

**\*HYMN #376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL RESPONSE**

*God be with you 'til we meet again;  
By His counsel guide uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you,  
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another as you depart.

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**Announcements**

We welcome The Rev. Gerald Stephens back.

There will be a congregational meeting following worship, today to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The Book Discussion Group will meet tonight at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing “Muhammad: A Prophet for Our Time” by Karen Armstrong. Join us!

We have Bible Study every Tuesday’s at 9 AM here. The Rev. Buddy Freeman and Ann Scott are leading our study on Matthew.

Campus Ministry meets on Thursday nights at 7:30 PM for supper and devotion.

**Our Vision**

*At Montevallo Presbyterian Church, we will*

- *glorify God*
- *grow as disciples, and*
- *care for people and creation.*

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**Prayer Concerns**

The Bidwell family  
Ralph Bidwell  
Mary Caley  
Molly Clark and family  
Lelia Galloway  
Johnnie Hall  
Leo and Christine Horton  
Jeanette Houts  
Tammy Pennington  
Bailey Santa Cruz and family

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**Church Directory**

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Stacie Harris – Secretary  
Frances Albright - Organist

**Class of 2008**

Mike Pickett  
Judy Rogers

**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2009**  
Gene Grimes  
Michele Pawlik

**Class of 2010**

Jane Clayton  
Bill Peters

*Montevallo Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*The Service for the Lord’s Day  
Second Sunday of Easter*

*March 30, 2008*

*11:00 A.M.*



*To all who are weary and need rest, who are lonely and desire companionship, who mourn and want comfort, who sin and need a Savior, and to whoever wishes to come, this church opens its doors.*

## *Welcome*

We are delighted to welcome our visitors, friends and members this morning as we worship God, on this Second Sunday of Easter. You are invited to prepare your heart and mind for worship in silence during the prelude. \* indicates moments in the service when you are invited to stand if you are able.

## *We Prepare*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!*

### **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come again to celebrate  
resurrection. God gives us new birth  
into a living hope.

People: **Death has no power over us.  
Christ goes before us in the new life  
God offers.**

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus  
Christ! Our faith, tested by fire, is renewed.

People: **Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice.  
God shows us the path of life. Again,**

Leader: Jesus says to us: Peace be with you.  
Come to receive life in Christ's name.

All: **We rejoice in God's amazing good  
news. In God's presence, we find  
fullness of joy.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE #485**

*"To God Be the Glory"*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgive us, God, for seeking to limit your truth to what we can understand, give us for chasing after gods of our own making. We are so busy with them that we forget to open ourselves to your larger reality. We reduce the circles of connection and caring that Jesus demonstrated. Goodness is crucified by our narrow prejudices, and our doubts plunge us into despair. Be to us a refuge, granting us courage to face the questions that haunt us until they lead to deeper understanding. Amen.

### **SILENCE**

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

#### **\*HYMN OF GRACE**

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found, was blind but now I see.*

## *We Hear*

### **MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN**

**FIRST READING** ..... Psalm 16

**SECOND READING** ..... I Peter 1:3-9

**THIRD READING** ..... Luke 24:13-49

**SERMON** ..... "Ministry in the Wrong Direction"

#### **\*HYMN #108**

*"Christ Is Alive!"*

## *We Respond*

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

#### **The Apostle's 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 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.

### **SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **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.

### **THE OFFERING OF GIFTS**

#### **\*THE DOXOLOGY (UNISON, #592)**

*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**