

JONESBORO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 2, 2021

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Voluntary on "Forest Green"* arr. Patricia Lou Harris  
FOREST GREEN, English Folk Melody

PRAYER OF PREPARATION —from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

*O Thou, Who workest in us—O Thou, Who movest through us,  
we know now that we ourselves are the hindrance.  
We are not ready for the Guest,  
our houses would be disarranged.  
We are not ready to awake  
and that the lamps in our souls should be lighted.  
O, make us prudent enough to forget,  
make us careful enough to leave the doors open. Amen.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHT OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD *Jude Stumpf, Acolyte*

INTROIT *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* arr. Larry Shackley

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We see ourselves in the mirror of stories.

**All: Now let us reflect upon the stories of God.**

One: We see our brokenness in the window of the Word.

**All: Now let us be open to the prophecies of God.**

One: We see the way of salvation in Christ.

**All: Come, Spirit of Christ, and open our eyes,  
change our minds, and warm our hearts  
as we gather to worship you in spirit and in truth.**

*from "When Heaven Stands Open" by Timothy Slemmons*

\*HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL  
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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Holy and Gracious God:**

**Your Spirit calls us to go beyond our ordinary paths,  
to strike out with hope and faith into unknown places,  
to encounter strangers as well as friends.**

**Often, in our fear, we shrink from your call.**

**Help us to remember that often it is in foreign places and among people who are very  
different from ourselves that we encounter you most clearly.**

**Help us to open our eyes to the holy surprises along the way.**

**Help us to have the courage to be a part of setting a bigger table so that more and more**

**of your beloved children can find their seat and take part in the feast you have prepared.  
In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray.**

*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

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 22:25-31

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Love Lifted Me*

Wayne Ferrin/David Bailey (recorded)

TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 8:26-40

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**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 *Blessed Assurance* arr. Matt Schinske  
\*DOXOLOGY  
\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

\*HYMN 187 *Christ is Alive* TRURO  
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\*LIGHT OF GOD FOR THE WORLD *Jude Stumpf, 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.

### **Worship Notes**

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### **Announcements**

**Happy Birthday** to Nani Garcia (Tuesday) and Mary Della Slate (Thursday).

**We offer our deepest condolences** to the family of Leah Perry. Leah died on April 26, 2021 at her home. Her funeral was Friday, April 30, 2021. Leah was married to Daryl Perry and, while not a member, she was a good friend of our church. You may remember her singing and playing piano alongside her husband, Daryl, and Wayne Ferrin and George Noel. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Lectionary Texts for May 9<sup>th</sup>:** Acts 10:44-48 or Genesis 35:9-15, Psalm 98 or Psalm 101, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17.

**Breeze Database Training** for Staff and Session members will be held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Lunch will be provided.

**Youth Sunday** will be held on May 30, 2021.

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

**As many of you may remember**, John and Donna Kelly have a niece (Kelly Atkins) whose husband, Philip, was in a horrific mountain biking accident. In a few seconds he went from skilled athlete to a quadriplegic. It is a miracle that he lived. There have been many physical and emotional challenges. Kelly and Philip have met each with incredible faith and endurance with your help.

Over these past months, many of you have sent them prayers, notes and cards. They have frequently expressed their profound appreciation for these acts of Christian love from complete strangers. JPC has astounded them and lifted their spirits. Still, due to COVID restrictions, Philip's visitors have been significantly limited. Kindly continue supporting them with your prayers, notes and cards all of which help to support them.

Philip and Kelly Hatcher  
PO Box 272  
Jonas Ridge, NC 28641

**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	Jude Stumpf	Eleanor Secor
Children's Time		
Children's Church		
Ushers	May: Pat Banks, Sarah Dickens, Robert Chipman	
Count the Offering	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), 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 Eyers, Craig Rhodes (brother of Bianka Stumpf)



## Schedule of Events

- MAY 2***      ***Fifth Sunday of Easter***  
2-Cents-a-Meal Offering  
Living Bible Class Begins
- MAY 9***      ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***  
Mothers' Day
- MAY 16***     ***Seventh Sunday of Easter***  
Men's Breakfast  
CUOC Food Collection  
Breeze Training for Staff and Session Members  
Session Meeting
- MAY 21***      Blood Drive
- MAY 23***     ***Day of Pentecost***  
PW Birthday Offering
- MAY 30***     ***Trinity Sunday***  
Youth Sunday
- 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**

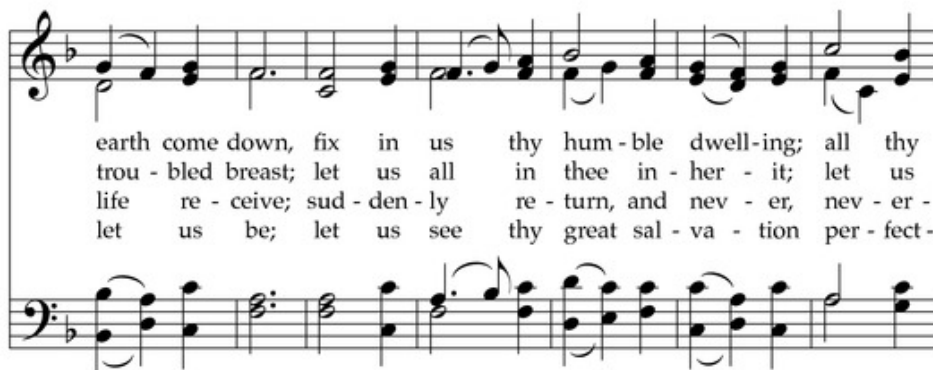
Moderator – Virginia Noel  
Vice-Moderator – Lindsay Tipton  
Secretary – Sarah Slate  
Treasurer – Pat Banks  
Historian – Abbie Brummett  
Christian Community Action – Glenda Colebrook  
Faith and Family Life – Sarah Dickens  
Missions – Ashley Secor  
Circle of Love – Marsha Ferrin  
Circle of Faith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

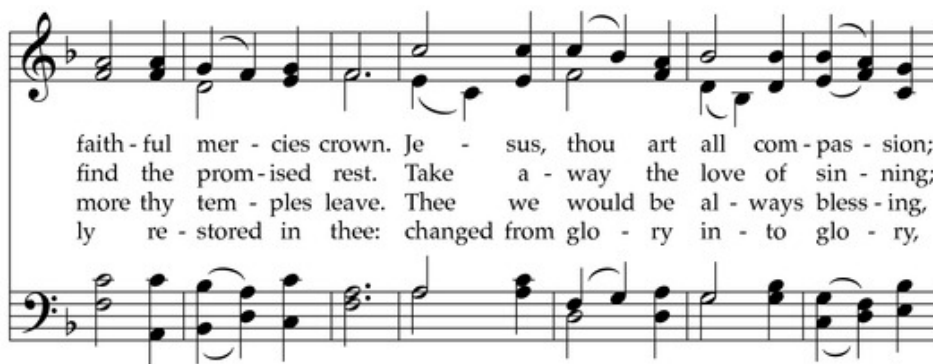
## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.



CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.