

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Hallelujah! What a Savior! by Phillip P. Bliss

Processional The Bell Choir

* Call to Worship Elder Sharon Hand
Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen Indeed!
Jesus says “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”
The Triune God fills our lives with Easter hope and joy.
The Risen Christ promises “Because I live, you will live also.”
Let us worship God!

*Easter Hymn of Praise Jesus Christ Is Risen Today # 232

*Easter Prayer of Praise and Adoration Unison

Our Gracious God, we worship you for the joy of this Easter morning! We praise you for Christ’s victory over death that promises eternal life. Your healing and salvation flow through all creation. Receive our praise and adoration in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Sharon Hand
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Sharon Hand

Prayer for Illumination Sharon Hand

Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit open our eyes to recognize the Risen Christ this Easter morning. Open our ears to hear your promise of new life for all the world. Guide us through your Word to live as ambassadors of Christ’s resurrection. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26 Sharon Hand
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Anthem Jesus Reigns! arr. Tom Fettker

Second Reading Luke 24: 1-12 Rev. Bob Phelps
pgs. 1,047

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Look For the Living!" Rev. Phelps

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

The Apostles' Creed

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 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.

*Hymn of Gratitude Thine Is the Glory # 238

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Phelps
The Easter Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer Unison

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.

The Words of Institution Rev. Phelps

Please hold the elements until all have been served.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory “Trentham” By Robert Jackson

*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.

* Prayer of Dedication

*Easter Hymn of Sending Christ Is Alive # 246

*Charge

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

*Benediction Rev. Phelps

As God’s people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns by George J. Elvey

Rev. Bob Phelps is the recently elected Executive Presbyter for North Alabama Presbytery. Prior to this service, Bob served as Stated Supply for First Presbyterian Church in Albertville. He has served congregations in his home state of Kentucky and in Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida, and Alabama. He and his wife, Deanna, have two adult sons, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter, all in Alabama.

*Stand if you are able

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele	Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Christy Arnett (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown
Betty Fae Spencer (Recovery)	Chuck Kellogg (Healing)
Don Payne (Healing)	

Cagle Family as they welcome a new baby and prayers for those caring for Miles
Prayers of sympathy for Stephen Ware and family at the passing of Stephens' mother

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army	Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines	Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Michael Ress – USAF –AZ
Joshua Hargrove – Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Larry Harris, (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry Smith(loss of Spouse cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)
Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Wendy Jordan (Recovery, friend of Matt Copeland)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)
Kim Fears (healing, friend of Jim May and Jan Ruth)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Today's Services:

Sermon

Rev. Bob Phelps

Liturgist

Elder Sharon Hand

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

The Session

Class of 2025

Karan Baker
Gary Boyd
Stanley Hand

Class of 2026

Cindy Witt
Stephen Ware
Tom Clem

Class of 2027

DeAnna McNeil
Chris Shindorf
David Lyle

Trustee

John Noel

Price Boyd

David Whitten

PNC

Hal Baker
Vicki Kellogg

Karla Barnes
John Noel (Chair)

Stanley Hand
Libby Shindorf

Randi Harbin

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Erica Hand

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Church Nursery:

April 27th-Jennifer Quillen
May 4th- Courtney Greene

Communion Prep:

May 4th -Karan Baker

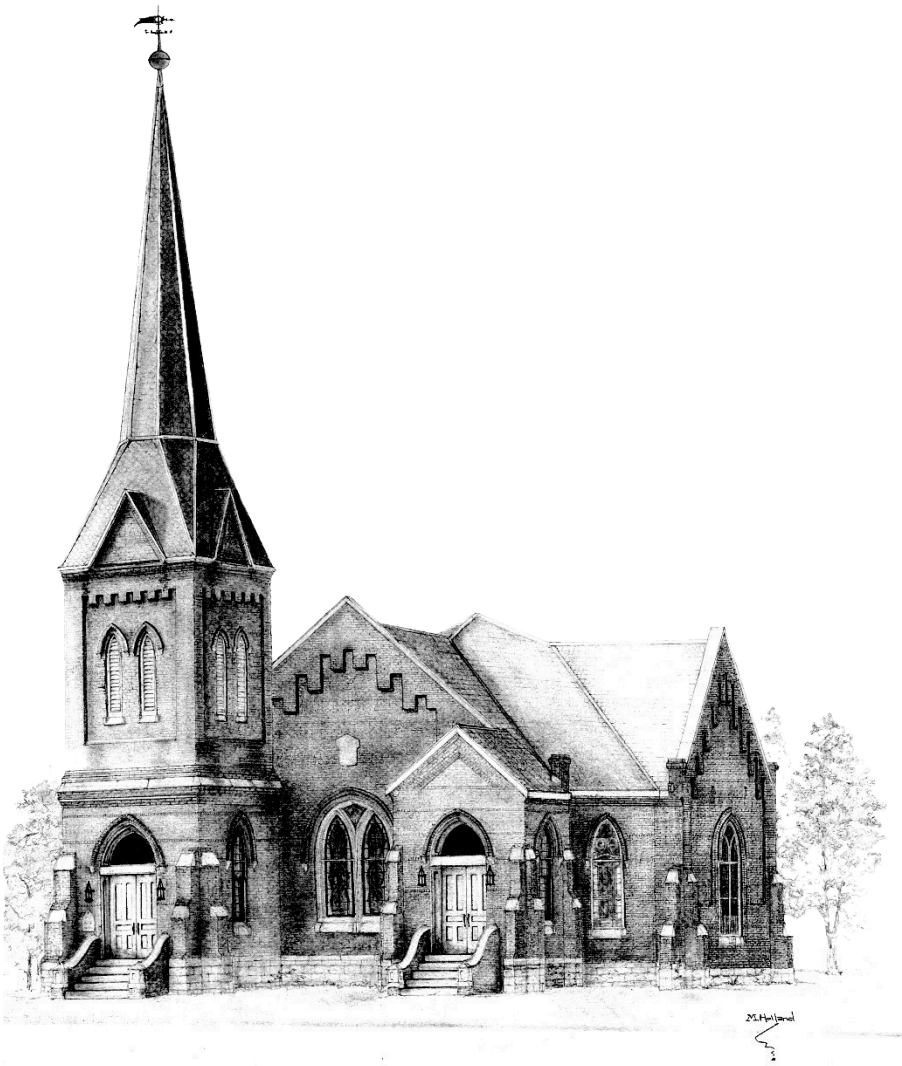
THANK YOU TO THE BELL CHOIR FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE

Jennifer Quillen
Brad Clem
David Foreman
Emily Clem
Randi Harbin
Karan Baker
Deb Kohlhas

Sharon Hand
Carrie Wotruba
Cindy Witt
Karla Barnes
Jack Quillen
Hayden Hardaway

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday



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