

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Worship Service 9:45 a.m.

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3rd Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024



Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Director of Music/Organist
Clerk of Session
Church Office Administrator

Rev. Dr. Paul M. Burns
Rev. Dr. Randall McGee
Mr. Gary O'Neal
Ms. Diane Llywelyn
Ms. Darlene Wright

We exist to know Jesus and make Him known.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude "All Hail the Power" Gary O'Neal, Organist
(arr. by Lani Smith)

(At this time, please silence your cell phone.)

Welcome and *Greeting One Another Pastor

* **Call to Worship** (Responsive) Liturgist

We have been called to be children of God.

Through Jesus Christ, God's love has been poured out on us.

Fear and doubt no longer hold us back, and joy and celebration fill our hearts.

Let us join together as God's children and lift our voices in songs of praise.

* **Hymn** "This Joyful Eastertide" No. 244

* **Prayer of Adoration** Liturgist

* **Gloria Patri** "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

Call to Confession Pastor

Prayer of Confession (Unison) Pastor

Dear God, we thank you for giving us your most precious gift, your Son Jesus Christ, even though we still struggle to understand what is happening around us. You call us to be courageous and hopeful, but often we find ourselves doubting and fearing. You challenge us to share our faith with others, but we often hide in the darkness, whispering discouraging words. Each of us is Your child. Please shake us up, Lord, and forgive us when we need constant reminders to follow you. Help us to recognize the presence of Jesus in our lives and to live as His disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us, mold us, and make us into the disciples you have called us to be. Amen.

(In silence confess your personal sins to God.)

Kyrie Eleison "Lord, Have Mercy" No. 551

* **Invitation to stand**

Assurance of God's Forgiving Grace
(Responsive)

Pastor and Congregation

Do not be afraid. Christ is risen! The Light of God has vanquished the darkness! Doubts are erased. Rejoice! God loves each of his children and continues to give His love, now and forever.

Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist

First Reading: 1 John 2:1-7 (p. 1021 Pew Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord!

Liturgist

Response: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Luke 24:13-35 (p. 885 Pew Bible)
Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Pastor

Response: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon "Recognizing Jesus"

Rev. Dr. Paul Burns

Anthem "Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord"
(arr. by Joel Raney)

Sanctuary Choir

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
For Atticus Atreyu Burket

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

* **Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

Doxology No. 606

A public offering to God is one of the oldest forms of worship. Although we give in varied ways through the week, our participation in the Sunday Offering is a witness to God and to the world of our love and commitment.

If you have not already done so, please drop your offering in the offering plates located at the front and back of the Sanctuary as you exit the building.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor

* **Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me"

No. 188

* **Charge and Benediction**

Pastor

* **Postlude**

Gary O'Neal, Organist



Assisting in worship today is Becky Page, Liturgist.



The usher is Dorothy Moore.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14th

Tuesday	6:00	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:00	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00	Zoom Yoga
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Carter Blood Drive
	11:00 a.m.	Community Barbeque

SESSION MEMBERS Diane Llywelyn – Clerk

Class of 2024
Kathleen Hale
Susie Miller
Lorraine Stephen

Class of 2025
Bill Grayson
Daniel Robinson
Leigh Taylor

Class of 2026
Diane Llywelyn
Bill Oney
Charlene Taylor

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Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from Holy Scripture:

The promise is for you, for your children and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

Obedying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

On behalf of St. Mark Presbyterian Church, I present Atticus Atreyu Burket, son of Graham and Melissa Burket, to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Question for the parents: Graham and Melissa, do you desire that Atticus be baptized? **We do.**

Question for the Godparents: Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Atticus to be a faithful Christian? **We do.**

Question for all believers present: Do you, as members of the body of Christ, promise to guide and nurture Atticus by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

As God embraces you within the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Renunciations

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish and sustain all living things by the gift of water. In the beginning of time, your Spirit moved over the watery chaos, calling forth order and life. In the time of Noah, you destroyed evil by the waters of the flood, giving righteousness a new beginning.

You led Israel out of slavery, through the waters of the sea, into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, Christ set us free from sin and death, and opened the way to eternal life.

We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Atticus, that he may have the power to do your will, and continue forever in the risen life of Christ. To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Atticus Atreyu Burket, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Laying on of Hands

O Lord, uphold Atticus by your Holy Spirit. Give him the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Atticus has been received into the one holy catholic and apostolic church through baptism. God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

