

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. Please join us downstairs after worship for fellowship and refreshments hosted by our Peace Hospitality Group. **If you have children with you**, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY: Patience Hospitality Group. Contact Patty Keeney 828-783-0824

GRIEFSHARE: Mount Calvary Baptist Church is offering GriefShare sessions for anyone dealing with loss, Sunday nights from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Light refreshments and child care will be provided. The class will continue through 5/25.

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED for the Humane Society. If you have any, there is a box at the front of the church.

FINANCIAL HELP AVAILABLE: If you know someone impacted by Helene who would benefit from financial help, reach out to Mike Brown at (828) 898-3079.

BIBLE STUDIES: Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at arbordalechurch@gmail.com to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study. You can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email about our upcoming Sunday Service.

OFFERINGS: The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs, and a link on the website to donate on-line.

2025 DIRECTORY: If you would like the digital version or prefer a printed copy, please email keeneyplk@gmail.com.

ELDER ON CALL: April 27 Jackie Kirkland 828-773-4204

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"We do not know . . . how can we know the way?"

*Courageous master of the awkward question,
You spoke the words the others dared not say
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.*

*O doubting Thomas, father of my faith,
You put your finger on the nub of things:
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,
Feel after him and find him in the flesh.
Because he loved your awkward counter-point,
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.
O place my hands with yours, help me divine
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

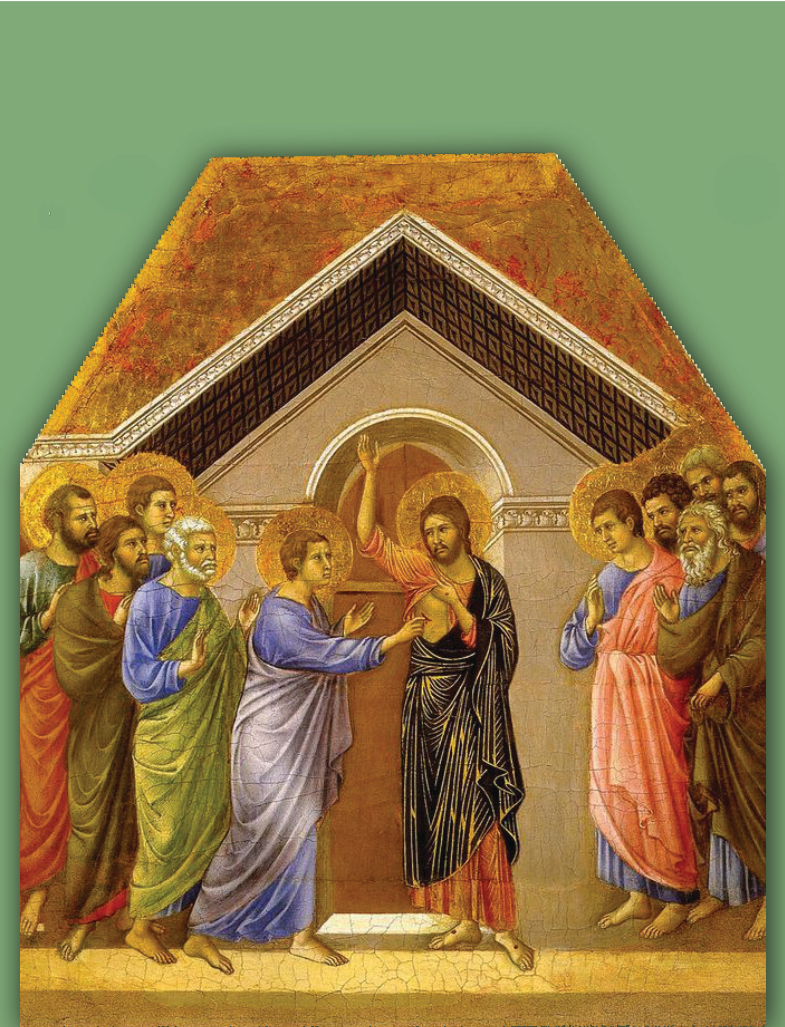
*"Resurrected Lord, you whom death could not conquer,
make dry bones live, awaken deadened minds,
revive barren hearts, restore broken relations,
and make streams appear in the wastelands
of our lives, we pray, so that we might experience your
resurrection power this day and praise you with shouts
of joy. We pray this in the name of Jesus,
the One who raises us up to new life. Amen."*

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Service for the Lord's Day
April 27, 2025



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



GREETING

Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: He is Risen Indeed!

PRELUDE 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
(see insert to follow along)

- * CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 150
- * HYMN of PRAISE #365 Alleluia! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that nothing is able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us in freedom confess the wrong we have done.
~ based on Romans 8:39

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you have searched us and known us. You know not only what we say, but also what we think. You know not only what we say, but also what we almost said. You know how quickly our thoughts rise to praise ourselves because we are well-off or good-looking or healthy or smart, boasting of your gifts as if they were our accomplishments. You know how slowly our thoughts sink to accuse ourselves even when we have turned our backs on you, fascinating ourselves with alien gods whose calling we heed while ignoring your own. Quickly boasting, slowly accusing, truly we need to repent. O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ~1 Peter 2:24, NRSV

* PASSING THE PEACE

* DOXOLOGY

* CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator 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. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again 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.

* PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in your Mercy
People: Hear our prayer

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #368 He Lives

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON John 20:24-31
"How Doubt Can Lead to Faith"
Rick Breusch

* COMMUNION HYMN Christ is the Life of the World (See insert)

* CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* HYMN OF SENDING At this very Time (See insert)

* BENEDICTION