

*The Prayer after Communion*

\*HYMN 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*THE BENEDICTION



*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Cinco de Mayo luncheon.  
All are welcome!*

## Meet Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Nancy L Rowland is a retired minister member of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. She has served congregations in Richmond VA, North Carolina, St. Louis MO, and New Castle DE. She lives in Virginia Beach near her daughter Jenny McCann (Chaplain at Westminster Canterbury) and her son-in-law and three grandchildren.

## WYCLIFFE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**WELCOME** - *To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**OFFICE HOURS** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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## Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Dr. Garrett Bugg, pastor

**Preparation for Worship:** "Wherever the river goes that flows from the temple of God, every living creature that swarms will live. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. It will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds. On the banks, there will grow all kinds of trees for good, and their leaves will be for healing." (Ezekiel 47:9-12, sel.)

**Welcome & Announcements**  
(please sign & pass the red Friendship pad)

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PSALM 30** (remain seated; all read the bold)

*I will praise you, Lord, because you rescued me.  
You did not let my enemies laugh at me.*

*Lord, my God, I prayed to you, and you healed me.  
You lifted me out of the grave;  
you spared me from going down to the place of the dead.*

**Sing praises to the Lord, you who belong to him;  
praise his holy name.**

*His anger lasts only a moment,  
but his kindness lasts for a lifetime.*

**Crying may last for night,  
but joy comes in the morning.**

*You changed my sorrow into dancing.  
You took away my clothes of sadness, and clothed me in happiness.*

**I will sing to you and not be silent.  
Lord, my God, I will praise you forever.**

\*HYMN 248 "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*\*Share the Peace of Christ  
Children's Time with the Pastor*

**THOUGH HIS EYES WERE OPEN, HE COULD NOT SEE** (based on Acts 9; read as indicated)

**Leader:** Saul breathed threats and murder against the Lord's disciples and asked the high priest for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any followers of the Way, he might bind them up and bring them to Jerusalem. On the way, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him and he fell to the ground.



**Women:** Saul, why do you persecute me?

**Men:** Who are you?

**Women:** I am Jesus, whom you persecute. Get up. Go to the city and you'll be told what to do.

**Leader:** The men traveling with him were speechless because they heard the voice, too, but saw no one. So Saul got up from the group, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing, so the men led him by the hand to Damascus. For three days he could see nothing, and neither did he eat or drink. The Lord's servant Ananias lived in Damascus, and the Lord called him in a vision, and he answered ~

**Men:** Here I am, Lord.

**Women:** Go out to the street called 'Straight' and look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. He is praying, and has seen you in a vision. He knows you will lay hands on him, and he will see again.

**Men:** Lord, I've heard about this man and the evil has he done to your servants. He has authority to arrest your followers!

**Women:** He is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name to the Gentiles, to kings, and the people of Israel.

**Leader:** So Ananias did as he was commanded. He found Saul, laid his hands on him and immediately the scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. He got up, and was baptized, and after eating and studying with the disciples, he began to proclaim Jesus, saying "He is the Son of God!"



**A moment of quiet meditation**

**A TIME OF CONFESSION** (all read the bold)

How often in my labors -  
~ the things I must do, the things I can't do, the so what of its ~  
does the Changed One appear?

The glory of heaven crammed into the ill-fitting costume of a passer-by,  
**and I fail to see.**

I've heard these scriptures read year after year. I've seen it in poetry and in song,  
as the plotline of movies, and still I look and think, "No, not that one. It can't be."

**So my nets remain empty.  
Lord, please open my eyes.**

**HYMN 451 "Open My Eyes"** (remain seated & sing)

**THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE & PARDON**

**Scripture ~ John 21:1-19**

**The Word of God is Opened to Us**

Rev. Nancy L. Rowland



The table is prepared & the offering is received as all sing ~

**HYMN 498 "Loaves Were Broken"** (remain seated)

**THE EUCHARIST**

**\*Great Prayer of Thanksgiving** (concluding with The Lord's Prayer, 35 - hymnal)



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give

our thanks and praise.

**First Response:**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Second Response:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;  
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee;  
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

**THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED** (sing the refrain as directed)

Refrain

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day."