

TODAY'S SERVICE

Lighting of the Paschal Candle, A Great Thanksgiving, and A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bold text indicates congregation participation.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion/Eucharist is a table open to all who wish to receive. Today, we combine the tradition of the Episcopal and United Methodist by offering two options for service. Each serving station will offer bread and two cups: the blue chalice is grape juice and you may receive your bread and dip it in the juice and eat; the tan chalice is wine and you may eat your bread and then sip from the cup.

Worship Leaders

- † Rev. Ann Dieterle
Rector of St. Paul Episcopal Church
- † Rev. Karen Roberts
Pastor of Wilkesboro United Methodist Church
- † Rev. Dn. Susan Whittington
Deacon at St. Paul Episcopal Church
- † Carla Bowers
Music Director of St. Paul Episcopal Church
- † Dr. Jim Brooks
Music Director of Wilkesboro United Methodist Church
- † Brass Band under the direction of John Patton
with Joe Brooks, Louise Hanville, Mike Hanville, Chase Pevette, Aaron Shire, Avery Stone, and Rachel Styers



WELCOME ALL IN THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

You are invited to attend the following Easter events after today's Sunrise Service:

- † St. Paul Episcopal Church
7:30am Breakfast
9:30am Choral Easter Service
- † Wilkesboro United Methodist Church
7:30am Breakfast
9:00am Contemporary Worship Service
10:00am Sunday School—classes for all ages
11:00am Traditional Worship Service
Special music provided by the Chancel Choir and a Brass Trio



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
200 W. Cowles Street, Wilkesboro NC
336-667-4231 * stpaulwilkesboro.org

Sunday Services:

- 8:30am Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary
- Fifth Sunday: One service at 9:30am.



Wilkesboro United Methodist Church
309 W. Main Street, Wilkesboro NC
(336)818-0552 * wilkesboroumc.com

Sunday Services:

- 9:00am Contemporary Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00am Sunday School, Educational Building
- 11:00am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- Fifth Sunday: Same schedule with the exception of Sunday Brunch in place of Sunday School at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

First Annual Wilkes Community Sunrise Service



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

6:45 a.m.

**Carolina West Pavilion
100 West Main Street
Wilkesboro, North Carolina**

Gathering

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Prayer of Light...

Holy Father, accept our sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor.

May it shine continually to drive away all darkness.

The light of Christ rises in glory overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Accept this Easter Candle, a flame divided but undimmed, a pillar of fire that glows to your honor. Let it mingle with the lights of heaven, and continue to bravely burn to dispel the darkness of the night!

The light of Christ rises in glory overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

May the morning star, which never sets, find this flame still burning. Christ, the morning star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns forever and ever.

The light of Christ rises in glory overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Amen.

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Proclamation of Life

Choir *Now the Green Blade Riseth* J.M.C. Crum

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8

Homily

A Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

...And so we join the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory, as we say,

**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.

Giving the Bread and Cup

My Lord, What a Morning

Soloist—Carla Bowers

Hymn

Christ Is Alive

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now,
and conquer every place and time.
3. Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Saviour, with the Father reigns.
4. In every insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.
5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

Dismissal with Blessing

