

## DATES TO SAVE

April 26th	Deacons Blood Drive
May 14th	Jr. High Car Wash
May 25th	Youth Mission Golf Outing
June 5th	Confirmation Sunday
June 11th	Sr. High Car Wash
June 11th -12th	Baker's Wife Youth Choir Production
June 27-July 1st	Summer Day Camp
July 10th-15th	Jr. High Pittsburgh Project
July 10th	Ocean Grove Choir Festival
July 30th- Aug. 6th	Sr. High Pittsburgh Project
August 22nd-28th	Choir Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
AND JOIN US FOR ANY OR ALL OF THESE EVENTS!

### JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

At our regular worship times, 8:30 in the Chapel, 10:00am in the Sanctuary\*

*\*EXCEPT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH, WHEN WE ALL  
WORSHIP TOGETHER AT 10:00AM*



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**EASTER DAWN CELEBRATION**  
**THE OLD BURIAL GROUND**  
**THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT CALDWELL**  
**March 27, 2016**  
**6:30AM**

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**WORDS OF WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

There was darkness over the earth before creation;  
**There is darkness in the womb before birth;**  
The seed grows in darkness before it meets the light;  
**There is darkness in the tomb before resurrection.**  
But now Christ is risen!  
**The dawn has come.**  
A new creation has commenced.  
**The world is born anew.**  
Christ is Risen.  
**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**  
Thanks be to God!  
**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

**THE ACCOUNT OF THE RESURRECTION ACCORDING TO JOHN 20:1-18**

*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. <sup>2</sup>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." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.*

*<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.'" <sup>18</sup>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.*

Leader: This is the gospel of our Risen Lord.  
People: **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HYMN**

*"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

<b>1.</b> Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!	<b>2.</b> Hymns of praise, then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
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**OLD TESTAMENT READING — ISAIAH 65:17-25**

*<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord— and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.*

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**PRAYER AND 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.**

**CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING**

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**You are invited to share an Easter greeting to fellow worshippers over coffee and refreshments inside the Church at the Christian Education desk immediately follow this service**

**Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection in services of  
Easter Festival Worship at 9:30AM and 11:00AM in  
the sanctuary of the church.**