



"O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish..."  
Also refer to John 15:5 — "I am the vine, ye are the branches ..."

### Thursday, April 1

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service, First Baptist Church

### Friday, April 2

7 PM Good Friday Service, First Presbyterian Church

### Saturday, April 3

10 AM Egg Hunt, Birth-5th grade, FPC

### Sunday, Apr. 4, EASTER

7 AM Sunrise Service, Thomason Shelter

Flowering the cross—Please bring flowers

10 AM Worship with Communion- *Jesus Sees All of Us*

"One Great Hour of Sharing" offering-envelopes available

No evening activities.

### Sunday, Apr. 11

5:30-7:15 PM Youth Bible study /dinner

Elementary children will not meet. (Will resume April 18 at 4:30 PM)

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:

*Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?"*

*Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him."*

*Jesus said to her, "Mary."*

*She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher).*

— John 20:15-16

Over the last several weeks we have talked about the many ways that we "see" Jesus as we have looked through the eyes of different people in scripture. This Sunday – Easter Sunday! – we will contemplate the most important thing of all: Jesus sees all of us. In her moment of desperation, grief and fear, Jesus sees Mary and calls her by name.

The good news we celebrate is that the Risen Lord sees us as well, and He calls us by name.

We'll talk about it Sunday.

Because we are Easter People, know that you are loved!

Dr. Mike

### Prayer Concerns as of Mar. 29

At home Judy Couser, Mary Burris, Betty Aiton, Cathy Neal, Walker Martin, Hack Brown, Nancy Finneran, Kathy Burris, Linda Murphy, Carl Coker, Tommy Hörger

Presby. Home (801 Musgrove St, Clinton, 29325) June Dean, Marie McCracken Martha Franks Center (**1 Martha Franks Dr, Laurens**) Nancy Cook Smith

### Extended Prayer list

Barbara Edwards, Lesley Mitchell's mother (3/21)

Mark Dolny, stepson of Linda Dolny (11/20)

Drenda Taylor, friend of Alyssa Pinson (11/20)

Susan Roberts, sister-in-law of Connie Parker (10/20)

### Usher team-Apr. 4

#### John

Bill Baldwin\*\*  
Kathy Baldwin  
Peg Basche  
Bob Britt  
Kaye Richard  
Paul Wilkie

### Usher team-Apr 11

#### Acts

Byron Parker\*\*  
Gail Parker  
Ralph Patterson  
Erskine Thomason  
Tommy Thompson  
Paul Wilkie, Jr.

### Usher team-Apr. 18

#### Romans

Bill Childers\*\*  
Patsy Adams  
Gary Crow  
Ron Richard

### **Sanctuary Flowers**

Apr. 11 **WILSON,**

Charles & Sherry

Apr. 18 **WESTMORLAND,**

Jim & Lee

Apr. 25 **WHITLEY,** Jean

### Vine Helpers (11:30 Wed.)

**April** 7-Gail Robinson

14-Diane Milam

21-Lonnie and Rita Bixler

28-Janice Stroud



Attendance last Sunday: 121

The sanctuary flowers,  
our Easter Lilies,  
are given by Church members.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



**Egg Hunt!** Sat., Apr. 3,  
10 AM at the church;  
Birth-5th grade  
Story-time, craft & snack  
Bring your baskets!



### All Ladies of the Church

**Birthday  
CELEBRATION**

Please mark your calendar for May 24th. It will be our Birthday Celebration for our circles; however, this year is different. We want **all** ladies to come whether you belong to a circle or not!! So put your cooking aprons up and join us at Roma's for a fun evening. Prizes, etc. Details will be forthcoming. Susan Todd

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### Children and Youth Mission Project! Calling all children and youth!

You are invited to meet at the Church on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-4 pm for a mission project to support those who are giving out the vaccines. Please reach out to Will DeLaney at [will@firstpreslaurens.org](mailto:will@firstpreslaurens.org) if you have any questions.



**LOCAL MISSIONS**

### DEAR PARENTS OF TODDLERS & INFANTS,

Starting this Sunday, the Toddler Room and the Infant Room will reopen so you can attend church with ease!!

We are excited. The Toddler Room is for 2 year olds - 5K. The Infant Room will be for infants - 2. This will be ongoing.

When you see Kay Monroe, please thank her as she has sanitized the rooms. New cribs have been purchased for the infant room. So enjoy church knowing that your child is being well taken care of by loving people.





## *Easter Lilies 2021*

*Those who contributed or those being honored please take a plant with you after the service.*

### ***In Memory***

Given by James and Marilyn Buchanan in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Herchel Wilson  
...in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Buchanan  
Given by Lloyd Hammond in memory of Brenda Hammond  
Given by Mike and Betsy Ellison in memory of Augusta and King Dixon  
Given by Chris, Julie, Jackson, Bennett, Ryland, and Ella Francis Edwards in memory of Dr. Randall W. Powell  
Given by Edith Davis in memory of Dr. Joseph Davis  
Given by Jean Cann in memory of John M. Cann and our parents  
Given by Libby Hewes in memory of Al and Becky  
Given by Hew Wasson in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hewlette Wasson  
Given by Lewis Matthews in memory of Richard and Jackie Wasson  
...in memory of Jane and William Jones  
Given by Jane and Haven Seigler in memory of George and Elizabeth McNair  
...in memory of Claude and Sybilla Kay  
Given by Carl and Dot Coker in memory of Richard Byars  
Given by Rome and Lucy Lytton and family in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Jefferies, Jr. (Dick and Kitty)  
Given by Susan Byars in memory of Richard Byars  
...in memory of Laura and David Zimmerman  
Given by Carolyn Fagan in memory of Mary Jane Reynolds  
Given by OD and Connie Parker in memory of our parents: OD and Katherine Parker & Randall and Gladys Roberts  
Given by the Marshalls in memory of Bill Adams  
Given by Ray and Betty Jo Bell in memory of Richard Byars and Lenice Thompson  
Given by Marti Hill in memory of James Hill  
Given by Dallas and Deena Dendy in memory of Dallas and Margaret Dendy  
Given by Judy Couser in memory of Mildred and Ed Ward  
...in memory Ken Couser  
Given by Charles and Diane Milam in memory of Henry and Mary Ramones  
...in memory of Brian Miner  
...in memory of Charles and Frances Milam  
Given by Drucie Martin in memory of Byrd and Miriam Martin  
Given by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stringer in memory of Becky Stringer  
...in memory of William D. Scruggs, Jr.

### ***In Honor***

Given by Chris, Julie, Jackson, Bennett, Ryland, & Ella Francis Edwards in honor of Mrs. Nola R. Powell  
...in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Edwards  
Given by Lloyd Hammond in honor of Mary and Mike Fortune  
...in honor of Lesley and John Mitchell  
Given by Libby Hewes in honor of Kay Monroe  
Given by Kay Monroe in honor of my church family  
Given by Mike and Mary Fortune in honor of our church family  
Given by OD and Connie Parker in honor of our grandchildren, Brent, Jordan, Emma, Eli, and Thomas  
Given by Donna and Shepard Williams in honor of their children and grandchildren  
Given by the Marshalls in honor of Patsy Adams  
Given by John and Mary Ellen Swofford in honor of Christie Crowder and family  
Given by Charles and Diane Milam in honor of our grandchildren  
Given by Christie Crowder in honor of FPC staff and members for all the kindness, love & friendship shown to me over the past 9 years.

## Ken's Komments

### HELP NEEDED!

**YOU** are needed in the Chancel Choir. If you can carry a tune in a bucket, bring your bucket to choir rehearsals, Wednesday evenings at 6:30- 7:30pm in Hunter Hall, masked and distanced. Please consider coming. Remember, come and "Sing your sins away!"

It was so good to have the choir back singing, and for you folks, the congregation, singing again. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection in word and song. We will sing Resurrection hymns and the Chancel Choir will lead in the joyful celebration.



My sincere appreciation and thank you for the many cards and personal wishes for a happy 90th birthday, including the pink flamingos. All deeply felt and appreciated!

Tom Arnold

