

# The Church at Worship

April 15, 2018

9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

## Third Sunday of Easter



† Indicates the congregation shall stand.

### We Gather To Meet God

Chiming of the Hour	
News of the Church	10:55 a.m. Ed Scheff
Prelude	Organ
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	G.H. Cook, arr. Gary Lanier
† Greetings & Hymn of Praise No. 451	Ed Scheff
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	SLANE
† 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.	
* universal	
† Gloria Patri	MEINEKE
<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>	
Prayers for the People	Ed Scheff
Responsive Reading from Psalm 4	Kim David
Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.	

When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!"

You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

† Offertory Hymn No. 121  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts  
*Suite for Violin and Organ, Op.166: III. Allemande (excerpt)*  
Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839 - 1901)

Pastor Stan  
WELLESLEY  
Organ

† Doxology  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Children's Message  
(Children Pre-K, Kindergarten & First Grades are invited to Children's Church.)

OLD 100th  
Lisa McDonald

### God Speaks Through His Word

Act of Praise  
*The Promised Land*  
Keoni Bolding, violin Meredith Taylor, djembe  
Scripture Reading  
Matthew 5:7  
Sermon  
"Blessed Are The Merciful"

Adult Choir  
Pastor Stan  
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### We Respond To God's Word

Invitation to Christian Discipleship  
† Closing Hymn No. 572  
*Pass It On*

Pastor Stan  
PASS IT ON



*Wade and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers,  
calls, texts and cards during Wade's surgery and recovery.  
We appreciate everyone's love and support. A special thank you  
to the Joy class and many others who provided food during the  
first weeks home. It was so appreciated and helpful in addition to  
being delicious. We have quite the cooks at our church! Thank you  
Stan for being by our side the whole time. We appreciate you.*

Anna and Wade Register

*We welcome violinist, Keoni Bolding  
to our service today.*

### Upcoming Events

April 15 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. SNL

April 22 - 2:00 p.m. Richard Gress, will present an  
organ recital in the sanctuary.

April 29 - 10:00 a.m. 5th Sunday Breakfast

April 29 - 6:00 p.m. Kids Musical!

The Kingdom Connection, will be presented in  
the sanctuary. You will not want to miss this!

May 6 - Final Sunday Night Live - Come join us for pancakes,  
games, and more! Parents and kids are welcome! Pre K - 12<sup>th</sup>



### Dad's and Donuts!

Calling all dads and or granddads!

On May the 5th the Children's ministry would like  
to invite all dads and or granddads to a  
breakfast with kids, dads, and or granddads!  
Breakfast will start at 9:00 am! If you have any  
questions then please contact Eric.



The sub district United Methodist Men will meet Monday,  
April 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Deepstep United Methodist  
Church. We will meet in the church parking lot on West side  
of church and leave at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to join us.

# Flowers for Worship

The flowers in the sanctuary  
are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Parrish's mother

**Laurie C. Conradi**

and in honor of Kim's mother

**Robin Jackson**

on her birthday

by Mr. & Mrs. Parrish David.



**On Sunday, April 29 Mr. Charlie  
Lindsey our Gideon Speaker will  
give a brief presentation in our 9:00  
and 11:00 services. We will receive  
an offering in both services, please  
be prepared to give. Stan will be  
preaching in both services.**

## 9:00 A.M. Chapel Service

Prelude  
† Greetings & Announcements  
† Hymn of Praise No. 359  
*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*  
† Hymn No. 349  
*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*  
Prayer  
† Offertory  
Offering of Our Tithes & Gifts  
Scripture Reading  
**Matthew 5:7**  
Sermon  
**"Blessed Are The Merciful"**  
† Closing Chorus No. 171  
*There's Something About That Name*

### Next week at Sandersville UMC

#### Sunday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Worship - Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School\*  
11:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary\*  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. SNL

#### Monday, April 16

6:30 p.m. United Methodist Men (sub district)  
meeting Deepstep

#### Tuesday, April 17

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 18

10:00 a.m. Newell S. Thompson Circle  
4:00 p.m. B.O.L.  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class  
6:00 p.m. Small Groups  
7:00 p.m. Adult choir practice

#### Thursday, April 19

11:00 a.m. Friendship Fellowship trip to Dublin

#### \*Nursery Provided

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**Ricky Pinkston**  
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#### Assisting in Worship

##### Worship Leader

Ed Scheff

##### Lay Reader

Kim David

##### Usher Captain

Steve Joiner

##### Acolytes

Samantha Carter

Kate Hudson

##### Children's Church

Lindsey Noggle

Bradley Tarbutton

##### Children's Message

Lisa McDonald

##### Infant Nursery Volunteer

Leslie Meeks

##### Toddler Nursery Volunteer

Mary Preston Alexander

##### Oliver's Outreach

Faye & Ben Salter  
& Norma Wright

## In Our Prayers Our Church Family

Tarver Averett Billy Kay  
Edna Bailey Dean McCaskill  
Pete Booth Carolyn Sheppard  
Ronnie Dorman

#### ECF Residents:

Alice Carlson Barbara Turner

Sue Durden

#### Home Bound:

Frances Miller

Carolyn Craft

#### Heritage Inn:

Idanne Buhler

Sarah Wilson

#### Tennille Assisted Living:

Carol Raines Vera Mimbs

Debbie Stanley

#### Pruitt Magnolia Manor (Moultrie GA):

JoAnn Marshall

## Friends & Family of the Church

Elizabeth Renee Johnson

Renea Johnson

*(Terry Veal's sister)*

Mark Waldrip

*(husband of Lynn Chapman Waldrip)*

Robert Sheppard

Sandra Waters

*(Debbie Wilcher's sister)*

Bonnie Smith

*(Phil Smith's mom)*

Larry Mathis

Pam Stewart

Adam Smith

*(Brittany Price's friends' son)*

Charles Lee

Betty Brett

Shannon Everett

Jessie McWhorter

*(Jessalyn Alexander's grandmother)*

Casey Ogden

Sissy English Cooper

*(Ted English's sister)*

Allyson Maffett

Joy Lord

John Dickey

Tom Siepp

Pat Wolfe

## Attendance & Stewardship

April 8, 2018

9:00 a.m. Sunday School	79
11:00 a.m. Worship	175
Total Worship	175
Weekly Need:	\$ 10,588.75
Given This Week:	\$ 9,375.00
Year to Date Need:	\$ 148,242.50
Given Year to Date:	\$ 151,685.62
Pledged:	\$ 550,615.00

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## Mercy In Wartime



In December 1943, German ace pilot Hanz Stigler had every reason to shoot down the American B-17 bomber in front of him. Enemy forces had already killed his brother early in the war and were now bombing German cities. Not only that, If Stigler took down this particular bomber, he would round out his kill-score and secure the German equivalent of the Medal of Honor.

As Stigler prepared to squeeze the trigger, he thought that it was strange that the bomber wasn't firing back at him. Going for a closer look, he saw the gunner dead and most of the crew wounded. The plane itself was riddled with bullets and struggling to stay aloft. In his heart, Stigler knew he would be killing men in cold blood. Instead, he opted to do the honorable thing—he signaled to the shocked American pilot and flew with the bomber to prevent it being targeted by anti-aircraft fire.

Stigler escorted the plane until they reached the North Sea, where he broke off and saluted his adversaries one last time. It was not until five decades later that the American pilot, Charles Brown, successfully tracked down the man who saved him. The two men became the best of friends, and as a show of thanks, Brown made Stigler the guest of honor at a reunion he had planned with his crewmen. They showed Stigler a video of their children and grandchildren, people who would not have lived were it not for his act of compassion.