

## Upcoming Events and Information

**Tues April 25:** Women's Zoom Study 6:30 PM

**Sun April 30:** Sperryville Genesis Study

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**FLINT HILL:** 10 Jake Thompson, 18 Mary Thompson

**SPERRYVILLE:** 8 Greg Wayland

**WILLIS CHAPEL:** 6 John Myers, 7 Paige Myers,  
15 Brad Williams, 18 Neal Myers, Sr

### Food Pantry Mission: APRIL

Infants, toddlers (diapers and wipes)

Adults ("Depends" M, L, and XL)

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### OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, source of all goodness, you hear our cries and you answer. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts to you. We bring our offerings, as a gift of thanksgiving for your presence in our lives. We are your servants, and we offer ourselves with joy. Amen.



Rappahannock  
United Methodist Charge



## 3rd Sunday of Easter

**April 23, 2023**

### Sunday Morning Worship

8:45 AM: Flint Hill

9:55 AM: Willis Chapel

11:15 AM: Sperryville



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# **RAPPAHANNOCK CHARGE**

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 2023**

**\*Standing**

## **PRELUDE**

## **ENTER LIGHT OF CHRIST**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus join us on our journey.

**Plant the seed of new life within us.**

Help us nurture each other and grow.

**Let us trust in your loving presence through our worship today**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God, create in us this day receptive hearts. Nurture us with your loving presence. If our love fails, water us with your living water so we will not fade. Restore us and reconcile us to you. Open our eyes so that we may see your glories. Open our ears that we may hear your will. Open our hearts that we may receive your grace and mercy and love. Amen**

### **\*HYMN 318 Christ is Alive**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of love and compassion, we often fail to understand the truth of your love. We are frequently confused and filled with doubt. Life can feel meaningless. We hunger for your love and grace. Meet our confusion with the truth of your presence. Feed us with the true bread of life, and help us change our hearts and lives, that we may follow you with joy. Amen**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*God's promises are for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, God invites us to a new and holy life in Christ, forgiving and blessing us all.*

### **HYMN 357 Just as I Am**

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Open our ears, that we may hear your message. Teach us your truth, and sow the seed of your eternal, life-giving word within us, that we may grow in love. Amen.*

### **Isaiah 40:3-8**

### **Luke 24:13-35**

### **PSALTER: Psalm 116 P837-838**

### **SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 1:13-25**

### **SERMON "Imperishable Seed"**

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD P320**

## **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN 370 Victory in Jesus**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*HYMN 666 Shalom to You**