

Our Service during today's worship celebration:

Lector: Greg Lisle
Head Usher: John Hedrick
Financial Officer: Kathy Lisle
Trustee: Greg Lisle

Our Service for next Sunday's worship celebration:

Lector: Katie Moore
Head Usher: Taylor Crane
Financial Officer: Kathy Lisle
Trustee: Greg Lisle

Welcome to Burkhead United Methodist Church!

It is our prayer that this worship service will enhance your faith so that you can have the assurance of God's eternal care. If you have been attending Burkhead Church and desire to become a member of our congregation, please speak with our pastor. We are always happy to welcome new members to our family!

It is the mission of Burkhead United Methodist Church to be an open, committed, caring community of followers of Jesus Christ who...

- *Witness to the faith by offering God's love and grace to all people*
 - *Nurture people in their growth as Christian disciples in a place of safety and refuge where everyone is accepted and respected, and*
 - *Empower persons to reach out to the world through service in mission*
- ...all to the glorification of God.***

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April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday Communion Sunday

Gospel Lesson

John 20:1-18

Confession

Christ, we come to the empty tomb,
we see our own death,
we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness.
And we remember how we have treated other people
— members of our family, friends and neighbors.

Lord, we come to your tomb,
we see a hungry world before us,
**the pain of starving children,
the guilt of war on our hands,
and we know that collectively we share in those
injustices.**

Lord we come to the empty tomb, we search within
ourselves and we cannot escape what we are,
people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing,
for some a deep sense of loneliness and a
frustration of what we would be but are not.

**Lord, when we come to the empty tomb,
we lay before you our pain,
our emptiness and look to you for hope.**

People of God,
why do you seek the living among the dead in an
empty tomb?

Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you
uncomfortable here?

**Our wounds are deep,
we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.**

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has
risen to heal you,
he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change
us all and bind us together now.

Christ has risen to forgive us.

Thanks be to God.

Prelude

Chiming of the Worship Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

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On this Easter Sunday, allow your souls to be
replenished. Take in the joy. Take in peace.
And wonder. Wonder, and imagine, and reflect,
and question, and listen. Listen deeply to the
Holy Spirit. And hear the words that God has
for you.

**We emerge from the long days of Lent; our
journey through the wilderness.**

We acknowledge that there is a darkness that
seems to loom in this world.

We remember that nestled within the great
mystery of the Resurrection is a great light.

We search for that light, that hope on this day.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

New Testament Reading Acts 10:34-43

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

"Easter Glory" - arranged by James Curnow

Sermon *"Who Knew?"* Rev. Julie O'Neal

The Great Thanksgiving for Easter Sunday:

Lift up your heads

We lift them up to God

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Lift up your hands

We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.

We offer our entire being to the God of Creation, who made the sun and the moon to govern by day and by night and hung the stars in the sky... Today, Jesus, we remember the bread and the cup. Today, we remember your life and your death. We remember your resurrection; we remember eternal life.

As we receive these gifts in praise and thanksgiving we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us; as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world until Jesus returns in glory.

Almighty God, We your people cry out to you on behalf of our community:

Have mercy upon all who suffer from the evils of poverty.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who have lost their way.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who have been offended by the church.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon all who feel forgotten and neglected.

Have mercy, Lord!

Have mercy upon us Triune God, and make us worthy to be called your people who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

And now together we feast on the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

Prayer following Communion:

Love divine,

in raising Christ to new life

you opened the path of salvation to all peoples.

Send us out, with the joy of Mary Magdalene,

to proclaim that we have seen the Lord,

so that all the world may celebrate with you

the banquet of your peace. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

*Benediction

*Postlude

**Please stand as you are able.*

Weekly Announcements

Our Sincerest Sympathies are extended to Johnny & Shirley Hedrick and family with the passing of his sister, Barbara Ann Hedrick Harward, March 29, 2021.

Easter Memorials

Given In Memory of Dr. Robert Boyles & Nancy Boyles
by Beth Campbell

Given In Memory of Fred Washington Butner, Fred
Raymond Butner, David Eugene Butner and
William B. Covington by David R. Hinkle

LECTIONARY READINGS

The congregation is invited to read the lectionary passages in preparation for our worship services.

Lector: *starred passage, Sermon: underlined passage

Today, April 4	Next Week, April 11
*Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; <u>John 20:1-18</u>	*Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; <u>John 20:19-31</u>

His Love

God sent His Son to take the punishment
For all the thoughtless, sinful things we do;
Jesus gave his life because He loves us;
His love is boundless, sweet, forever true.
On Easter morn He showed He is our Savior;
His resurrection proves He is our Lord.
That is why we tell you, "Happy Easter!"
He secured our heavenly reward!

By Joanna Fuchs

Social Distancing Guidelines:

- Keep a minimum of 6 feet from others.
- Wear a mask covering your nose, mouth and chin.
- Do not handle anything you will not personally use.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before AND after touching items.
- Bring what you need for worship service such as your Bible, water, etc.

Thank you for following the social distancing guidelines.

This Week at Burkhead UMC

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday

7:02 am - Easter Sunrise Service on
Facebook Live and church website

8:45 am - H.O.P.E. sandwich making

10:00 am - Easter Worship Service in
Fellowship Hall, on Facebook Live
and church website

Monday, April 5th

6:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 1929

Tuesday, April 6th

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 911

Sunday, April 11th

10:00 am - Worship Service

3:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 02822

Concerns shared the week of March 28th

Prayers: Family of Barbara Harward, Connie Hall Mende
and Concepcion Cabrera, Lauren Hall, Elijah,
Melissa Butner

Concerns shared the week of March 21st

Prayers: Paul and Betty Powers, Brenda Barlow,
the immigration crisis at the US/Mexican border,
Asian Americans in our country being attacked
and killed due to prejudice
Praises: Betty Fiddle, Lib Jones

Concerns shared the week of March 14th

Prayers: Carol Evans; Paul, Amy & Jack Haerich;
Nicholas Delgado; Concepcion Cabrera
Praises: Sam

Concerns shared the week of March 7th

Prayers: Melissa Butner, Lynn Blumenthal, Chad
Edwards, Gore/White Family, Gerald Alley

Names will remain on our prayer list for one month.

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