

SERMONIC NOTES

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TODAY'S INSPIRATION

Grace—unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

Grace—getting what you don't deserve / unmerited favor

Mercy—not getting what you do deserve / withheld Punishment

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**SICK/SHUT-IN & PRAYER**

Edward Corpening	Grover Bailey
Katherine Purnell	Gary Phillips
Thelma Dula	Adoree Millsaps
Edith Dula	Rosalee Patterson
Jerlene Dula	Willo Carter
Vondra Johnson	Angela Dula
Evelyn Bennett	Curtis Dula
Mona Harshaw	Rev. E.B. Freeman
Pastor Valerie Hightower	Patricia Grimes
Mekosha Austin	Donald L. Dula
Fritz Reid	Everette Logan
Roger Harris	Beatrice L. Dula

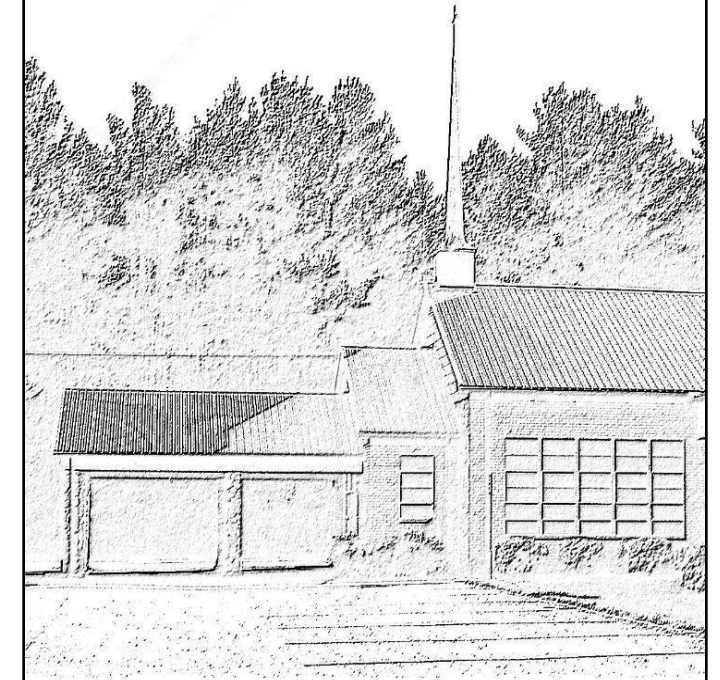
**CAMPUS MINISTRY OUTREACH**

Brooklyn Boston	Olivia
Sam	Rebecca
Phil	Nate

**CHURCH INCOME – APRIL 16, 2017**

Sunday School	\$ .00
Mission	\$ 67.30
Children Fund	\$ 30.30
One Great Hour	\$ 16.00
Donation-Operating Expenses	\$ 600.00
Donation-Building Fund	\$ 400.00
General Offering	\$ 2,445.67
Total	\$ 3,559.00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday  
of Easter*



DULATOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
REV. HAROLD J. BENNETT II, PASTOR  
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

“stand firm in your faith”

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 23, 2017—10:45am

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

INTROIT OR PROCESSIONAL  
LIGHTING OF CANDLES (ALCOLYTE)

\*WELCOME (LITURGIST)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: #262

\*INVITATION TO CONFESSION (LITURGIST)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON (LITURGIST)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

GLORIA PATRI #654

\*WELCOME/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OFFERTORY: (SCRIPTURE)

SELECTION BY CHOIR #549

\*OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (LITURGIST)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #531

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: PASTOR

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC:

(CHOIR SELECTION)

\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (LITURGIST)

**GOOD NEWS**

HYMN OF INVITATION: #344

BENEDICTION (TILL WE MEET AGAIN)

SENDING/PASS THE PEACE

### CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

The joy of the resurrection of our  
Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

**We rejoice in the blessing**

**God has poured into our lives.**

Even though we hear words of doubt,  
we are called to believe.

**Even though the world would draw us back again  
into darkness, we focus on the Light.**

Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

Even though we have come through the joy of Easter  
and the triumphant Easter songs,  
yet we doubt, Lord.

**Like Thomas who walked the Judean countryside  
with Jesus, we still have trouble believing in the  
resurrection of Jesus.**

We easily slip back into the darkness of doubts. We  
move the joy of Easter into the past and continue in a  
downward path to confusion.

**Shine your bright light of joy upon us.**

**Lighten our dark path.**

Help us to believe, even though we have not seen you,  
touched your hands and side.

**Help us to proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Savior.  
Amen.**

### THE APOSTLES' CREED (UNISON)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the 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 arose 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**OFFERING AND TITHES:** The first plate(s)  
passed by the ushers will be for Tithes and  
Gifts. The Second plate will be for Mission  
offerings. The Children plate will be a small  
basket.

**HARRIET DULA REUNION FISH FRY  
FUNDRAISER:** May 6<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm.

**COFFEY SHOP MINISTRY:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday of each month 12 – 1:30pm.

**SPRING RALLY:** The Stewardship Committee is  
requesting that each member give \$100.00.

**REMINDER:** All key holders, if you open the  
church doors, you are responsible for securing  
the church doors.

**LOST & FOUND:** If you lose anything in the  
church, please check the lost and found.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR APRIL  
2017!** Sandra Jones-April 1, Jeanette Norwood-  
April 4, Donald L. Dula-April 10, Calvin Dula-April  
17, Tongia Bettis-April 17, Maudette Denison-April  
19, Hannibal Dula, Jr.-April 29! Please let the  
Secretary know if any members need to be added to  
the Birthday List for the stated month. May the  
peace of Jesus Christ be with you always!

### SCRIPTURE READING(S):

**John 20:19-23**

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

### SERMONIC MESSAGE:

**“Bar the Doors”**

COMMISSION AND BLESSING OR POSTLUDE (CHOIR)

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/SHARING COMMUNITY LIFE