

Greeters Today: Linda Hall and Megan & Anna Kate Cooper
 Greeter Next Week: John Blake
Note: Greeters, if you will not be available a particular Sunday, please contact Barbara at the church office.
 Nursery Today: Norma Smith and Carol White
 Nursery Next Week: Sam and Erin Evans
Note: Nursery Volunteers, if you switch your scheduled day, please contact Barbara at the church office after calling Retha to change your day.
 Young Disciples' Worship: Tim & Holly Briscoe
 Deacon of the Week: Retha Robinette (676-2283)
 Deacon of the Week Next Week: Sandi Puckett (429-5218)

This Week's Events

Sun.	March 18	9:45am 11:00am After worship 2:30-4:00pm 5:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service Children's rehearsal Choir practice with Old Glade Lenten study with supper
Wed.	March 21	10:00am 7:00pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Choir practice
Thurs.	March 22	7:00pm	Deacons meeting
Sat.	March 24	9:00am-Noon	Church "Spring Clean-Up" day

Coming Soon

Sun.	March 25	9:45am 11:00am After worship After worship 5:30pm	Sunday School Worship Service-Two Cents Meal Congregational Meeting Children's rehearsal Lenten study with supper
Wed.	March 28	10:00am 7:00-8:30pm	Bible Study/Prayer Group Choir practice at Old Glade
Thurs.	March 29	1:30pm	Care Ministry Meeting at the home of Mary Jane Crosby

A member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Abingdon Presbytery
Green Spring Presbyterian Church
 serves Jesus Christ at
 22007 Green Spring Church Road, Abingdon, VA 24211
 Adult & Children Sunday School Classes at 9:45am
 Worship Service & Young Disciples' Worship at 11:00am
 Nursery Provided
 Pastor's study and fax line (276) 628-7739 Pastor's cell # (276) 206-6370
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Welcome



4th Sunday In Lent

Green Spring Presbyterian Church

A place to worship, to serve, to belong ... Since 1781

March 18, 2012

Reverend Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor

Order of Worship

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Prelude *Great is the Lord* arr. Coe

Welcome and Announcements

Passing the Peace

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Choral Introit *What Wondrous Love is This* Appalachian

*Call to Worship

One: Yet even now, says the Lord,

All: Return to me with all your heart,

One: For God is gracious and merciful,

All: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship God.

*Hymn #43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you sent your Son to show us the way, to be the light of the world. This sending is the visible expression of your grace and mercy. Help us follow this way and stay in the light, for we are easily distracted. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander from this Lenten road we travel to Easter day, and remind us that we follow Jesus Christ and none other. Amen.

*Response of Praise (Insert, *Lord Have Mercy*)

*Affirmation of Faith (Romans 8:1-4)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has

done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Time with Young Disciples***

*Hymn (Insert) *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*

Dedication of Cross and Candlesticks

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

The Offering

Offertory *The Power of Your Love* Bullock

*Doxology (#809) Teresa Halsey, Soloist

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Anthem *There is A Balm in Gilead* Spiritual

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading Mark 2:29-39

One: The Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *An Engaging God* Jon Martin

*Hymn #659 *A Charge to Keep I Have*

*Benediction

*Choral Response *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights* Tallis

*Postlude

*Congregation please stand.

*** K through 5th grade depart for Young Disciples' Worship following the Time with Young Disciples.

Jon Elliott Martin, Pastor
Barbara King, Secretary/Office Manager
Kevin Flannagan, Choir Director
Patti Quarles, Accompanist

- ◆ A copy of the *2012 Gospel Singing Schedule for Watauga Chapel* is included in today's bulletin. There are extra copies in the vestibule if you want to take one to a friend.



- ◆ The deadline to put anything in the next issue of *Gleanings* is March 26th. Send to gspchurch@comcast.net or call the church office at 628-6288.

- ◆ On Good Friday (April 6) at 7:00pm, the choirs of Green Spring and Old Glade Presbyterian Churches will be presenting a special Good Friday Tenabre Service of music and scripture readings. Last year the service was held at Old Glade, this year we will be hosting the service. Make plans now to attend this powerful service!

- ◆ The **Chuck Wagon Gang** will be here at Green Spring Church on Sunday evening, April 29th. The time will be announced at a later date. Mark your calendar for that date.

- ◆ **Mark your calendars** : The wedding of Shane McBride and Rebekah Todd will be on June 23, 2012 at 2:00pm at the Abingdon Bible Church. More information to follow.



- ◆ Greeters are needed for the Sunday worship services for June thru December. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the vestibule. Please sign it as you leave today.

- ◆ In order that we may know who is attending worship, especially the visitors, would **everyone** please fill out the pad in the pew and pass it to the next person beside you. Thank you.

- ◆ Last Sunday there were 117 in worship. The offering total was \$4,266.00, broken down as follows: General Fund \$3,966.00, Memorials Gifts \$300.00.

- ◆ Next week's readings are: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33.

† OUR CHURCH AT WORK †

March 18, 2012

- ◆ **Welcome to all!** *We are delighted that God led you to worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor and interested in learning more about our church fellowship, please call the pastor at church, 628-7739 or his cell phone, 206-6370. Also, please take a moment to fill out the 'Visitors Card' and place it in the offering plate, giving us the opportunity to welcome you and to know more about you. Note that a 'pew reservation sign' has been placed at the end of the last center pew to reserve this seating for those with special needs. Please turn off cellular phones upon entering the Sanctuary, frequencies interfere with microphones.*

- ◆ *On behalf of the Green Spring Church, the Session has received a generous gift of a large cross and two candlesticks to be placed on the communion table and become part of the regular furnishings of the sanctuary. This beautiful set is given in memory of Ralph Lee Puckett by his family, and we will dedicate it as part of our worship this morning.*



- ◆ This Sunday let us pray for the following: **Jack Briscoe, John Clark, Richard Briscoe, John Briscoe, Kimberly Getto, Rhett Quarles, Lois Gillespie, Sally Brown, Hale triplets, Kitty Pelfrey, Tim Nichols, Leroy Jones, Bob Wright, Helen Garland, Elizabeth Ponder,**

Barbara Adams, Michelle Sisson, Doris Poe, David King, Bob Lowe, Lynn McConnell, Nancy Thompson, Jim Groseclose, Sara Lawson, Ann Lowry, Carolyn Deaton, Virginia Thompson, Connie & Tom Counts, Edna McConnell, Bill & Marge Margerum, Sandra Wimmer, Monica Hayden, Lena McVey, Dottie McGrady, Janet McCauley, Erma Combs, Rhonda Moore, Carter Garrett, Jr., Marshall Jones, Barbara Blevins, Edith Ratliff, Brenda Sprinkle, Karen Combs, Dr. Jim Gardner, Eva Bailey, Bo Miller, Phyllis Garner, Nancy Greary, Rickey White, Terry White, Margaret Altizer, Roberta Richey, Jackie Cantrell and Helen Carter.

- ◆ **Note:** Please use the **colored cards** in the pew racks for **prayer requests**. Place them in the offering plate, during the offering.

◆During the season of Lent, we will be singing *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* in place of the *Gloria Patri*. The *Gloria Patri* will return on Easter Day. (see insert)

◆Children's rehearsals will be held today after worship until 1:30pm.

◆**Note to choir:** We will practice with the Old Glade Choir this afternoon here at Green Spring from 2:30-4:00pm to prepare for the Good Friday service.

◆Our middle hymn, *Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries*, is part of a program called "Many Voices, One Song" that is asking congregations in the Presbyterian Church to sing the same song in worship on the same day. This program which is sponsored by the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song is using these events to celebrate and encourage congregational singing. As you sing this song, remember your sisters and brothers throughout the Presbyterian Church who are also singing this hymn today.

◆Today is the **last day** to order an Easter lily. Barbara will be in the vestibule after worship today to take your orders. The cost is \$9.00 each. Extra forms are available if you don't have one.



◆Lenten Study with a simple supper this evening from 5:30-7:15pm in the fellowship hall. Come and be fed body and spirit. Tonight's Lenten Study is *Jesus off the Page and on the Screen*, part 2. Next Sunday, March 25 is the final Lenten supper program. We will be having a service of worship in the Taize tradition. Taize is a spiritual community in France with a unique style of worshipping through sung prayer. A small ensemble will lead the music for the service. Kevin hopes that many people will come and experience this and learn more about the Taize community.

◆**Want to Help Spruce up the Church before Easter?**

More clean-up to be done on the church. If you didn't get to work yesterday, you can help next Saturday, March 24 from 9:00am-Noon. Sign-up sheets for each job that needs to be done are on the table in the vestibule.

◆Our Christian love & sympathy is extended to the Hall family at the death of Oma's brother, Ralph Austin. Please keep this family in your prayers



◆Gifts were received in memory of **Loretta McCauley** from Ann Abel, Bill & Jane LaRue, Linda Sweet, Bucky & Patsy Buchanan, Tom & Edna McConnell, George & Barbara King, Rick & Linda Hall, Jasper & Rita Reynolds, Malcolm & Claudia Sprinkle, James Baulding, Eugene Simpson, David, Johnsie and Hunter Hale, Thelma Wall & family, Don & Laura Quesenberry and Barbara J. Rawman. A gift was received for the Cemetery Fund in memory of **Frank Preston** from Ann Abel. A gift was received from Bob & Lois Gillespie in memory of **Nancy Lowry**.

◆A total of **321** jars of peanut butter has been collected towards our "1,000 jars" goal for 2012.

◆A "**Kitchen Renovation Suggestion Box**" with suggestion cards has been placed on the table in the vestibule. Please take a card, fill it out and place it in the box for the Kitchen Renovation Committee.



◆The **Deacons** will meet on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.

◆The "**Two Cents Per Meal**" offering will be received **next** Sunday, March 25th. These monies are used in the Presbytery and around the world to help fight hunger.



◆There will be a Congregational Meeting after worship next Sunday, March 25th. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the Nominating Committee.

◆The **Care Ministry Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 29 at 1:30pm at the home of Mary Jane Crosby.

◆THERE ARE SEVERAL DATES AVAILABLE TO PLACE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

REFRESHMENTS
FOR
THE GOSPEL SINGING
SERVICES
AT
WATAUGA CHAPEL

More women are needed to assist with the refreshments for the Sunday night services at Watauga Chapel this year. Some women have been serving two times or more.

If you have not been helping and are willing to make cookies, call Connie Counts (628-3828) or Ann Sprinkle (628-3579).

Please respond promptly so all helpers can be scheduled.

(Each person needs to provide at least 4 dozen cookies)

HOLY WEEK AT GREEN SPRING



April 1- While **Holy Week** begins, we remember **Jesus'** entry into Jerusalem on his way to the cross, as we worship and celebrate with a special **Palm/Passion Sunday** service with Communion. The Children will be singing during this morning's worship service. There will be waving of lots of palm branches.



We invite you to join us for our '**Maundy Thursday**' service, Thursday, April 5th at 7:00pm. This will be a service of scripture and prayer as we celebrate '**Holy Communion**' in solemn remembrance of **Jesus'** Last Supper. There will be 'special music' from the choir.



On Good Friday, April 6th at 7:00pm, the congregations of Green Spring and Old Glade Presbyterian Churches will be combining for a special Tenebrae Service here at Green Spring. This is a very moving service you will not want to miss!



Make plans now to attend our **Easter "SUNRISE SERVICE"** on April 8th at 7:00am.

After the service join all in the fellowship hall for a '**delicious breakfast**' hosted by the Deacons.



The **Easter Sunday** morning worship service will be at 11:00am. The sanctuary will be adorned with Easter Lilies and there will be '**special music**' from the *Choir and the Children*.

"**One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering**" will be received during the worship service on Easter Sunday.

