



W A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.

GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Providing God, in our faith journeys, we graze in the pastures you lead us to each day. As we move along, our steps may seem aimless, yet you keep watch and never leave. When we are tired, you prepare a table for us. When we are thirsty, your cup of goodness and mercy overflows. When we are lost, you seek us out. Dearest God, we are so grateful that your staff of righteousness leads us home. Amen.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Sydne

PRELUDE

Violin Sonata No 2 in A minor, BWV 1003. 1. Grave
Carson Howell, violin

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 23

Amy Hearon

One: We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God, who calls us each by name,

All: who restores our souls,

One: who leads us in the way of righteousness,

All: whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us. This is the God we have come to worship!

*HYMN #634

"To God Be The Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Knowing how easy it is to wander from the paths of right living; aware of all the shadowed valleys we wander; remembering how we have failed to place our trust in God,

All: How can we not come to God with our confessions? Let us confess our sin together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray...silent prayers...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

All: This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah, Amen!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Let us share the peace of Christ with others!

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE #623

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Sydne

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SPECIAL MUSIC

"All Things New"

Elaine Hagenberg

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:1-12

SERMON

"The Cornerstone of Salvation"

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, who made us in God's image. We love and laugh because God creates us this way. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. He had the last laugh over death when God raised him from the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, equal to and eternal with the Father and the Son. The Spirit is our counselor, our guide, and our motivator in our faith journeys. We believe in God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Life with God is our joy! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sonata for Piano and Violin No 4 in A minor

Ludwig van Beethoven

2. Andante scherzoso più Allegretto

Carson Howell, violin

*DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, thank you for showing us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN #624

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

SHARE GOD'S WORD

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE #591

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

POSTLUDE

Violin Sonata No 2 in A minor, BWV 1003. 4. Allegro

J. S. Bach

Carson Howell, violin

The congregation is invited to sit in quiet reflection until after the postlude.

***Please rise in body or in spirit**

Worship Leadership Today

Rev. Sydne Allen, Pastor
Amy Hearon, Liturgist
John Holter, Piano & Organ
Margaret Cox & Carol Poston, Ushers
Ron Skinner & Steve Bridgman, Audio/Visual Team

Class of 2024

Jesse Riggs, Clerk of Session
Christina Brizendine
Kevin Skinner
Mackenzie Smith

THE SESSION

Class of 2025

John Daugherty
Lucy Freeman
Bill Grobe
Amy Hearon

Class of 2026

Thomas Doumaux
Paul Gares
Diane Minshew

SESSION MINISTRY AREAS

Administration

John Daugherty
Bill Grobe
Kevin Skinner
Jesse Riggs

Care & Connection

Lucy Freeman
Amy Hearon
Diane Minshew
Kevin Skinner

Outreach

Paul Gares
Amy Hearon
Diane Minshew

Spiritual Development

Christina Brizendine
Thomas Doumaux
Bill Grobe
Mackenzie Smith

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Anna Bridgman
Sandy Daugherty
Faye Harris

Diane Minshew
Edith & Gene Pratt
Arleta Wood

Special Prayer Requests for Our Families, Friends, & Neighbors

Donna Brown (Friend of Rebecca Franks)
Emoni Cannonier (Friend of Logan Johnson)
Ann Carraway (Friend of Betty White)
Jeff Check (Father of Pastor Sydne)
Robin Dana (Friend of Peggy Vaughan)
Tad Delgado (Nephew of Pastor Sydne)
Marsha Harris (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)

Hayden Lenz (Neighbor of Molly Ortiz)
Caroline Luvender (Friend of Logan Johnson)
Dawn Slann (Friend of Rebecca Franks)
John Sword (Father of Peter Sword)
Juanita Wiggins (Friend of Lorrie Basnight)
J. Wright (Nephew of Charles & Betty White)

Weekly Schedules

SUNDAYS @ PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Church Nursery Available
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Conference Room)
9:45 – 10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
12:20 – 1:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP FOR APRIL & MAY 2024

<u>Date</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Audio/Visual Team</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
April 28 5th Sun. of Easter	Lucy Freeman	Chris Dennis & John Daugherty	Pam & Paul Gares
May 5 6th Sun. of Easter	Tom Doumaux	Ron Skinner & Steve Bridgman	Jim Bryant & Carol Poston
May 12 7th Sun. of Easter	Paul Gares	Chris Dennis & John Daugherty	Anna & Steve Bridgman
May 19 Pentecost Joint Service	Joanne Lang	Ron Skinner & Steve Bridgman	Tom Lee & Bill Grobe
May 26 Trinity Sunday	Jim Bryant	Chris Dennis & John Daugherty	Carla Smith

Announcements

APRIL'S 3RD SUNDAY GATHERING is today immediately following worship! Please stay for lunch!

THE APRIL STATED SESSION MEETING is Monday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room.

THE CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are currently Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, until a new office assistant is hired. We need volunteers to be present to answer the phone, check/sort the mail, and assist with the bulletin. The church office is closed on Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering in the church office, please reach out to Lucy Freeman, Lisa Jones, or Pastor Sydne. **Pastor Sydne is available for appointments Monday thru Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, or 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to make an appointment for a visit by calling or emailing the office.**

THE FOOD BANK OF ENC NEEDS OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. During April, we are focusing on fruit! Please contribute canned fruits, fruit cups, or any other kind of "fruit" item.

THE OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM requests ice pops for Grifton School requests ice pops for their Good Citizenship Celebration on April 26. If you'd like to contribute, please place ice pops in the Little Red Wagon by April 23.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM every Sunday through May 12 in the Conference Room. The class will be studying the Reformation using the Being Reformed series, published by the PCUSA.

PRAYER BREAKFAST is held on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month. The next date is May 2, at 7:30 a.m.

THE JOY GROUP is a gathering for those 60+ who consider themselves to be "young-at-heart!" The group will meet on April 30, at 12:00 noon, at Bum's Restaurant in Ayden for a Dutch-treat lunch.

COMMUNITY CROSSROADS SHELTER MEALS Please sign up to provide a meal for the Crossroads shelter, Peace's longtime local mission partner for either May or June. There are funds available to help offset or cover the cost of food. Volunteers can serve the meal, or drop off the meal for our neighbors to serve themselves.