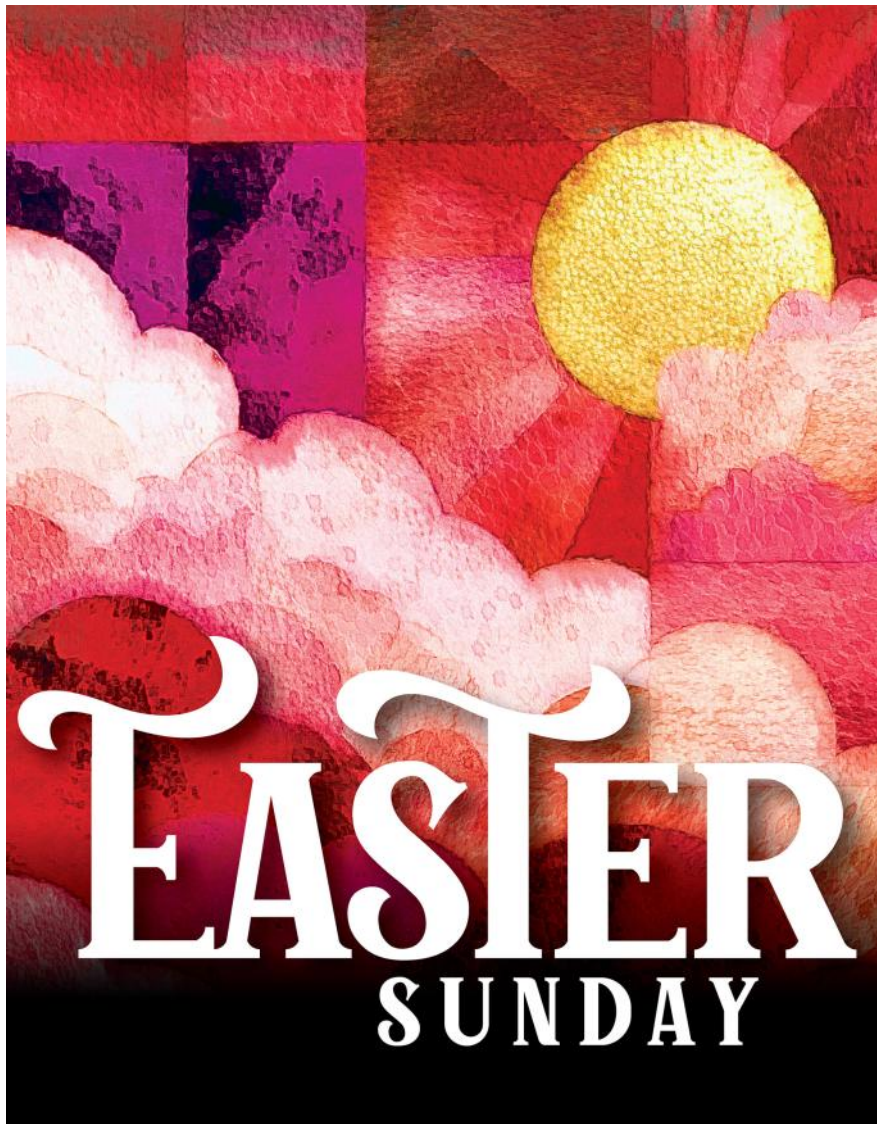


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Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.

April 2, 2026
Maundy Thursday

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst
arr. Stephen DeCesare

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: Christ is risen!

Congregation: Christ is risen indeed!

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

CHORAL INTROIT

Introit for Easter Day

Mark Schweizer

Alleluia, Jesus Christ has risen today!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Out of the formless void, God spoke light into being.

Congregation: Out of the silence of the tomb, God brings the song of life.

Leader: In the beginning, God declared that all of creation was beautiful.

Congregation: In the resurrection, God declares that the beauty of life shall never end.

Leader: All are invited to leave the shadows of fear and enter the dawn of grace.

Congregation: Let us worship the God of the living! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of all creation, we gather in the full light of this Easter day, grateful for the beauty that surrounds us. You have already rolled away the stone; you have already spoken peace to the frightened; you have already begun the work of making all things new. As we worship in the brightness of this morning, let the reality of the Resurrection settle deep within our bones. Refresh our weary spirits and open our hearts to the expansive hope of your Kin-dom. We pray this in the name of the one who is our light and our life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 232**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we often live as those who have no hope. We dwell in the shadows of the tomb, focusing on what is broken rather than what is being made new. We have ignored the cries of the poor and turned away from the suffering of the earth. Forgive us for our lack of faith and for the times we have made others feel unwelcome. By your Spirit, roll away the stones of our hearts and lead us into the sunlight of your forgiveness. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *I am the resurrection and the true life*
Dressler

Gallus

*I am the resurrection and the true life.
All who believe in me, though they were dead,
yet shall they live.*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ.

Congregation: And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!
Amen, amen.***

*THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

**At this time young children may depart for the nursery.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM

The Day of Resurrection

Richard Shephard

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And list'ning to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 1:1-28, 31

OT 1-2

PSALTER

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

OT 565

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

NT 33

SERMON

Life is Beautiful

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Mark Schweizer

*Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Sing ye heav'ns, and earth, reply,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lives again, our glorious King,
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Angels sing, and earth replies,
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a sign of our gratitude for the gift of new life. Use them, and use us, to bring hope to the hopeless and beauty to the broken places of our world. Amen.

SEALING THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

LAND OF REST

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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Great is the mystery of faith....

SERVICE MUSIC

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)
 F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)
 B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

LAND OF REST

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...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever....

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *And whosoever lives and believes in me*
Gallus Dressler

*And whosoever lives and believes in me,
they will nevermore perish,
but they shall have eternal life.*

POSTLUDE *Lift High The Cross* Sydney H. Nicholson
arr. Stephen Decesare

As the postlude begins, you are invited to depart for fellowship or remain seated in prayerful reflection as the music sends us forth into the world.

We thank Dr. Cliff Towner for joining us on trumpet this morning.

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Greeters

Apr. 5: Bradleys & Margaret Ivester
Apr. 12: Charles Burrell & Millie Murphy

Nursery Volunteers

Apr. 5: Anne Smart/Nancy Miller
Apr. 12: Joel Burns/Margaret Ivester

Liturgists

Apr. 5: Jan Hoffman
Apr. 12: Nancy Miller

Communion Volunteers

Apr. 5: Susan McGill, John Bradley, Bill Werts, Gloria Burns

Thank you
VOLUNTEERS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today is food pantry collection day. Please place your donations in the baskets in the narthex or bring them forward during the first hymn and place them under the communion table.
- We collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering today. See the insert in your bulletin or the brochures in the Narthex.
- Our bicentennial play crew and cast will meet today after service. Please join us in the fellowship hall. No part is too small.
- Note that the church office will open at 10:00 AM tomorrow, Monday, April 6.
- Next Sunday is Kirkin' o' the Tartans Service. Bagpiper provided, kilt optional. Join us for refreshments in the fellowship hall after service.
- The youth will host a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, April 19 after service. \$5 per person or \$15 per family– what a deal! Let's support them as they raise funds for their summer retreat.
- Bicentennial Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.
- The flower calendar is now on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please consider honoring or remembering someone with the gift of flowers for the sanctuary. Contact Becky (478-457-5349) for more information.



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OFFICE HOURS

9am ~ 1pm Mon-Thur.



Lord, hear our prayers

CONDOLENCES:

Deanna Bivins for the passing of her husband, Jack
Sunda Coleman for the passing of her sister, Janice Pounds Bivins

CHURCH FAMILY:

Min Lindsay, anticipating surgery
Eleanor Naber-Allen, daughter of Andrew and Elise
Sherry Henry, recovering in Atlanta
Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

EXTENDED FAMILY:

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues
Kathie Bishop, Mari Turner's mother, diagnosed with Alzheimer's
Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, awaiting post-surgical rehab
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, at home with health concerns
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care
Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

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WORSHIP with us

Join us in-person or online
on [Facebook Live](#) every week.

9:45 AM Sunday School Class (meets in the Betty Newton Campbell parlor), we are studying *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently* by Amy Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. Please contact Joel Burns joeldburns@gmail.com if you are interested in attending via Zoom.

Sunday: 9:45 AM Fellowship Sunday School Class (meets in small room next to office at end of hall), studying *Questions of Faith: A Practical Guide to Christian Faith* by Nicky Gumbel.

Sunday: 10:15AM Children's Sunday School Class, singing, crafts and stories, (meeting in the Craft Room upstairs)

Sunday: 12:00PM Youth Group (Youth Room)

Wednesday: 6:30PM Wednesday Night Potluck and Bible Study- we are studying *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex Thornburg, (meeting in the Fellowship Hall).

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH: April 5-12

Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Easter Sunday Worship
	12:30	Bicentennial Play Meeting
Monday	7:00	ORC All Recovery
Tuesday	9:30	Food Pantry
	12:00	Kiwanis
Wednesday	7:30	NA Meeting
	10:00	Have a Mug with Mari
	6:30	Potluck and Study
Thursday	2:00	Book Club
	6:30	PFLAG Peer Support
	7:30	NA Meeting
Saturday	7:30	NA Meeting
Sunday	9:45	Adult Sunday School
	10:15	Children's Sunday School
	11:00	Kirkin' o' the Tartans Worship Service
	5:00	PW Bible Study

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SPANISH

- 1 El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!
 muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
 Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
 cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!
 vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
 Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
 su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!
 y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
 hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
 reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!
 de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
 En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
 Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

- 1 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민 찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기쁜 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한 싸움 이겼네
 사망 권세 이기고
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야
 왕의 왕이 되셨네
 높은 이름 세상에
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야
 우리 부활 하겠네
 부활 생명 되시니
 우리 부활 하겠네

260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - er - y - one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

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BICENTENNIAL KICKOFF - JAN. 4

RECEPTION AT 10:15 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. EPIPHANY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION. YOUTH LEAD TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES. ALL ARE WELCOME.



PAI/M/PASSION SUNDAY - MARCH 29

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP WITH NEW SERVICE MUSIC BY NEW ZEALAND COMPOSER DAVID HAMILTON (INTROIT, RESPONSE, ANTHEM, OFFERTORY). WE'LL SING "BE NOT AFRAID" AS THE CROSS IS BROUGHT FORWARD, PREPARING US FOR HOLY WEEK.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS SERVICE - APRIL 12

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATING SCOTTISH HERITAGE WITH BAGPIPES, HYMNS, AND A BLESSING OF THE TARTANS; REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW. WEAR YOUR TARTAN OR COME AS YOU ARE.



MILLEDGEVILLE SINGERS IN CONCERT - APRIL 26

4:00 P.M. CONCERT. THE SINGERS GUILD PRESENTS SELECTIONS FROM CLYDE TIPTON'S "LET JUSTICE ROLL." FREE AND OPEN TO ALL.

OUR JOURNEY BEGINS - MAY 3

11:00 A.M. FRONTIER-THEMED WORSHIP SHARING LIBBY LOUNSBURY'S 2001 PLAYLET "FROM THESE BEGINNINGS," WITH COMMUNION; RECEPTION FOLLOWS. PIONEER ATTIRE ENCOURAGED.



MUSICAL HERITAGE SERVICE - MAY 10

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SPANNING TWO CENTURIES OF SACRED MUSIC—GUEST MUSICIANS, CHOIR, ORGAN, AND A HYMN-SING; RECEPTION FOLLOWS.

FAITH IN ACTION SERVICE - MAY 17

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH STORIES, PRAYER, AND SONG; FELLOWSHIP WITH SNACKS AND SHARING AFTERWARD.



MUSIC OF CLYDE TIPTON SERVICE - MAY 24

11:00 A.M. PENTECOST WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTING THE MUSIC AND LEGACY OF CLYDE TIPTON; VISIT WITH THE TIPTON FAMILY AT THE RECEPTION.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE - MAY 31

11:00 A.M. TRINITY SUNDAY WORSHIP LED BY OUR YOUTH; REFRESHMENTS AND CONVERSATION IN FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTERWARD.



HONORING THE JOURNEY - JUNE 7

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP TRACING OUR CONGREGATION'S STORY WITH MILESTONE MOMENTS, CHOIR ANTHEMS, PRAYERS, AND COMMUNION; RECEPTION FOLLOWS.

BICENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE - JUNE 11

EVENING OF COMMUNITY AND DISCOVERY: 6:30 P.M. MONTICELLO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BELL CHOIR; 7:30 P.M. CONVERSATION WITH HISTORIAN BOB WILSON; REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.



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BICENTENNIAL SERVICE - JUNE 14

11:00 A.M. WORSHIP COMMEMORATING 200 YEARS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS; CATERED LUNCH TO FOLLOW.



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