALEM DASH GAME SUNDAY, JUNE 3 at 2:00pm. The deadline to sign up is **SUNDAY, MAY 6**. The cost is \$13 per person. We will be sitting in a covered area near home plate. If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Building or let Cathy know.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 8		Second Sunday of Easter...Children's Church
9:45am		Children – JAM with Ellen Peterson & Carolyn Robbins in the Family Room New Way – studying Romans with Dave Fulton Willing Workers – studying Genesis with Doug Sink Still Speaking Class – Rob Bell's "Nooma" video series with Elizabeth Horton {P}
10:30am		Sunday Social: Dave & Glenyce Fulton {FH}
11:00am		Worship in the Sanctuary...Children's Church (Cathy Waitman and Patti Lovell)
12:15pm		Consistory
Monday, April 9	11:00am	Staff Meeting
	5:00pm	Tutoring
	6:30pm	Open Hands Ministry {FH}
Tuesday, April 10	10:00am	Collaborative Ministries {P}
	6:00pm	Board of Evangelism {P}
	6:00pm	Men's Brotherhood {FH}
Wednesday, April 11	10:30am	GLAMA {P}
	6:30pm	Bell Choir {Bell Room}
	7:15pm	Choir {Ch A}
Thursday, April 12	5:30pm	YOGA Class {P}
	7:00pm	Square Dancing {FH}
Friday, April 13	5:30pm.	Confirmation Class
Saturday, April 14	8:00-2:00	Girl Scout Yard Sale Confirmands visit Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro
Sunday, April 15		Third Sunday of Easter...Kids Club
9:45am		Children – "Knowing Jesus in a New Way" with Cathy Waitman and Alice Gray New Way – studying Romans with Dave Fulton Willing Workers – studying Genesis with Doug Sink Still Speaking Class –Rob Bell's "Nooma" video series with Elizabeth Horton {P}
11:00am		Worship in the Sanctuary

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries {April 8-14}

Birthdays	April 8	John Potts
	April 9	Eulene Shepherd
	April 11	Clifton Murphy
	April 12	Kyle Winters
Anniversaries	April 13	Lee & Ellen Bouchard