

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate Dr. Mary Crowell,  
Dr. Jenny Maclay

Processional The Bell Choir

\* Call to Worship Elder Stanley Hand

O Christ, in your resurrection,  
the heavens and earth rejoice. Alleluia!  
By your resurrection, you broke open the gates of hell,  
and destroyed sin and death.

**Keep us victorious over sin.**

By your resurrection, you raise the dead,  
and brought us from death to life.

**Guide us in the way of your eternal life.**

By your resurrection, you confounded your guards and  
executioners and filled the disciples with joy.

**Give us joy in your service.**

By your resurrection, you proclaimed good news to the women  
and apostles,

and brought salvation to the world.

**Direct our lives as your new creation.**

\*Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today # 232

\*Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn Alleluia , Alleluia Give Thanks #240

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ Pastor Jim Truesdell

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

Prayer for Illumination Stanley Hand

First Reading Colossians 3: 1-4 Stanley Hand  
p. 1,167

Anthem Alleluia He Lives The Chancel Choir

Second Reading John 20: 1-18 Pastor Truesdell  
pgs. 1,074-75

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

Sermon "Do Not Hold On To Me" Pastor Truesdell

## 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.**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Andante from E flat Concerto Dr. Crowell,  
Dr. Maclay,

\*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

\*Hymn I Come With Joy # 515

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

[pastor continues]

...Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with  
the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every  
time and place who forever sing to the glory of your  
name:

**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.**

You are holy, O God of majesty...[pastor continues]

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our  
lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you  
restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**All bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until  
all have been served.**

Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn Christ Is Alive # 246

\*Charge

\*Benediction

\* Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns Dr. Crowell,  
Dr. Maclay,

*\*Stand if you are able*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (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)	Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

## THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)  
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)  
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)  
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)  
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)  
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)  
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)  
Martha Taylor (Healing, mother of John Cagle)  
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter, 3 years old)  
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)  
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)  
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)  
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)  
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees and kidneys, cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Stephanie Reed (Support, family member of Jan Ruth)  
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)  
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)  
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)  
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michael & Gail Cottles)  
Patricia Cloninger (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)  
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)  
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)  
Ullis Vaughn (homeless, asked prayers of the church)  
Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)  
Laura Christopher (Healing, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)

## For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. 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 worshipping with us today!

## Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- North Alabama Presbyterian Men's meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm in Rodgers Center
- PW Circle April 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm in Rodgers Center
- North Alabama Presbyterian Women meeting , April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 am at St. Andrews Presbyterian.

## Staff

### **Pastor:**

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