



April 20, 2025

balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

Easter Sunday



11:00am

Special Music

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"
"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"
"Menuet"

Bells of Balmoral and guest quartet

arr. Kevin McChesney
arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
Michel Rondeau

Chiming of the Hour

Easter Declaration

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Call to Worship

Mary Schmitz, Liturgist

Leader: Glad songs of victory ring out in the tents of the righteous:
People: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted."
Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and tell the deeds of the Lord.
People: The Lord is my strength and my might; the Lord has become my salvation.
Leader: Let all the people say: God's steadfast love endures forever.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia!

*Gathering Song 232

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Confession

O God, you gave your only Son to die for the sin of the world: We confess that we often fail to hold firmly to the message of his resurrection. We have not responded to your love with our whole hearts; we too often fall victim to despair and fear; we are indifferent to the cries of the poor and the calls for peace; we, who should praise you every day, are strangely silent. Take away the sting of death and put with us your victory for life.

(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response Hymn "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 will be,
World without end. Amen. Amen

Share the Peace of Christ

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Choral Response

“Hallelujah Chorus”

G.F. Handel

Choir

Sermon

Remember

Silent Reflection

In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Song of the Day 233

“The Day of Resurrection”

The Day of Resurrection

***Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of God's 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.**

Moment for Mission

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.

Offertory "Marche" Michel Rondeau

“Marche”

Michel Rondeau

Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Sending Song 246 (vss 1st & last) “Christ is Alive!” TRURO

Charge and Blessing

***Benediction Response** "Lord Let Us Leave Now" OLD ENGLISH TUNE

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.

We know You are with us, Your way will endure.

Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.

Postlude

“O That Will Be Joyful”
Frank Carney, organist

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- All responsive readings are shown with normal type for the leader and the bold portions are read in unison by all.
- * indicates those who are able, please stand

OUR MISSION:

***We are an open community who believes God is love and
who lives our belief through praise and service.***

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sean Orians (27); Ben Legett (28)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Scott and Janice Hill (30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Balmoral choir, directed by Ben Legett, Bells of Balmoral, directed by Lynn Ward, Linda Warren, pianist, Frank Carney, organist, and Mary Schmitz, Liturgist.
- **GUEST MUSICIANS:** Catie Balsamo, Tyler Matthews, Christina Hazell, Abigail Wilson
- **THANK YOU** to Cathy Bailey for the Easter Flowers on the center table this Easter morning!
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for APRIL:** turn the water off while brushing your teeth.
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** Lent is the time when we learn about and prepare to collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Balmoral's Community Picnic will be Sunday, May 4th after worship. Please invite a friend or neighbor to join you. Sign up for sides will begin on April 27.
- **FAIR TRADE COFFEE:** The Fellowship Team is taking orders for Don Justo Coffee. Please have your orders in to Paul Below by Sunday, May 4. Order forms are found on the fellowship table in the narthex. For more information, contact Paul Below.
- **COFFEE-TIME SNACKS:** Don't forget to sign up for coffee-time snacks!
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Monday, April 21 is a holiday for the staff so the Church Office will be closed all day.
- **PASTOR OUT OF OFFICE:** The Session at the recommendation of the Human Resources Team has given Pastor Mark a floating holiday the week following Easter. He will be out of the office on Thursday, April 24

- **ADULT STUDIES CLASS:** The class will resume on Sunday, April 27 @ 9:30am in Classroom A. The topic for this class will be "Hymns and Their Stories." Class leaders will be Fran and Pete Addicott and Ben Legett. The class will meet April 27 - May 18. All are invited.
- **SEE WHAT PASTOR IS READING-** If you would like to receive emails containing articles and other informational items which Pastor Mark finds thought provoking, please send a request to be added to the email group by sending an email to pastormark@balmoralpc.com.
- **A FILMING CREW** is scheduled to use our sanctuary and main office for a short film which is being locally written and produced by a known director from Idlewild Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 26. Please avoid being in those areas all day.
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Food Pantry needs staples from our Food Cart!
 - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
 - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling.
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR:** (*see the BPC website for more information!*)
 - **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every **Tuesday**, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
 - **CHAIR YOGA** meets every **Tuesday and Thursday**, 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** every **Wednesday**, 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** every **Wednesday**, 7:00pm in the Choir room
 - **EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH** Sunday, **April 20**, 9:30am (*NOTE: NO ADULT STUDIES*)
 - **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP** Sunday, **April 20**, 11:00am
 - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**, Monday, **April 21**
 - **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, **April 21**, 1:00pm in Classroom A
 - **FILM CREW** in building on Saturday, **April 26** 7am - 7pm
 - **SESSION WORKSHOP**: Saturday, **April 26** 10:00am in the Youth Room.
 - **SPRING ADULT STUDIES**, Sunday, **April 27**, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP** Sunday, **April 27**, 11:00am
 - **SANDWICH MAKING PROJECT**, **April 27**, after worship in Classroom A
 - **SESSION MEETING**, **April 27**, 12:30pm, in Classroom A
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, **Thursday May 1**, 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **COMMON CUP of JAZZ**, **Friday, May 2**, 6:30pm at Liberation Community Church
 - **SPRING ADULT STUDIES**, Sunday, **May 4**, 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **WORSHIP & COMMUNION**, Sunday, **May 4**, 11:00am
 - **WORSHIP TEAM MEETING**, **May 4**, 12:15pm in Classroom A
 - **COMMUNITY PICNIC with COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**, **Sunday, May 4**, after worship at BPC

PLEASE REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!