

**MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010**

Eight Forty-Five & Eleven O'Clock Worship Services
Eleven O'Clock Broadcast over WLNI 105.9 FM

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Festival J. Burke
Jubilant Fanfare K. McChesney
(Chancel Ringers)

Westminster Chimes

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen indeed!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*Hymn #123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Easter Hymn

*Prayer of Adoration and the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Almighty God, send your Holy Spirit this Easter morning and deepen our awareness of its mystery. May we contemplate the magnitude of your salvation. In baptism we died to sin and received your grace; help us now to experience the joy of the resurrection in the living of our lives. Create in us an exuberance of faith. Help us to forgive others as we should, and fit us for loving service. Make us your signs to the world of the new life we have been granted. Strengthen our faith, hope, and love day by day as Christ is our foundation. We pray in his name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 14

*Gloria (p. 579) Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Children's Moment

*WORSHIP WORKSHOP (11:00 A.M.) - for ages 3 & 4 and K & 1st grades
(Gateways to Worship) in the classrooms across from the Nursery.*

*Hymn 106 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Alleluia No. 1

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem Festival Introit for Easter Day H. Hopson

On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise,
In laud and jubilee and praise, Alleluia.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 (pew Bible pp. 176-177)

New Testament Lesson: Acts 24:10-21 (pew Bible p. 145)

Sermon **Acts 24: "Resurrection – Past, Present, Future"** John M. Scholer

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S SERVICE

Offering O Morn of Beauty J. Sibelius
Offertory Anthem

O morn of beauty, morn of gladness!
Awakening joy, dispelling shades of night,
Gone is the gloom, the sorrow and the sadness,
Now breaks the day of peace and light.
*Sing and rejoice with joyful alleluias,
Sing alleluia, alleluia!*

The days are past when souls were wrapt in mourning,
The earth awakes with victory as her strain,
Lift up your heart and greet the glad day dawning,
For Christ the Lord is risen again!

*Doxology (p. 591) Old Hundredth
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #122 Thine Is the Glory (repeat refrain after each verse) Judas Maccabeus

*Benediction and Choral Response

*Postlude Toccata Brevis D. Gawthrop

*Those who are able, please stand

* * * * The ushers will seat worshipers

**WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

We welcome all who have joined us for worship today. All worshippers are asked to sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the Concerns of the Church. We're glad you're here!

Church Membership: If you are without a church home in Lynchburg, you would be warmly welcomed into our fellowship. The Session meets in the History Room to receive new members immediately following each worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Infants and Young Children: If your child needs attention, you are welcome to sit in the Narthex where you can still hear the worship service, or you may want to take your child to the Nursery (Room #8, Ground Floor). An usher will be happy to assist you.

If you are hearing impaired, we have special devices available in the Narthex before the service. Simply ask an usher for help.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated next Sunday, April 11, 2010. **TWO CENTS A MEAL offering** will also be received.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL offerings for the month of April will go to Summer Camp - Jubilee Family Development Center.

THE SINGLE ADULT FELLOWSHIP will get together for lunch next Sunday, April 11, at Tokyo Restaurant (2822 A Linkhorne Drive). Meet at the restaurant by 12:30 P.M.

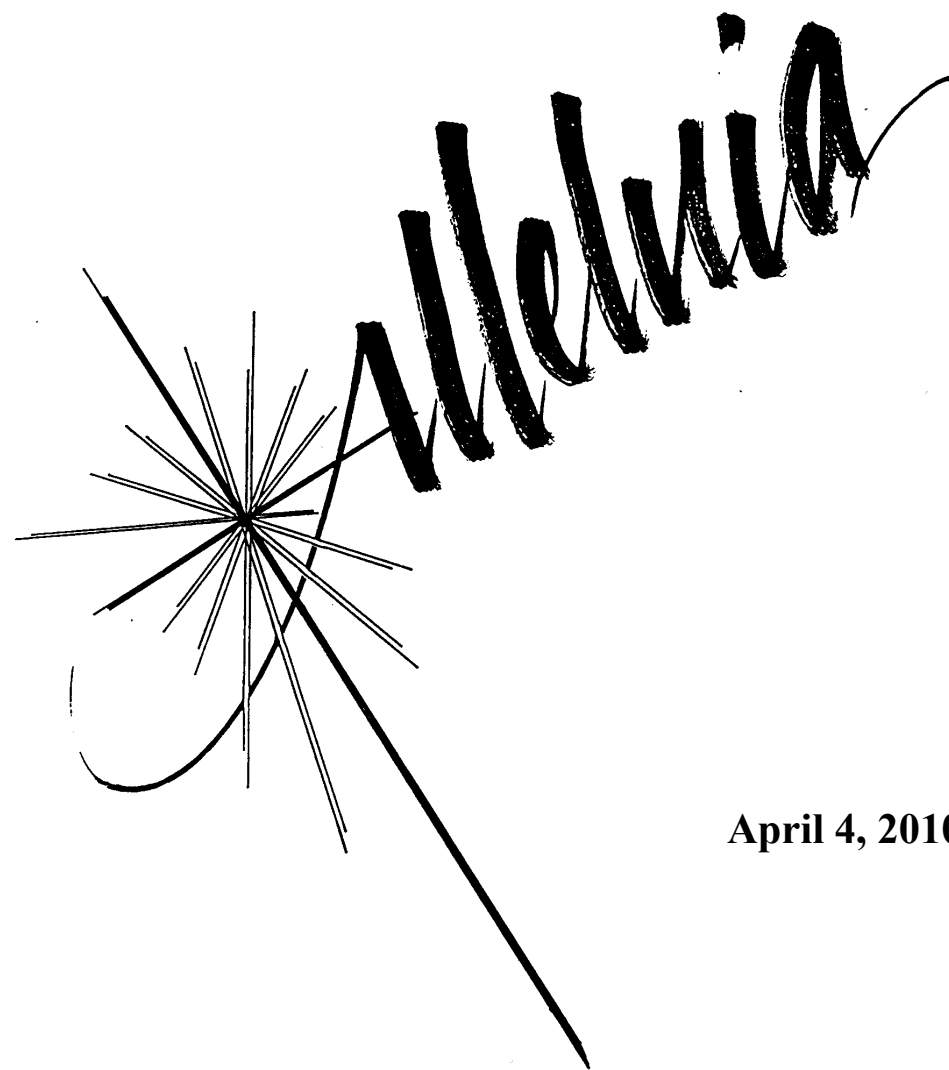
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP – LADIES NIGHT: Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 P.M. Topic: Pearson Cancer Center – ALL GOOD NEWS!! – presented by Dr. Anita Joy Hilliard, Associate Medical Director. Please join us. Remember – a reservation made is a reservation paid.

MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS (APRIL): Sue Thornton (384-5299) and Anne McDaniel (384-0296).

THE PRAYER CHAIN IS PRAYING FOR OUR YOUTH: Did you know that First Presbyterian Church has a prayer chain that prays for specific requests from our members? If you have a need, you may leave a request in the secure box in the foyer or in the youth area. Currently we are honoring a request to pray for all the youth in our congregation. **Middle and Senior High members, look for future mail communications from the members of our prayer chain!**

LEONARD SCHOLARSHIP: Our church is the distribution agent for a financial needs grant for undergraduate and graduate studies at a four year accredited college, university, and theological institution. The annual grant offered is based on need and is subject to a maximum \$3,500 per year of study. Interested persons should contact the church office for guidelines and an application for the 2010-2011 school year. **Completed applications must be in the church office no later than May 3, 2010.**

PW CIRCLES (Horizons & Book Circles) meet Monday, April 12, 9:45 A.M. for refreshments and then study groups. **EVENING CIRCLE** meets Tuesday, April 13, at the home of Jeannette Strunk, at 7:30 P.M. **YOUNG & NOT SO YOUNG CIRCLE** meets Tuesday, April 13, at 9:00 A.M. in the library.



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