

JONESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 25, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN (GAELIC MELODY)

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER OF PREPARATION —Based on the Liturgy of St. Mark (2nd century)

*Almighty God, bless your people.  
Give us your peace, your help, and your love,  
for we are the sheep of your pasture.  
Let us be united in your peace—  
one in the Body, one in the Spirit,  
and one in the hope of our calling,  
all through the gift of your endless grace. Amen.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Opal Secor, Acolyte*

INTROIT

*Rejoice the Lord Is King*

arr. Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Shepherding God, be with us to guide us  
in this time of worship

**All: Help us to find rest and peace  
in your resurrection presence.**

One: Prepare our hearts and minds with joyous praise.

**All: Grant us mercy and grace,  
so that as we abide in your comforting love,  
we may flourish in grace  
and blossom into new and hope-filled persons.**

\*HYMN 610

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

from *Call to Worship* Vol 39.1 2065-06

**O Lord, our shepherd,  
your care is our joy and hope,  
How then have we gone so far astray?  
We balk at your guidance  
and refuse your sure provision.  
We turn aside from you to seek our own paths.  
We fail to be content with your love,  
so we seek more from the world,  
and come up empty.**

**In your mercy, God, forgive us.  
Cure our fevered souls with your Spirit.  
Lead us anew in ways that will strengthen us,  
to make our lives a glory to your name  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Please observe a moment of silent confession.*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

No. 581

*As you listen to the Gloria, you are encouraged to reflect on the words.*

### **THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Out of His Great Love

Banks/Poindexter Family (recorded)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

SECOND LESSON

John 10:11-18

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Rev. John Taylor*

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

OFFERTORY        *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross*        arr. Mary McDonald  
\*DOXOLOGY  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

\*HYMN 187        *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*        BRADBURY

\*LIGHT OF GOD FOR THE WORLD        *Opal Secor, Acolyte*

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE        *Chiming of the Trinity*

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able please stand.



**Welcome to Worship!** Our church doors are open to anyone seeking to worship God and to follow Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit speak to you through the worship service and in our fellowship. If you are looking for a church home, or would like to know more about the programs Jonesboro Presbyterian Church offers, please speak to the Rev. Taylor or call the church office at 919-774-9435.

**Announcements**

**Happy Birthday** to Crissy Miller (Tuesday), David Pickens (Friday), and Jane Parkinson (Saturday).

**Lectionary Texts for May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Acts 8:26-40 and Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

**Our 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering**, which is used for hunger projects in our area and around the world, is being collected next Sunday and continues each first Sunday of the month. Please consider offering a few dollars or any small change.

**Articles and photos for the May 2021 Newsletter** will be due by noon on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Session has approved in-person worship services.** Due to COVID-19, however, we will still observe social distancing and all who are participating in-person must wear masks and use hand sanitizer. Temperatures will be taken at the door. Please use the church entrance at the porte cochère upon arrival. Virtual worship services will continue.

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Serving this week</b>	<b>Serving next week</b>
Acolyte	Opal Secor	TBD
Children's Time		
Children's Church		
Ushers	April: Pat Banks, Julia Dossenbach, Glenda Colebrook	
Count the Offering	April: Steve Brummett and Glenda Colebrook May: David Bailey and Pat Banks	

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:**

**JPC Members:** Jay Cox, Ruth Cox, Barry Gunter, C.W. Kelly, Hazel McBride, Randall McCormick, Bob Smith, Carrie Lynn Smith, Evelyn Talley, C.B. Warren, Kay Wells, Sue West, Tok Sun Wilson, Evelyn York.

**Friends and Family:** Doris Callis, Sarah Crawley (niece of Pam Beal), Wendy Davidson (beloved friend of Lindsay Tipton), Kelly and Philip Hatcher (niece and nephew-in-law of Donna and John Kelley), Leslie Hayes (friend of Doris Callis), Diane Hinson (sister-in-law of Bill Hinson), Joey Jervis, Lori Jones Mauldin (daughter of Bill & Jane Jones), Shannan McElveen (stepdaughter of Robert Herbert), Shannan Smith, Cliff Whitaker (son-in-law of Diane & Larry Davis), Tanya Williams (friend of Doris Callis), Becky Wood.

**Members, Friends, and Family in the Military:** Casey Evers, Craig Rhodes (brother of Bianka Stumpf)



## Schedule of Events

<b>APR 25</b>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></b>
<b>MAY 2</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b> 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering
<b>MAY 9</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b> Mothers' Day
<b>MAY 16</b>	<b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b> Men's Breakfast CUOC Food Collection
<b>MAY 23</b>	<b><i>Day of Pentecost</i></b> PW Birthday Offering
<b>MAY 30</b>	<b><i>Trinity Sunday</i></b>
May 31	Memorial Day

### JONESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

#### JPC SESSION – 2021

**Rev. John Taylor, Moderator**

**Class of 2021**

Adam Hawes  
Bruce Jackson  
Larry Whitley

**Class of 2022**

David Bailey  
Steve Brummett  
Wayne Ferrin  
Susan Ruark

**Class of 2023**

Pat Banks  
Glenda Colebrook  
Gary McNeely  
Ricky Secor

#### **JPC Men Officers – 2021**

President - Bill Colebrook  
Vice-President – Robert Chipman  
Secretary – Bill Hinson, Assistant Treasurer  
Treasurer – George Noel

#### **JPC Women Officers – 2021**

Moderator – Virginia Noel  
Vice-Moderator – Lindsay Tipton  
Secretary – Sarah Slate  
Treasurer – Pat Banks  
Historian – Abbie Brummett  
Christian Community Action – Glenda Colebrook  
Faith and Family Life – Sarah Dickens  
Missions – Ashley Secor  
Circle of Love – Marsha Ferrin  
Circle of Faith – Kate Taylor  
Circle of Friends – TBD

Pastor.....Rev. John Taylor  
Administrative Assistant/Newsletter..... Diane M. Quintal  
Director of Music/Organist.....Pam Beal  
Pianist..... Sandra Hancock  
Youth Director.....Julia Dossenbach  
Sunday School Superintendent/Auditor.....Bill Jones, III  
Clerk of Session.....David Bailey  
Vice-Clerk of Session.....Steven Brummett  
Treasurer.....Peggy Whitley  
PW Moderator..... .. Virginia Noel  
JPC Men President.....Bill Colebrook  
JPC Webmaster.....Joe Peek