

First Reading- 1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise to God for a Living Hope

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Reading- John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[1]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[2] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Order of Worship

The Gathering!

Welcome, Announcements & Birthdays

Prelude

The Praise!

*Call to Worship

Scott Holden

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By His great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope.

Though we have not seen Him, we love Him and rejoice.

We believe in Him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.

Come, let us worship the risen Lord.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

*Hymn of Praise, #254

"The Day of Resurrection"

Children's Time

Sharing of Community Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ron McDougald

The Offering!

*The Doxology

The Word!

*Prayer of Illumination: **Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and Your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

David Schmidt

*Hymn of Preparation, #2086

"Open our Eyes, Lord"

*Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Affirmation of Faith, #691

The Apostle's Creed

Sermon: "Locked Out, Locked Down?"

Rev. Ron McDougald

*Closing Hymn, #294

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

The Sending Forth!

*Choral Benediction

"Blessed Be the Tie that Binds"

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**please stand if you are able*

Prayer List:

Ongoing Concerns:

Myrna Lynne Baricev, Ryleigh Yates, Linda Holden, Sara Poston, Billy Robinson, Larry Hall, Woody VanDevender, Phyllis & Clint Gill, Grayson Morse, Donna Wittersheim, Aven & Saylee Bryant, Betty Tootle, Bobby Lenardo, Debbie Harris, David Davidson, Karen & Gene VanWinkle, Mae Gamblin, James Ellis Bertucci, Gaynell Hill, Sara Caldwell, Emma & Rickey Sharp, John Russell, Andrew Russell, Rosemary Meador, Nancy Riggins, Katherine O'Brien, Jerry Evans, Martha Richardson, Carl & Liz Wyatt, Teresa Davis, Bruce Nevels, Billy Sanders, Doris Hand, Holly Heppner, Jenni Johnson, Matt Mizelle, Joyce Casillos.

Weekly Prayer Requests:

Ronnie Seymour Family, Mike Jimerson Family & all LEOs, Jasper Pryor Family, Paige McDougald Family, Damon Mullikin, JD Savage, Harry Bragg, Laurie Gollott, Toddy LeBatard, Gary Bryant, Lexie, Lily, Robert V., Ricky Barry, Leslie Hathorn, Aliaha, Susan, Rhonda Hunt, Ember, Jason & baby, Mack McMillan, James Bell, Darren, Erica Pardue, Zetta, Kathy Usry, Darren, Bobby Cook, Wake Inabinette, Donnie Tiblier Family, Keith Jones Family, Kay Bryant, Tom Cameron, Hal Galloway, Pauline Ward, Annaleigh Sykes, Kaleigh Morton, 2026 VBS, Trustees & the building project.

Our Nation: Leaders & Country

Our Military:

Wesley Savage, Brey Richmond, Jacob Ferrer, Hunter LaVann, Elizabeth Willis, Cody Bean, Clayton Demoran, Justin Shoemake, Chris Phifer, Nate Collins, Joseph Jackson, James Bell, Clay LeBatard, Austin Gill, Logan Grandstaff, Luke Self, Morgan Foster, Hank Jamison, Gavin McKerchie.

Happening this Week

- Trustees Meeting Monday, 6pm.
- Ladies Come and Go Prayer Wednesday at 9am.
- Adult Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning at 10:30.
- WNT each Wednesday Night at 5pm; dinner at 5:15, Children/ Youth Activities, and Adult Bible Study, 6pm.
- Sassy Saints Luncheon, Thursday, April 16th at 11:15 at the home of the Cameron's.
- Sunday School for adults and children meets every Sunday at 8:15 am and Worship at 9:30am.

Coming Soon!

- Monthly After Worship Adult Sunday School Class will meet Sunday, April 19th.
- WMMC meeting Monday, April 20th.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Vincent Macon (14)
Hannah Mixon (14)
Angela Vickers (14)
Drew Kite (15)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please mark your attendance in the black fellowship folder at the end of each pew.

Discipleship Committee Meeting today after Worship in the Sunday School Room.

Trustees Meeting Monday, April 13th at 6pm.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study— this week's questions are 48-51 in the Catechism; pages 161-164 in the *Profoundly Christian, Distinctly Methodist* study guide. Please join us at 10:30a.m.

Sassy Saints Luncheon will be Thursday, April 16th, 11:30am at the home of Robin & Tom Cameron (17147 Hillcrest Ridge Road)— please bring your favorite salad, side dish, or dessert to share!

'After Worship' Adult Sunday School Class will meet next Sunday, April 19th; join us in the Sunday School room to discuss Easter Morning (John 20:1-18) and Easter Evening (John 20:19-31).



Vacation Bible School at the campground will be an adventure at Rainforest Falls where we will be "Exploring the Nature of God" June 1-5. Registration is now open for kids and volunteers at vbspro.events/p/campgroundvbs2026.

This QR code will take you right there. Please call or text Cindy Nelson at 228-219-7729 for assistance or information.



For more information, pick up a VBS flyer in the vestibule.

Lectionary Readings for April 19th

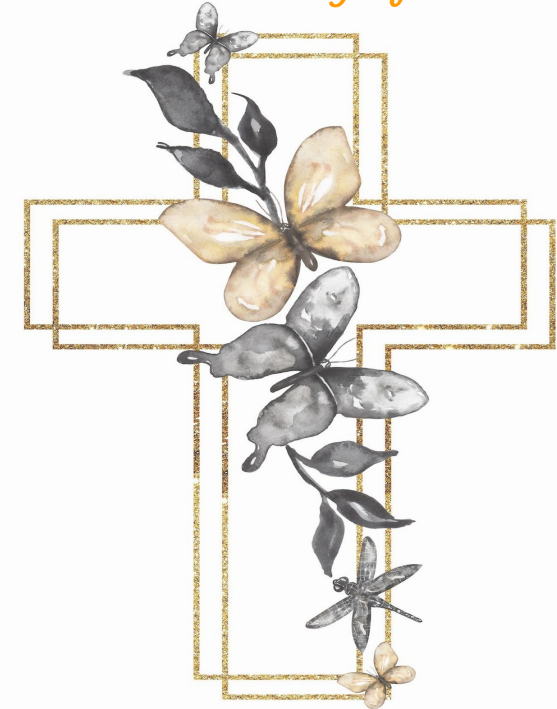
Acts 2:14, 36-41
Luke 24:13-35

Peter 1:17-23
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

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*April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter*



Welcome!

**Our Purpose is to make disciples of Jesus Christ;
Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly,
Witness Boldly!**

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