



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship

April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Easter Declaration

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Amen!

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

Prelude

"To Spring"

Edvard Grieg

Noel Wilkins

***Call to Worship**

Erich Shultz, Liturgist

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**People: For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.
Let us worship the Lord!**

***Gathering Song 238**

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

Prayer of Confession

**God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things
above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death.**

**Forgive us and guide us back into your presence that we may know the fullness of
joy.** *(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 shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

***Share the Peace of Christ**

Song of Peace “Let There Be Peace on Earth” LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH
**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other In perfect harmony.**

Musical Offering “Alleluia” Ed Harris

HEARING THE WORD

Children’s Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Exodus 15:1-11

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Sermon Living Hope Rev. Mark Howland

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

***Song of Response 250** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” PROMISE

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith** **Apostles’ Creed (Ecumenical version)**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

(As we pray aloud together, we use the ecumenical version printed here.

You are invited to pray your preferred version.)

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Coins for a Cause 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

"Medley"

*Hymn 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.**

*Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

Sending Song 817

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

DUNLAP'S CREEK

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

"Medley"

REMEMBER to WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Sean Orians (27)

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Fran & Pete Addicott (28); Scott & Janice Hill (30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Balmoral Choir, directed by Ken Croft, Noel Wilkins, pianist, and Erich Shultz, Liturgist.
- **LARGE PRINT HYMNS:** If you would like a copy of the songs we are singing in worship today in large print, there are copies available on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- **EARTH CARE TIPS for APRIL:** It can be difficult to eat all your leftovers before they go bad. Try freezing your meals in reusable molds and storing leftovers in the freezer to help limit food waste.
- **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.
- **SUNDAY STUDIES:** Our new class for Spring will be exploring the book, "Knowing God" by J I Packer. Class participants will lead the discussions each week. Come join us in this spiritual journey together.
- **JOIN PASTOR MARK FOR AN IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY** on the Book of Revelation. Our next class will be April 20 in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet every other Monday evening as we explore the meaning, message, and hope found in this powerful and often misunderstood book of Scripture. Whether you are new to Revelation or have studied it before, this study will offer meaningful discussion, historical context, and practical insights for living faithfully today. All are welcome—come grow in faith and understanding together!
- **BOOK CLUB for APRIL:** The next meeting of the book club will be Tuesday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. Fran Addicott will be our host, 2800 Halle Parkway. We will be discussing Kristin Hannah's *The Women*, a compelling story of young women nurses in the Vietnam War. Thanks to Heather Booth, who will be leading our discussion, and Fran Addicott who will host us at her home, 2800 Halle Parkway in Collierville. You won't want to miss this, but please let Janice Hill know if you cannot make it.

- **FOOD CART SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, April 19 is Food Cart Sunday. This month we encourage you to bring hygiene products for the Covenant Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.
- **OUT OF TOWN:** Pastor Mark will be out of town April 17-19 to represent Balmoral Presbyterian Church at the More Light National Gathering. If you are in need of pastoral care while he is out of town, contact Pastor Elizabeth at 314-330-0506. For all other needs, contact Clerk of Session Jan Kaplan at 901-277-4267.
- **SAVE THE DATE** - The Session has scheduled our congregation's next town hall meeting on Sunday, April 26 at 12:30pm. There will be an opportunity for the congregation to learn more about the Project Regeneration work that we will be doing alongside the Presbyterian Foundation. A light lunch will be provided by the Fellowship Team.
- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Covenant Presbyterian Church of Germantown's 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

CALENDAR

- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR:** (**NOTE:** ****** indicates Presbytery event; **##** indicates a community event; **@@** indicates Private event)
 - **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 B
 - **## AL-ANON** meets every Wednesday, 7:00pm in Classroom A
 - **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary
 - **CHOIR REHEARSAL** meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the Choir Room
 - **SESSION MEETING, Sunday, April 12,** 12:30pm in Classroom A
 - **BOOK CLUB, Tuesday, April 14,** 1:30pm at the home of Fran Addicott, 2800 Halle Parkway in Collierville
 - **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP, Thursday, April 16,** 10:15am in Classroom A
 - **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY, Friday, April 17,** 5:00pm (*location TBD*)
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, April 19,** 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, April 19,** 11:00am
 - **WRITERS CIRCLE, Monday, April 20,** 1:00 in Classroom A
 - **BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR MARK, Monday, April 20,** 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 - **## BALMORAL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION EARTH DAY EVENT, Saturday, April 25,** 1:00-4:00 pm outdoors
 - **SUNDAY STUDIES, Sunday, April 26,** 9:30am in Classroom A
 - **SUNDAY WORSHIP, Sunday, April 26,** 11:00am
 - **SANDWICH MAKING MINISTRY, April 26,** 12:00pm in Classroom A
 - **TOWN HALL MEETING, April 26,** 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

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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