

Easter on the Eastern Shore at Good Shepherd OPC

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"I Am the Resurrection and the Life, whoever believes in me though he dies, he will live again. And those who live and believe in me shall never die. Do you believe this? ...Didn't I tell you that you would see the glory of God if you believed?!" – John 11:25-26, 40



On Easter Sunday, **Lord's Day, April 9th**, the saints at Good Shepherd OPC saw the glory of God in Jesus as Christ's Kingdom powerfully advanced on the Eastern Shore (VA) through the joyful worship of the Triune God, the Ministry of the Word, the Sacraments of Baptism and Lord's Supper, the reception of new members and encouraging fellowship!

Elder Dan Cooke (PSE) and his

family, as well as **Biggs Team RHM** were privileged to worship the Risen-Ascended-Enthroned Christ and to serve and fellowship on this special occasion with the saints at this newest mission work in the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic.



On this Lord's Day, we heard a sermon from John 11 from God's word, and then we welcomed five new families into covenant membership: The **Gebel** family through transfer from Reformation OPC (PSE), the **Sloan, Harte, Fleming,** and **Hillyard** families through reaffirmation of their faith, **Mr. Jim Fleming** making a public profession of faith for the first time.

Although Jim and his wife had regularly attended church, the Lord Jesus brought Jim to Himself recently through the power of His word and Spirit. We all rejoiced as Brother Jim received baptism in the name of the Triune God on this special Lord's Day! The Sloan and Harte families also presented their daughters, **Isabel Brittle Sloan** and **Susanna Jane Harte** for baptism. We were all thankful to





participate together in the Lord's Supper, and then we had a time of fellowship and feasting that lasted for over three hours! It was a glorious day of worship and rejoicing! We also had beautiful, special worship music provided for us by **Elisabeth and Esther Biggs**.



in the area, and as Will continues to persevere with humility and grace in Jesus to complete all of his



licensure exams for our May 6th presbytery meeting. Will is planning to complete his last exam in the next couple of weeks and presently preparing for his oral theological exams for presbytery. Give thanks to God for Jim Fleming's conversion and pray as he and his wife Carol continue to grow together in the grace and love of the Lord Jesus. Pray for Paul Gebel and Chad Harte as they are taking officer exams to discern with their elders their callings to servant-



leadership. Pray for this young congregation as our Great Shepherd continues to feed, protect, keep, lead and guide them, and to call sinners to repentance and faith through their worship and evangelism efforts. Pray for our faithful overseeing session: **Andrew Miller (PMA), Gerald Taylor (PMA), Dan Cooke (PSE), and Charles Biggs (RHM PMA)**.



Hallelujah, and glory to the Risen King! He is the Resurrected-Ascended-Enthroned-King and Life-Giving Spirit!! (1 Cor. 15:42-45). Our Lord Jesus has been given dominion (exalted rule), glory (exalted beauty), and a kingdom (exalted people, a new creation)!! (Daniel 7:13-14). Let us rejoice that we are those who are raised with Christ and seated with Him in the Heavenly Places, and our lives are hidden with Christ in God, and when Christ who is our life appears, we shall also appear with Him in glory! (Col. 3:1-4).

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