

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray For - Our Nation, Our Church; Our Pastor, Our Staff, Our Officers, Campus Ministry, Our Community and especially:



MEMBERS AND CHURCH FRIENDS

HOMEBOUND &/OR IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Bob & B.J. Bryan

Rev. Bill Gettys

Mary Mackey

Nancy Miller

MEMBERS REMEMBERED IN PRAYER WITH PRAYER GRAM ROTATION

Russ and Jo Childers

Mary Catron

SPECIAL PRAYER FOR:

- The family of Thomas Brown (Cathy Clark Reynolds' cousin) who passed away from COVID-19
- Nelda Priddy (Camron Cummings' Nana) diagnosed with lupus)
- Pray for Steve and Beth Spoon (Melanie's in-laws) - Steve has ALS
- Debra Sams (sister of Joy Thompson) diagnosed with peritoneal carcinoma
- Shannon Kennedy (cancer; McFarlands' niece)

MISSIONARIES REMEMBERED IN PRAYER

- Benji & Esther Campbell, Push the Rock Intl.
- Lois & Tim Hunter, Wycliffe Bible Translators
- Anne D (India) Retired Presbyterian Missionary

Please notify the church office at 924-2162 or office@americuspresbyterian.org if you would like to add someone to our prayer list and/or request a PrayerGram.

First Presbyterian Church Americus, Georgia

A community of faith, responding to God's call
Loving, learning and leading people to Jesus Christ.



Welcome to Easter Worship!

Pastor Sommer will be leading communion on the radio and on our church Facebook livestream. You are invited to participate in communion wherever you are. Traditionally, any bread product (sliced bread, whole loaves, flatbread, pita, matzo crackers, rolls, any crackers, etc.) and any "fruit of the vine" (juices made from grapes) are acceptable to use for the Lord's Supper. As a community of faith, we will all celebrate communion together in worship this morning.

WAYS TO WORSHIP:



RADIO

Church Service will continue to be on the radio.
You are encouraged to tune in to WISK radio 98.7
or on the radio website www.americusradio.com

FACEBOOK

You can join us for Sunday Worship via Facebook live
where you can see and hear Pastor Sommer deliver the message in
person. Visit: for live stream at 11:15 am on the church
Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/fpcamericus/>

CHURCH WEBSITE

If you cannot participate in Facebook Live then after the live stream
is complete, the live stream will be on our church website
www.americuspresbyterian.org

WAY TO CONTINUE GIVING:

You can now **GIVE ONLINE** on the church website
through a secure portal hosted by Presbyterian Foundation:
<http://www.americuspresbyterian.org/give/>

or

Mail your offerings to:
First Presbyterian Church
125 S. Jackson St.
Americus, GA 31709

Easter

Yesterday we had lost so much
we lost the light
we lost the argument
we lost love
we lost life
we lost God
we lost Jesus

But this morning we found
the tomb - empty
the morning - bright
the gardener - walking
the stone - rolled
the disciples - running
the women - proclaiming
the resurrection - waiting
and Jesus - risen

It is good we have found our way here
this is Easter Day
love is back
good morning

~ written by Roddy Hamilton and posted on the
New Kilpatrick Parish Church website. <https://www.nkchurch.org.uk/original-liturgy>

IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty,

Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.



Sunday, April 12, 2020- 11:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday

*All Are Invited to Stand in Body or in Spirit
 The congregation is invited to respond at the **bold** print

PRELUDE

Camron Cummings, Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Sommer Bower

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hold your head high, Christ has risen!
 Death has been conquered.
 Christ has restored us to new life.
 All that is broken has been made whole.*

**Where, O death, is your victory?
 Where, O death, is your sting?**

*Hold your head high, Christ has risen!
 From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark Friday,
 passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy,
 we arrive at Easter.
 We know that joy and sorrow,
 life and death are bound together.*

**By the power of God, the cross could not defeat Christ.
 The tomb could not hold him.**

*Hold your head high, Christ has risen!
 Carry forward God's healing.
 Carry it to a world where truth and justice
 triumph over evil and oppression.
 You have been called out of death and into new life!*

**Rejoice! Life bursts through death.
 Jesus Christ is alive for evermore! Alleluia!**

~ used in worship at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church, Easter Sunday 2012.
 Posted on covered in the master's dust. <http://mastersdust.com/tag/easter-litany/>

***HYMN (Blue 123)**....."Jesus Christ is Risen Today".....

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you*

Let us share the peace of Christ with our neighbors.

***HYMN (Blue 108)**.....“Christ is Alive!”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and eternal God, you make foolish the wisdom of the world. Through the foolishness of the cross, you save those who believe. Help us, O God, believe not only with our lips but also with our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE“You know the story. But is it real to you?”

Pastor Sommer Bower

176 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty; un - to

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty,

king - dom au - thor - i - ty, flow from his throne un - to his own;

his an - them raise. So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of

Je - sus. Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the King.

The musical score is written for piano in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a melody in the right hand and a harmonic accompaniment in the left hand. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) throughout the piece.

Witnesses

(based on Luke 24:36-48, John 20:19-31)

How do we find the faith to believe the story of Easter, Jesus?
How do we grasp its truth?
We can only accept it;
refusing to reduce it to scientific debate
or historical literalism
kneeling with humility and awe beside the blood-stained cross
and the empty grave;
For then, we are your witnesses.

How do we understand the mystery of your death and life, Jesus?
How do we explain it?
We can only live it;
allowing it to permeate every grain
of this sand that forms us,
every thought, every priority, every act and every interaction,
For then we are your witnesses,
and you deserve nothing less from us.
Amen.

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OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY (Blue 592)**.....“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN (Blue 104)**.....“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*We are celebrating communion today by intinction.
As you dip the bread into the juice, be reminded that Jesus’
resurrection from the dead means new life for you as well.
Rejoice in the mercy and the salvation
found in the empty tomb.*

***HYMN (Insert)**.....“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”
(sing the hymn twice)

*BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**.....Camron Cummings, Organist

