MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN *Mrs. Pat McKim, Director of Children's Ministry*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

**Loving Lord, as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, open our eyes so that we may experience fully your presence. Set our hearts aflame by the power of your love. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—1 Peter 1:17-23 Pew Bible Pages 232-3

†GRADUAL HYMN 529
How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

†THE GOSPEL LESSON— Luke 24:13-35 Pew Bible Page 90

The Word of God for the people of God.
**Thanks be to God!**

THE SERMON

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(in unison)* 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,**
**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**
**the third day he rose from the dead;**
**he ascended into heaven,**
**and sitteth at 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 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

*Following each petition, the congregation responds:* **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in 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 trespasses**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

*The congregation is invited to register attendance by signing the registries found on each pew.*

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM *William H. Harris* (1883-1973)

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day
Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we may for whom Thou didest die,
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live forever in felicity.

And that Thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love Thee for the same again;
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought;
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

—*Edmund Spenser*

†AT THE PRESENTATION, DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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 THANKSGIVING

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 610
We Know that Christ is Raised ENGELBERG

†DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

VOLUNTARY Fugue in G major, BWV 577 *J.S. Bach*
*'Gigue'* (1685-1750)

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†The congregation stands.

**THOSE LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE**

The Reverend Dr. Mark Conforti — Senior Pastor and Officiant
Dr. Gary Applewhite — Liturgist
Mr. Matthew Michael Brown — Director of Music and Organist
Chancel Choir

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE PRESENTED TO THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF HENRY BUCK'S BIRTHDAY. GIVEN BY SUSAN, TREY, SARAH, AND WILL THOMAS.

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**
**GIRL SCOUT TROOP 631**

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| ACOLYTES | Will Koontz, Caroline Powell, Noah Powell |
| ALTAR GUILD | Linda Adams |
| OUTSIDE GREETERS | Bobbie Melton and Linda Smith |
| DOORSTEP VISITORS | Judy and Mark Beymer |
| USHERS | Mike Faggart, George Hines, Doug Miller, Frances Miller, Bob Poole, Rob Roakes, Ed Rusher, Margaret Rusher, Sandy Yon, Tony Yon |
| SECURITY | Walter Maxwell and Alan Schroeder |
| NURSERY | Taffy Jordan and Kay McCartney |

**THOSE SERVING MAY 7**

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| ACOLYTES | Lindsey Conrad, Taylor Conrad, Ethan Mastro |
| ALTAR GUILD | Beverly Hartsell |
| OUTSIDE GREETERS | Hazel Kirk |
| DOORSTEP VISITORS | Linda and Carl Brown |
| USHER | Coleman Emerson, Barry Gainer, Julie Gainer, Steve Hatley, Ken Hollar, Dave McCoy, Bill Noell, Bill Osborne, Patty Paffrath, George Shuler |
| SECURITY | Frances and Doug Miller |
| NURSERY | Barbara Langford and Kathi Welborn |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Lunch Bunch**, an informal gathering following worship, dines today at Olive Garden, 1425 Klumac Road. All are welcome!

**Parents and Children Infant-Pre-school:** Please join us this afternoon at 4:00 pm at Dan Nicholas Park for playtime and cookout. Our shelter is K-H. Hamburgers and hot dogs provided along with drinks. Please bring a side dish to share. We will eat at 5:30.

**Midweek at First Meal** is at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **Reservations are required by Monday at 5:00 pm**. This week's menu: *apricot chicken, corn pudding, roasted asparagus, tossed salad, lemon chess pie.*

*and*

Please join our preschool for their annual fundraiser, **Picasso & Pastries!** Enjoy artwork by the students, a bake sale, and a silent auction during the Mid-Week at First meal on Wednesday, May 3.

**Methodist Connection:** "April Showers bring May Flowers! What Shall We Do With Them?" is our theme for May's gathering on Tuesday, May 9, 12 noon. Come have lunch and hear our speaker Carol Massey, president of Rowan Rosebuds, who will share thoughts on our theme. Call Anne Goodman at 704 633-7948 by Sunday, May 7, to make a reservation.

A request from the **Flower Ministry:** Please remember to only return vases to the stage that have the FUMC sticker on them.

The articles for the June/July edition of the **Ecclesia** are due to Christine on May 5. Please note that it will be a two-month edition, so think ahead for news that needs to be shared for July and August.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

The **Front Desk** is in need of a volunteer for Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to answer the phone, open the door and greet guests and help with special projects as needed. If you are able to help us out, please let Becca Blackmon know (704-636-3121, ext. 102).

**Let Us Pray:** Are you interested in praying for the needs of our congregation? We want you to be part of our new Prayer Team. It only takes a few moments to pray for someone in need or notify someone else of a need. If you would like to become part of this ministry, please contact Beverly Poole at (704) 279-5189/ beverlylpoole@gmail.com and let her know if a phone call, text, or email is the best way for you to participate.

## SAVE THE DATE

**Attention All Golfers:** Our 2017 FUMC Golf Team is finalizing its roster for play from May 2 through August 29. You don't have to be a pro, just enjoy the golf and fellowship. As in year's past, the Church Golf Team will support two local Rowan County Charities such as Rowan Helping Ministries. Last year our team won the first half championship for the league. If you are interested in playing with the team on Tuesday evenings at McCannless Golf Course from 5:30-8:00 PM (weather permitting), please contact Dr. Mark Beymer at (704) 310-0978 or by email at mbeymer@fibrant.com as soon as possible. No late roster additions for teams are permitted.

**FirstARTS** presents *Light and Life: A Gallery of Sunrises and Sunsets* May 11-June 2. A gala reception for the public will be held Thursday, May 11 at 7pm in the Carter Lobby. The art will be for sale, and 15% of proceeds benefit the Family Crisis Council of Rowan County, a mission our church supports.

**A Service of Music:** The Chancel Choir offers Ola Gjeilo's (pronounced YAY-LO) *Sunrise Mass* accompanied by string orchestra in *A Service of Music* on Sunday, May 14 at 11am.

**Chapel Fundraiser Cancelled:** Due to a lack of a positive response, the English tea has been cancelled. The tea was scheduled for May 6. In place of the tea, the chapel fundraising committee is offering a baked potato-salad bar on June 4, immediately after the 11 o'clock worship service. Please join us for this event. The chapel will be staged for a wedding so you can see the beauty of this lovely space.

**Choral Evensong:** The Chancel Choir will offer *A Service of Choral Evensong* on Sunday, June 4 at 4pm. We look forward to welcoming you to this beautiful service of sung evening prayer.

**Vacation Bible School is Coming!** July 23-27 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God. Age 3 years (restroom independent) -5th grade. Register today through our church website link for VBS.

### ATTENDANCE APRIL 23, 2017

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| 8:30 am | 60 |
| 11:00 am | 220 |

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 30**
*Girl Scout Sunday*

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| 8:30 | Worship Service—Nave |
| 9:45 | Sunday School |
| | 5th Sunday Seminary Series—Adult SS |
| 11:00 | Worship Service—Nave |
| 2:00 pm | Worship Committee—Column Room |
| 4:00 | Break the Silence Ecumenical Worship—Hood Seminary |
| | M.O.M.S Cookout at Dan Nicholas Park |
| 5:30 | Youth Sunday Meeting |

**Monday, May 1**

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| 11:00 am | UMC Circle |
| 6:00 pm | Girl Scouts—Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 | Hannah Circle—Seekers Room |
| 7:00 | Boy Scouts—Scout Room |

**Tuesday, May 2**

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| 10:00 am | Staff Meeting—Harter Office Suite |
| 2:00 pm | Chrismon Class—Christian Forum Room |
| 6:00 | SPRC—Conference Room |

**Wednesday, May 3**

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| 2:00 pm | Deadline for Bulletin Announcements |
| 5:00 | Choristers |
| 5:30 | Mid-Week at First—Fellowship Hall |
| | Picasso and Pastries—Fellowship Hall |
| 6:15 | The Casting Queens—Conference Room |
| 6:30 | Adult Bell Choir |
| | Eve's Bees—Parlor |
| 7:30 | Chancel Choir |

**Thursday, May 4**

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| 7:00 pm | AA—Room 108 |
| | Alanon—Room 106 |

**Friday, May 5**

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| 12:00 pm | Deadline for Ecclesia |
| 7:00 pm | AA—Room 108 |

**Saturday, May 6**
*Day of Caring*

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| 9:00 am | Western North Carolina Event—Fellowship Hall |
| 7:00 pm | AA—Room 108 |

**Sunday, May 7**
*CDC and Preschool Celebration – Lindsay Wineka retirement*

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| 8:30 | Worship Service—Nave |
| 9:45 | Sunday School |
| | 5th Sunday Seminary Series—Adult SS |
| 11:00 | Worship Service—Nave |
| 12:00 pm | Preschool Sunday & Reception |
| 5:30 | Youth Meeting |

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE
*The Third Sunday of Easter*
*Girl Scout Sunday*
April 30, 2017 — 11 o'clock in the morning

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GREETING

VOLUNTARY — Fantasia in G Major, BWV 572 — *J.S. Bach* (1685-1750)

†CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)* — *Psalm 116:1-2*

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
**Because he inclined his ear to me,**
**therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 318
Christ is Alive! — TRURO

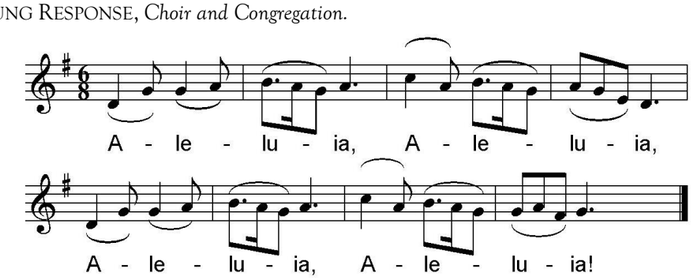
PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**Lord Jesus Christ, we come to you confessing our many sins. In your resurrected glory, your light shines brightly, yet we hide in the darkness. Instead of keeping our eyes upon you, we look inward. Rather than celebrating your promised presence, we quarrel and bicker amongst ourselves. We humbly ask for your forgiveness, that we may recognize you in our midst. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(responsively)* — *based upon Acts 2:38*

As the Apostle Peter proclaimed, when we repent and are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. *The people respond:* **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE, *Choir and Congregation.*




CELEBRATION OF GIRL SCOUT MINISTRY