

*A gift has been given by Charles and Peggy Darden in loving memory of Paula Leonard and Cindy Davidson's Mother.*

**Happy Birthday** this week to: (4-19) Greer Sorrells

**Bible Study** with Pastor Rix. Monday, April 16 Book of Job

**Presbyterian Woman Circle's** will meet at Cynthia Tidwell's home this month: Wednesday, April 18 for Noon Circle and Thursday, April 19 for Mollie Darden Circle at 7pm. Thanks Cynthia!

**Confirmation Sunday** is April 22. Please invite friends and family to celebrate this special day in the lives of our Confirmands.

**L Club** Please R.S.V.P. so that we can order tickets and make plans for our meals. If we do not have enough interest in this trip we will begin planning our next gathering for May 18 and 19 at Chaplewood. We are looking forward to a Cook out/Camp out!

### Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 15	9:00 AM 9:45 AM 11:00 AM	Coffee and Pastries - Darden Hall Sunday School & Confirmation Worship
Monday, April 16	7:00 PM	Bible Study with Pastor Rix
Wednesday, April 18	12:00 PM	Noon Circle meets at Cynthia Tidwell's home
Thursday, April 19	7:00 PM	Mollie Darden Circle meets at Cynthia Tidwell's home
Saturday, April 21	10:00 AM	PW Craft Class—Old World Santa
Sunday, April 22	11:00 AM 6:00 PM	Confirmation Sunday PW Birthday Party
Saturday, April 28	5:00 PM	L Club Symphony in the Sand at Callaway Gardens

### Today's Worship Leaders:

**Liturgist:** Bobby Goldston

**Elders on Duty:** Koren Stapp and LaRhonda Bailey

**Ushers:** Mickey Norris, Mike Pauley, Jeff Skinner and Jim Allen Bradfield

**Greeters:** Bobby & Suzi Goldston

**Acolytes:** Ephrem and Laurali Davidson

**Nursery Assistants:** Veronica Sirmons

**Children's Church:** Leigh Threadgill

### Loyd Presbyterian Church Program Team:

Dr. Rix Threadgill, Pastor  
Suzi Goldston, Office Manager  
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary  
Mike Pauley, Youth Director  
Marty Davis, Music Director  
Jo Loyd, Organist  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
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*If you are interested in church membership, or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation, please speak with Pastor Rix.*



# LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Worship  
April 15, 2018  
11:00 a.m.  
3rd Sunday after Easter



## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE "His Eye is On the Sparrow" (arr. Cindy Barry)  
Rick Robertson, pianist

(Please fill out the Ritual of Friendship pad that you will find on the inside aisle and pass it to your neighbor.)

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been invited to repent and turn to God.

**People: We have been invited to turn over our stressed lives and our endless lists of tasks.**

Leader: We have been invited to turn away from our prejudice, our judgmental behavior, our self-righteousness.

**People: We have been invited to turn away from fear and toward love.**

Leader: We have been invited to turn toward laughter and delight, toward wonder and joy, toward amazement and surprise.

**People: We have been invited to repent and turn to God.**

\*HYMN # 485

"To God Be the Glory"

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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.**

GREETING, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Loving God, we confess that we are people motivated more by fear than love, and we do not know why. We know how to build walls and make rules and set boundaries. We know how to feel guilty. We are good at trying to make ourselves conform to some ideal we have decided you want. We confess we do not know what to do with your unconditional love. We do not know how to respond to your joyful surprises. We are afraid to stand under the flood of your miracle and wonder and goodness and healing. Fold us in your comforting presence and bless us into courage. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 4

\*HYMN

*"Are Ye Able," Said the Master*

*(insert)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children in Pre-School through 2nd Grade may go to Children's Church.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 6: 1-9

THE SERMON

Dr. Rix Threadgill

"One Thing"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

"Blessed Assurance"

(arr. Pepper Choplin)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
O praise Him, O praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Beloved God, you continue to give with a generous hand even when we rent bigger and bigger storage lockers to house what we hoard.**

**You love us with an expansive love even when we are busy measuring portions of abundance and wondering how little we can get away with. Release our fear of scarcity and lift the burden of our possessions so that we may know the blessing of giving not only what feels safe, but also what feels wonderful. In hope we ask. Amen.**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN # 280 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Come Christians, follow where our Savior trod.  
The lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore His sacred name!***

\*POSTLUDE

"People Need the Lord"

(arr. Lloyd Larson)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*Please stand if you are able.

*Flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God  
and to honor the Congregation of Loyd Presbyterian Church  
by the Tidwell family.*