

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

Prelude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dayton Wilson

Call to Worship

Into our fears and through our locked doors.

Come, Almighty God.

When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

Come, Holy Spirit.

For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*Hymn 248 "Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!" Hodges

*Call to Confession Rev. Dayton Wilson

*Prayer of Confession Unison

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Dayton Wilson

You are already forgiven, loved and whole. In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it. In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith; go build that. By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. Amen.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Rev. Dayton Wilson

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you

2-Cents-A-Meal Offering EPC Young Disciples

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples EPC Young Disciples

(Preschool - 2nd grade go to children's church)

* Hymn 267 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Evans

**Stand if you are able*

Prayer of Illumination Rev. Dayton Wilson

Divine Redeemer, bearer of life, open us to the wisdom of your Word today and enlighten us with your truth. Liberate us from all that distracts us and turns us from your path. Guide us and ground us in Christ's everlasting hope. Amen.

Scripture Readings John 20:19-31 Rev. Dayton Wilson

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "3 Pointer" Rev. Dayton Wilson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles Creed Unison

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Dayton Wilson

Offertory

* Doxology Unison

* Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People Rev. Dayton Wilson

The Lord's Prayer Unison

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEPART TO SERVE

* Hymn 263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Young

* Charge & Benediction Rev. Dayton Wilson

* Congregational Response Unison

May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever. Grant you peace, perfect peace, and joy in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face and His grace forever. May the Lord Mighty God bless and keep you forever.

* Postlude Mrs. Sylvia Campbell

**Stand if you are able*

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Birthdays this week...

4/7: Cheryl West **4/9:** Walt McDuffie **4/11:** Pat DeVane

Nursery Volunteers

4/7: Lillian & Julianne
4/14: Doll Priest

Children's Church

4/7: Savannah Ivey
4/14: Hawley Hunt

Acolyte Schedule

4/7: Carter DeVane
4/14: Ava Duncan

ANNOUNCEMENTS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND MORE

4/7: 2-Cents-A-Meal Offering

4/10: Wednesday Nights Together: Adult Bible Study at 5:00 pm.; Children's Bible Study/Choir Practice at 5:15 pm - Ages 3-6th grade; Meal at 5:45 pm and Fun & Fellowship at 6:30 pm

4/15: Stated Session Meeting at 6:00 pm in the library

Prayer Concerns

MEMBERS

Nell Barnhill
Bobby Guyton
Ronnie & Gail Hutchinson
Ava Duncan
Merle Graham
Ritchie Priest
Karen Campbell
Rose Murray
Denise Cross
Casey DeVane
Powell Cross

NON-MEMBERS

Murray Bordeaux
June Marie Jessup Smith
Jacob Boyd
Barbara Moore Turner
Johnny Prevette
Carolyn Sanderford (Trey Duncan's grandmother)
David Lennon (Kaye Dennis' nephew)
Terry Lee (Jennifer Campbell's father)
Matthew Krause (son of Jan Krause)
Kris Johnson (Michelle Wilson's brother)
Johnny Roberson (Hank Roberson's father)
Jason McClain (nephew of Cheryl West)

Allen Barnhill
Joy Grady
Phillip Greene
Shirley Hough
Jozee Strickland
John Shaw
Rodney Hester
Baylee Harmon
Leon Martin
Michael Shaw
David Vaught
Jared Hall

ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN SESSION

Class of 2024

Joy Brice 910-874-4916
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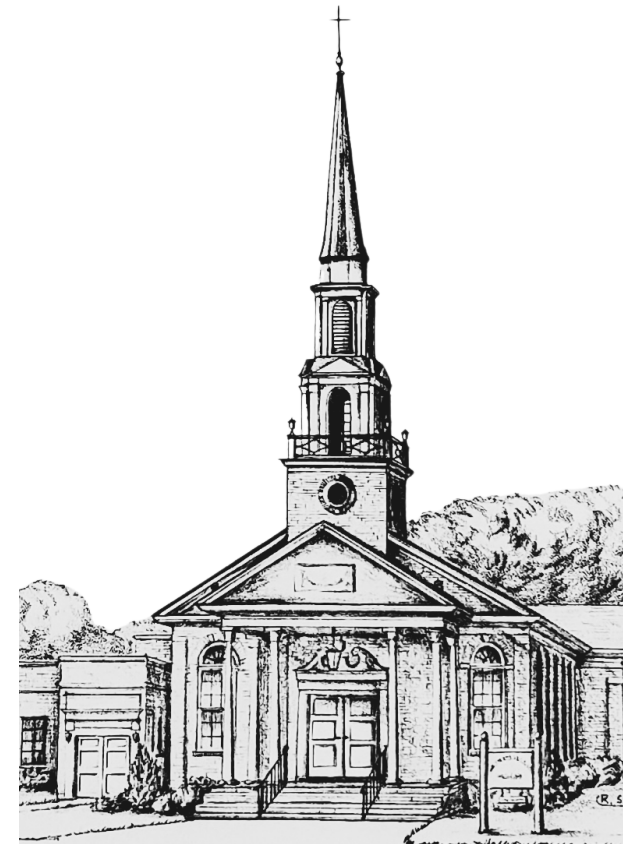
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ELIZABETHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am

“We are a community of faith, seeking to know Christ and make Him known in all we say and do.”

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY - April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word

United in ministry by the power of God's Holy Spirit, we welcome you to worship! May the Spirit of God be felt in our shared experience and by being together as people of God united by His eternal love for us.

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 am- 3:00 pm & Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

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