

**Order of Worship**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
 April 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>O Lord, My Light, My Life</i>	Johann Pachelbel
<b>Welcome</b>		
<b>Introit</b>	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Blaenwern
<b>*Call to Worship</b> (Responsive)		
<b>*Hymn 246</b>	<i>Christ Is Alive!</i> (verses 1-2, and 4-5)	Truro
<b>Litany for Easter</b> (Responsive)		I John 3
<b>*Response</b>	<i>Alleluia!</i>	Nina Alspaugh
<b>*Passing of the Peace</b>		
<b>Scripture Lesson</b>	Acts 9:1-19a	NT, p. 127
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>Heaven Came Down</i>	John W. Peterson
<b>Sermon</b>	Rise Up: From Conviction to Courage	Rev. Christie Ashton
<b>*Hymn 250</b>	<i>In the Bulb There Is a Flower</i>	Promise
<b>*Affirmation of Faith</b> (Unison)		
<b>Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<i>Open Thou Mine Eyes</i>	John Rutter
<b>*Hymn 649</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Amazing Grace
<b>*Charge and Benediction</b>		
<b>*Response</b>	<i>Rise, O Church</i> (verse 2)	Hymn 536 (alt. tune)
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Allegretto</i>	A. Hesse

\*All who are able please stand.

**What's Happening at Hope:**

**Easter Sermon Series:** Did you know Easter is more than just a day? We get a whole season to celebrate Christ's resurrection! Join us for worship as Pastor Christie preaches a sermon series on the ways Jesus offers us new life today. We will hear the stories of the people Jesus encounters after his resurrection and consider how we too can "Rise Up" from the things that keep us from experiencing life at its fullest – fears and doubts, shame, grief, and even indifference. We hope you will join us as we continue to celebrate the good news and live into the new life we have received in Christ!

**Backpack Blessings Packing Party:** Following worship TODAY we will have an opportunity to serve with a brief Backpack Blessings packing party as we pack weekend food bags for the children at Weatherly Heights Elementary. We hope you will plan to join us, and to stay for a few minutes after to support this important ministry.

**Fellowship Lunch:** NEXT Sunday after worship we'll enjoy a fellowship potluck lunch! Everyone is welcome (bring a friend!), but we need volunteers to bring dishes for lunch as follows:

- Three main dishes (casseroles) to feed 8-10 people
- Three side dishes to feed 8-10 people
- Three desserts to feed 8-10 people

The sign up sheet can be found on the credenza just outside the sanctuary. We "Hope" to see you there!

**The Hope Lunch Bunch** will meet for lunch on Wednesday, April 25 at Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant, located at 7900 Bailey Cove Road SE. The Hope Lunch Bunch is a monthly gathering at a local restaurant for fellowship and food with friends—all are welcome!

**Hope Presbyterian Playschool:** This week our Playschool friends learned all about dinosaurs with lots of fun activities, and the three and four-year-old classes went on a field trip to the EarlyWorks Museum.



Playschool registration for the 2018/19 school year is under way! Please share the word with your family, friends, and neighbors!

**2018 Financials:**

Mar. Operating Income: \$ 8,769      Mar. Operating Expenses: \$ 8,155  
 YTD Operating Income: \$ 25,973      YTD Operating Expenses: \$ 27,474

**Assisting in Worship Today**

- Worship Leader:** Candy Lord
- Greeters:** Richard & Carol Welch
- Ushers today:** Andy Young, Tom & Anita Giles
- Ushers next Sunday:** Daniel Ray, Cheryl Hoard
- Sound technician:** Andy Young

**Church Calendar At-A-Glance:**

Apr. 22	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Lunch
Apr. 24	6:30 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting
Apr. 25	11:30 a.m.	Hope Lunch Bunch (@ Casa Blanca)

Our prayer family of the week is Andy Young. This week, we ask the congregation to remember Andy and his family, asking God to strengthen and bless them.

The Elder on Call for April is Angie Toles. She may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-684-7691.

*Prayer Concerns*

**Members:**

- Lisa Shiver
- Sharon Campbell
- Judy Counts
- Peter Loveman
- Kitsy Stracener
- Sara Malaspina
- Janet Onkey
- Nona Kendrick
- Barbara Jones
- Mary Rudd
- George & Beth Burks
- Sandra Young
- Bennie Langston
- Dr. Chris Hauer
- Shelby Albert
- Faye Moore

**Family:**

- Nikki Wix (Judy Counts)
- The family of John Hauer  
(Chris and Liz Hauer)
- Gran & Karen Mitchell (Traci Loveman)
- Jim Sterling (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
- Carolyn Adsit Haygood  
(Debbie and David Adsit)
- Jean Clutts (Joanna Sterling-Clutts)
- James Brazier (Brenda Brazier)
- Susan Galyon (Barbara Dennis)
- Nancy Haynes (Barbara Jones)
- Prim Dikeman (Sara Malaspina)
- Ann Patterson (Kathy Graham)
- Kelley Tucker (Anita Giles)
- Robert Crawley (Barbara Dennis)

**Friends:**

- The family of Judy Alexander (Jill Whitelock)
- Nancy Collins (Traci Loveman)
- The family of Susie Bryant (Judy Counts)
- Walt & Stephanie Aldridge (Judy Counts)
- The family of Betty Brownback (Estella Dunham)
- Katie & David Ainsley (Barbara Dennis)
- Janice Childress Wilson (Barbara Dennis)
- Andy & Linnhe Reed (Candy Lord)
- Rev. Houston Hodges
- Logan Shaffer (Barbara Dennis)
- Pat Putman (Cheryl Hoard)
- Patsey Sloan & Anthony Sloan (Vicki Compton)

**Those serving in our military**