



Ellijay First United Methodist Church

75 McCutchen Street, P.O. Box 472

Ellijay, GA 30540

Dr. John Brantley

April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship - The Color is White

The Worship of God - Holy Communion

Welcome and Announcements

The Chiming of the Hour

Focusing Words: Turn your eyes to the heavens. Turn your gaze to hope and life.
For in hope and life, we find Jesus, the Risen Christ who shines in our midst
with the light of heaven above.

Prelude

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

with Concerto #21

Mozart/McKechnie

***Call to Worship**

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

arr. by David Danner

† The Greeting

Leader: Christ is alive,

People: moving among the living.

Leader: Christ is risen,

People: inviting us to rise in fullness of life..

Leader: Christ is calling,

People: proclaiming life and hope for all.

† The Invocation

† The Hymn of Praise

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

UMH 302

Vs. 1 Choir Only

Vs. 2-4 Congregation

† **The Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose 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.

† **The Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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 Hymn of Preparation**

“He Lives”

UMH 310

† *Congregation Standing (as able)*
**11:00 am Service Only*
8:45 am Service Only

UMH-United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS-The Faith We Sing

You Are Welcome Here

You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your Heavenly Father. Come then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips, into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the men and women who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this historic place of worship and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with prayer and praise. Beseech His blessings on those who love this house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest upon your going out and your coming in.

The Worship with Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Music “The Day of Resurrection” 12 Bells
by Henry T. Smart
arr. by Patricia Cota

† The Presentation and Doxology

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

The Anthem “The Risen Lamb”
by Lee Dengler & Susan Naus Dengler

The Scripture John 20:1-18 NRSV

The Sermon “He Did Not Go In” Pastor

† The Closing Hymn “Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH 322

† The Benediction

***† The Choral Benediction** “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

The Postlude “Recessional in C” *arr. by Robert Hughes*

Our Service of Worship has ended
Our Worship through Service begins

Invitation to Church Membership

Anyone wishing to join this church by profession of faith or by transfer of your membership, please come forward during the closing hymn or speak to the pastor following worship. Know that you are always welcome.

John 20: 1-18

The Resurrection of Jesus

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then

Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
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Grief Support Group

A new series of grief support groups will begin the week of April 10th.

Call Paula Acree at 770-570-9958 for more information or to register.

Our Presence

April 2 - Total - 151

STRINGS IN THE SPRING - April 30th

Bring your acoustic string instruments to worship and join in this special day of praise.



More information to follow



Stephen Ministry Support

**But I call to God, and the Lord saves me.
Psalms 55:16**

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Single Mingle Activities

Apr. 9: Game Day
EFUMC 2:00-4:00
Apr. 16: Community Chorus
Ellijay Elementary School 4:00
Apr. 20: Out to Dinner 4:30
Apr. 23: Game Day
EFUMC 2:00-4:00
Apr. 30: Game Day
EFUMC 2:00-4:00

What's Happening This Week at Ellijay First United Methodist Church

Prayers For The Week

Oral Adkins & Family
Megan Atkinson
Phil Bennett
Diana Butram
Raven Calhoun
Rose Chastain
Mary Thelma Cole
Jo Jo Davis
Todd De La Rosa
Emma Ford
Shelby Graham
Caleb Grizzle
Ron Hall
Rosie Haney
Gwendolynn Hanish
Marie Holt
Hudson David Irvin - infant
Barbara Johnson
Shannon Leeper
Jackie Leva
Ethelyne Lingle
Sandy Locklear
Tom & Mary Jo Lowery
Lynn McKibbin
Jeanne Munson
Andrea O'Connor
Patrick O'Donnell
Bill Patton
George Paxson
Phil Perry
Josh Powell
Ansleigh Richardson
Pat Roller
Sam, Hannah, Alex & Jordyn Schaich
Scott
Kevin Seligmann
Bob Steif
Ryan Summers
Jerry Tuso
Bryan Urquhart
Karen Vitelli
Kay Willis

Calendar for the Week April 9, 2023

Sunday, April 9th

Happy Easter

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
Logan Funeral Home Pavilion
8:45 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. Pot Luck Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Easter Egg Hunt
2:00 - 4:00 Single Mingle
Game Day

Monday, April 10th

4:00 p.m. Zumba

Tuesday, April 11th

11:00 a.m. Bible Study
3:00 p.m. NOGS

Wednesday, April 12th

3:30 p.m. LLJ Kids

Thursday, April 13th

4:00 p.m. Zumba

Saturday, April 15th

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
9:00 a.m. YOGA

Sunday, April 16th

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Single Mingle
Community Chorus
6:00 p.m. Youth Group



Firestarters' Prayer for the Week

When our eyes wander from you, Lord, we see only the brokenness of human striving and despair. Yet, even on that bleak horizon, we also see your arms stretched out on the cross. We see you, Lord, beginning and ending everything with love. Amen.

CLC Run for the Son

Our Church has a team for the 'CLC Run For the Son 5k' on May 6, 2023. The Entry Fee is \$25 until 4/28, after 4/28 the entry fee is \$30. To join the church team all forms and money need to be turned in by Sunday April 30.

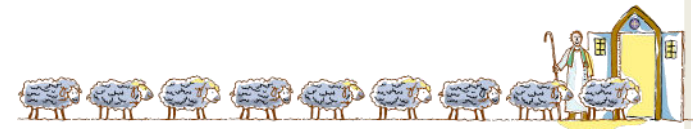
You can register online at www.gilmerclc.org/5k.

You can pick up a paper registration form in the church office.

For more information or questions please contact Logan Mashburn at 706-273-9664 or loganmashburn712@gmail.com.

IF YOU REGISTER ONLINE MAKE SURE YOU PUT ELLIJAY FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN THE TEAM BOX

LIJ Kids News



All children ages 4 years thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for LIJ Kids!
You are invited! Bible Story, Crafts, Games, Music, Fun

“WHERE KIDS CAN HAVE A BLAST LEARNING GOD’S WORD”
A GREAT PLACE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS, BRING FRIENDS, PLAY, PRAY,
LAUGH AND LEARN ABOUT GOD Wednesday 3:30-5:00

**I hope to see you Wednesday at 3:30 to finish
our lesson on The Lord’s Prayer**



Thank You!

Special thanks to the congregation for the many egg contributions. The children will definitely have a fun time today!



Apr: 9: Allen Fanelli
Apr: 11: David Westmoreland
Apr: 14: Donna Carlsen
Apr: 14: Cathy Harrison
Apr: 15: Donna Hester
Apr: 15: Caryl Putman

Our Gifts of Time

Church Lock-up

4/3-4/9 Katherine Meyer
 Miriam Niemira
4/10-4/16 Lloyd Vautrot
 Bill Munson

Greeters

4/9 8:45 Narthex Bill Johnson
 Portico Bob Stephens
 Office Kathy Stephens
 11:00 Narthex Jean Smilie
 Portico Stacey Davis
 Office Gene Evans
4/16 8:45 Narthex Bill Johnson
 Portico Stacy Graham
 Office Mike Graham
 11:00 Narthex Sandy Williams
 Portico Nathan Grice
 Office Logan Mashburn

Save The Date

April 22: High Tea
June 19 - 23: Vacation Bible School