

## Persons Helping Us Experience Worship Today

Greeter: Sally Kohls  
Ushers: Rob Bays, PD McNeil  
Scripture Reader: Renee Young  
Acolyte: Josiah Sullivan  
Tellers: Hannah Sullivan, PD McNeil  
Praise Team: Bruce Buck, Mark Hollar, Butch Spradley, Jason Gordon, Rose Spradley, Heather Roberts, Lisa Clary, Angie Hollar, Hannah Sullivan, 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), Jessie (friend of Heather Roberts), Luz Andal, Lisa McNeil, Richard Rideout (Friend at the Cypress), Roger Pretsch, the family of Rev. Dr. James Westmoreland, the family of Bill Epperson (friend of Renee Young), the family of Ryan Rivers (son of Patrice Rivers)

### Calendar of Events

Monday, May 6th	7:00 PM	United Women in Faith
Wednesday, May 8th	6:30 PM	Spiritual Gifts Study
Thursday, May 9th	6:45 PM	Praise Team Practice

### Drives

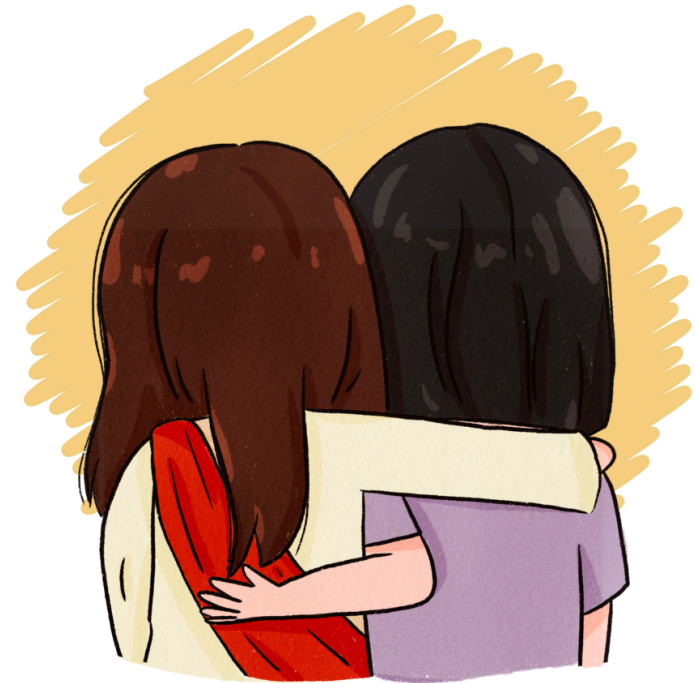
*Shelf-stable milk (8 oz packs), cereal, peanut butter (North Raleigh Ministries) • Children's clothes (Barton Pond & Abbot's Creek) • Clothing, canned goods, and toiletries for Little Pantry (Young Believers @ Six Forks)*

#### Office Hours

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



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**Church at Six Forks**  
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**Church at Six Forks**  
Sunday, May 5th, 2024 - 10:00 AM  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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**Entrance and Praise**

Prelude *May this be a time for quiet reflection and meditation.*  
“Make a Joyful Noise!” - Lowe  
“Love Was When” - Walvoord/Wyrtzen

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Hollar

Call to Worship “Gentle Shepherd” WS #3096

\*Opening Prayer WSL #62

\*Hymn of Praise “Shout to the Lord” TFWS #2074

\*Affirmation of Faith WSL #81

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

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Children’s Time Bree Weishaar

**Proclamation and Response**

First Lesson Psalm 98 Renee Young

This is the Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “Sing a New Song to the Lord” TFWS #2045

Preparation for Prayer

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Hollar

\*Gospel Lesson John 15:9-17 Rev. Hollar

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon “A Chosen Friend” Rev. Hollar

**Thanksgiving**

Holy Communion  
“I Come with Joy” UMH #617

Offering of Our Gifts  
Offertory “I Freely Give” - Weeden

\*Doxology UMH #94

**Sending Forth**

\*Closing Hymn “Help Us Accept Each Other” UMH #560  
(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  
“With the Sound of Trumpets” - Peterson

\*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, May 5, 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**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:*

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**