

Persons Helping Us Experience Worship Today

Greeters: Tuck & Wilma McClure
Scripture Reader: Jim Presson
Ushers: PD McNeil, Michael Aheron, Mark Hollar
Acolyte: Josiah Sullivan
Tellers: Vic Spradley, Jim Presson
Praise Team: Hannah Sullivan, Rose Spradley, Vic Spradley, Heather Roberts, Lisa Clary, Jason Gordon, Mark Hollar, Rachel Gorrell, Bruce Buck, Angela O'Connell, Tiffoney Hayes
Pianist: Rowena Rantanen
AV Team: Bruce Buck, Mike Sullivan, Laura Rantanen, Bobbie Fox, Renee Young
Pastor: Rev. Angela Hollar

Circle of Prayer

Diana Hershberger (Carol Post), Janice Cofield (Bobbie Fox's coworker), Kathryn Winstead (Lisa Clary), Christina Roche, Jessie (friend of Heather Roberts), Luz Andal, Ellery Spradley (Vic Spradley's brother), Lisa McNeil, Jeff & Tina Perry (uncle & aunt of Bree Weishaar), Richard Rideout (Friend at the Cypress), the family of Jeffrey Burton (brother of Angela O'Connell), the family of David Bailey (uncle of Jason Gordon), Roger Pretsch, the family of Rev. Dr. James Westmoreland, Bill Epperson (friend of Renee Young)

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 7th	11:00 AM	Church Council Meeting
Monday, April 8th - Friday, April 12th		Week of the Young Child (Little Sprouts Preschool)
Wednesday, April 10th	6:30 PM	Digging Deeper Bible Study

Drives

Shelf-stable milk (8 oz packs) (North Raleigh Ministries) • Jump ropes (Family Promise) • Children's clothes (Barton Pond & Abbot's Creek)

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM
Admin Assistant: Laura Rantanen

9121 Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC 27615
(919) 386-0212



Church at Six Forks
A United Methodist Congregation
info@churchatsixforks.org

Church at Six Forks
Sunday, April 7th, 2024 - 10:00 AM
Second Sunday of Easter

Entrance and Praise

Prelude *May this be a time for quiet reflection and meditation.*

“Sing Out an Easter Song!” - Johnson

“Lamb” - Brown/Furtick/Hudson

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hollar

Call to Worship “Easter People Raise Your Voices” UMH #304

*Opening Prayer UMC Discipleship.org

*Hymn of Praise “The Old Rugged Cross” UMH #504

*Affirmation of Faith “A Modern Affirmation” UMH #885

*Gloria Patri “Glory Be to the Father” UMH #70

Reception of New Members
Leanne and Mike Jones

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time Bree Weishaar

Proclamation and Response

First Lesson Psalm 133 Jim Presson

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem “I Have Seen My Lord” Rowena Rantanen

Preparation for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hollar

Second Lesson Acts 4:32-35 Rev. Hollar

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon “Practice Resurrection” Rev. Hollar

Thanksgiving

Holy Communion *Insert*
“Let Us Break Bread Together” UMH #618

Offering of Our Gifts
Offertory “We Give Thee But Thine Own” - How

*Doxology UMH #94

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn “Christ is Alive” UMH #318
(During the closing hymn, the altar of our church is open for a time of personal prayer and reflection.)

*Sending Forth Rev. Hollar

*Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude “The Strife is Over!” - Palestrina

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

*Please take your bulletin with you as you leave.
Recycle it both literally and spiritually.*

Sunday, April 7th, 2024
The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Season

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners: that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

The 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.

Creator God, you revealed to us your Creation on earth. The waters flowed, and the winds blew. You set the cosmos into motion and created living beings. You gave life to the plants and the sea creatures and the land animals. You put into flight the birds and insects, and you made people to walk on the ground. You blessed us all and called us good. But when our love failed and we turned away, you revealed a love for your people and all of Creation that never ends. And so we praise you, with all the company of saints and sinners, singing your unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosannah in the highest.

You continued to reveal your love for us in your son, Jesus, who came to live among us and move as a human on this Earth. When he dined with his friends, just before he was to be executed, he reminded them of your love revealed in the gifts of bread and juice before them on the table.

He took the bread in his hands, gave thanks to you, broke it, and shared it with his friends, saying the familiar words, "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." And when the supper was over, he took the cup, again gave thanks for it, and shared it with all who gathered, reminding them, "Drink this, all of you. This is the cup of my covenant with you, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Together we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Still-creating Spirit, be poured out on those gathered here and on these gifts from the field in bread and juice. As we receive them into our bodies, make us your body. Unite us with those who have come before us in your kin-dom and with those who will come after us, now and always.

Amen.

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 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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Congregational Prayer after all have received communion:

Creative God, we thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice. We recognize your presence in us and all around us, and we ask that you continue to reveal your love for all Creation to the ends of the Earth through our lives. Make us your people and use us to reveal the inbreaking of your kin-dom here and now: a world of justice and peace. Amen.