

Order of Worship
Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday
Central Presbyterian Church
Bristol, VA

* All who are able are asked to stand. CCLI #1230512

* Prelude/Introit *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Raney
Joy Briggs, organ; Jane Morison, piano; Sanctuary choir

Welcome, Announcements and Introduction to the Service
Greeting Time and Passing of the Peace of Christ

* Easter Proclamation John 20:1-8

* Hymn #232 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Living Lord, when we stand before the empty tomb, we don't
always feel the joy of resurrection and new life. We feel fear,
doubt, and mistrust. We feel empty and uncertain. Forgive the
fear that paralyzes us at the doorway of new life in Christ.
Forgive our doubt of your love which you have given to us in
abundant ways. Forgive our distrust and lack of hope that you
are able to do new things today. Fill our emptiness with your
glorious light. Raise us to abundant new life for the glory of your
name. We seek your mercy in the name of the one who comes to
give us new life, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen
(Silence)**

* Assurance of Pardon
...friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri Hymn #582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

Hearing the Word

Children's Message

Sermon

Check Out the Stone!

Rev. Ann Aichinger

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison) from A Declaration of Faith

We are certain that Jesus lives.

He lives as God with us,

touching all of human life with the presence of God.

He lives as one of us with God.

Because he shares our humanity

and has bound us to himself in love,

we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems

that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty

and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty

now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord.

He has been the Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

* Call to Offering

* Offertory Anthem *On the Third Day* Pote

Joy Briggs, organ, Handbells, Choir, Rourke Gearing, Trumpet

* Doxology - tune is #609

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts;

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;

Praise the Spirit! Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out

* Hymn # 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

Jesus has died and has risen. Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. Refrain

Come let us praise the living God,

joyfully sing to our Savior. Refrain

* Charge and Benediction

* Response

The Strife is O'er

Palestrina

Sanctuary Choir

Joy Briggs

Rourke Gearing, Trumpet

* Postlude

Toccata fr. Fifth Organ Symphony

Widor

Pastoral Concerns:

Jean Thomason is dealing with health issues,

Barbara Mann is having some radiation treatments for breast cancer,

Pastoral Joys:

Sasha Moha came home on Saturday, April 12.

Continued Prayers for:

Wes Alderman, Guy Briggs, Randy Broyles, Steve Clark, Doris

Crabtree, Dick Gordon, Bob and Becky Ingram, Jim and Joan Keith,

Woody McGlothlin, Ken Moss, Jim Otis, Archer Parsons, Ed Updyke,

Glen and Frances Van Dyke, Rich Williams, and Linda Wise.

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Jim and Joan

Keith in the death of Jim's brother, Gene, on April 8.

*Please call the church office (276-669-3157) with any pastoral
concerns, and please feel free to contact Ann Aichinger or any of the
Elders through email, Facebook, or by phone..*

Please sign up for the May 18 150th Anniversary Catered Dinner with the number of people who will be in attendance so that we may order the correct number of meals.

Calendar for April 20-27, 2025

Sunday, April 20	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Easter	10:00 a.m.	Worship in Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Egg hunt for children
Monday, April 21	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study - Perkins
		Office Closed for Easter
Wed., April 23		Central Life Delivered
	5:30 p.m.	Dinner - Breakfast for Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Program - Comforter
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice
Thursday, April 24		Ann leaves town until May 7
Friday, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Gamers at Caldwell home
Sunday, April 25	9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Central Hall
		Martin Dotterweich preaching
	11:00 a.m.	Youth meeting

Please notice the insert today listing who purchased hydrangeas or made donations to Bristol Faith in Action in memory or honor of someone they love.



Also on the insert, are the people who have already sponsored a child for Backpack ministries. This list will continue to grow!

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers and to Hanna and Natalia for creating our flower cross for Easter. Please feel free to take pictures in front of the cross.

Please save these dates:

Friday, May 16	7:00 p.m.	AMen Chorus concert
Saturday, May 17	10-7:30	Shelter A in Sugar Hollow Pot Luck church picnic
Sunday, May 18	11:00 a.m.	Catered meal after worship Make sure you sign up!
Wednesday, May 14	5:30 p.m.	Cookout and talent show - - Brush up on your talent!! (last Wed. night supper for the summer.)

Mission Statement of Central Presbyterian Church

Loving God with mind, heart, and hands
by being servants of God called
to love God and love others
by living the example of Jesus Christ,
and following the winds of the Spirit.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings



The leadership of the church is very appreciative of the continued financial giving by our members and friends. You are encouraged to continue to share your gifts and money with the church. All gifts are greatly appreciated. The church continues with ministries in caring for those in need and supporting those agencies and groups who offer assistance to those in need. Please give your tithes, offerings, and contributions by:

In Person Worship: Placing it in the plate at one of the doors.
Mail: Central Presbyterian, 331 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA 24201
Online: CentralPresBristol.org and go to the Give Online tab
Text: CentralPres (Capital C and P no spaces) to 73256
QR Code: Use to connect to the website and the "Give Online" link.



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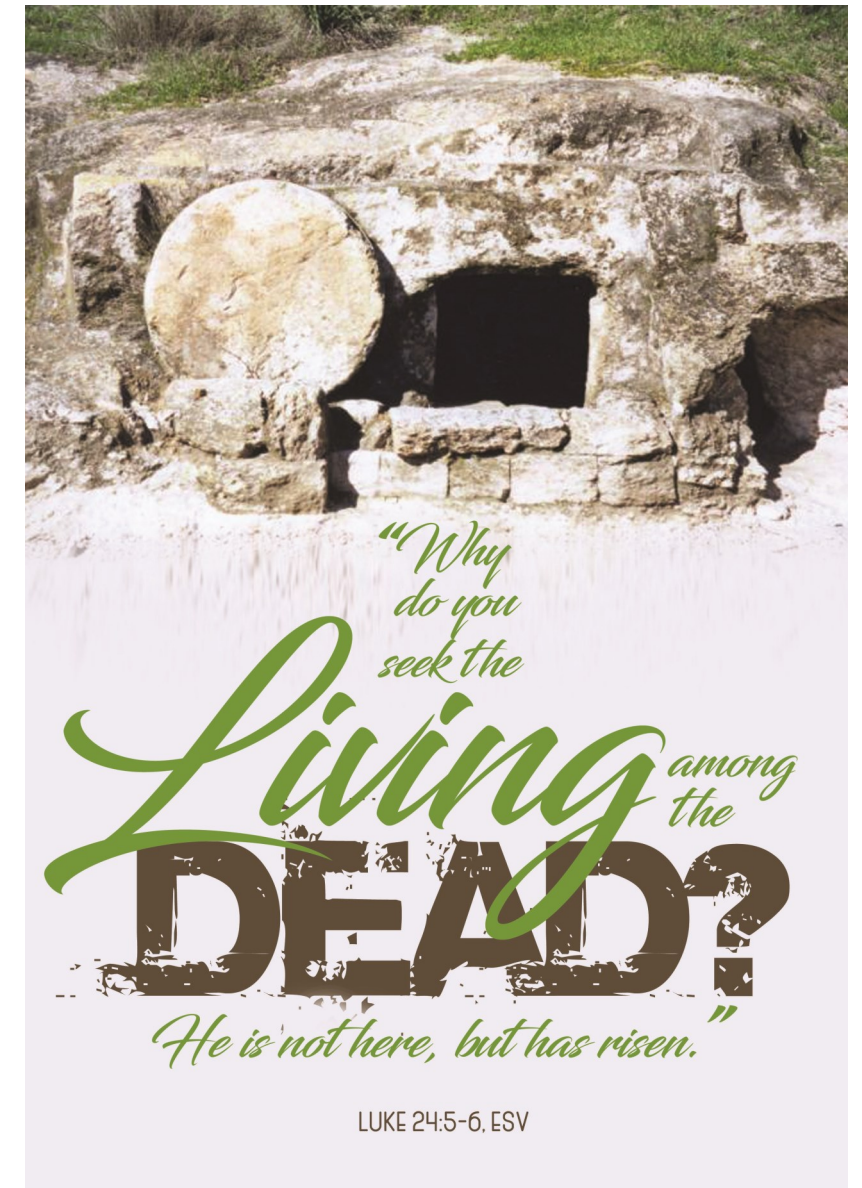
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