

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026 - 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

Exuberant Exultation
Knox Bell Choir

by Kurt Meyer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God: Jesus has arisen from the grave!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*OPENING HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Karen Bogardus, flute
Janet Lantz, horn
Wisner Dorce, trumpet

LITANY FOR EASTER

O Christ, in your resurrection the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!

By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell and destroyed sin and death.

Keep us victorious over sin.

By your resurrection you raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

Guide us in the way of eternal life.

By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners
and filled the disciples with joy.

Give us joy in your service.

By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and
apostles and brought salvation to the whole world.

Direct our lives as your new creation.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is
alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you
raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us. Increase in
our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us
to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you,
through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*RESPONSE TO LITANY

Celtic Alleluia

All:



Choir: The stone which the builder rejected becomes the cornerstone chosen,
praise the work of God for his marvel in our eyes.

All: **(Repeat Alleluia)**

WORDS OF WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
Children & Youth Choir
Nathan Schwed, director
Flute & Piano

by Lynn Shaw Bailey **(10:30)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,

this is how God's kingdom ought to be?

This is how God's kingdom ought to be.

(Children ages preschool-grade 4 are invited to attend Sunday School. Middle School students are invited to remain with their families during worship. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 233

The Day of Resurrection!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

Nancy Bedner **(9:00)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Ken Warman **(10:30)**

Thanks be to God.

EASTER MEDITATION

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Including dedication of Lenten offering in support of
Good News Home for Women & God's Co-op Food Pantry

OFFERTORY

Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise
Sanctuary Choir

by Howard Helvey

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide
Flute, Horn, Trumpet & Organ

arr. Chris Fortin

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in Westminster Hall
immediately following worship.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in May. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Easter Sunday, April 5

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 & 10:45 a.m., Calvin Hall

Fellowship & Refreshments, 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m., Westminster Hall

Monday, April 6

Church House Office Closed

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary & Chapel

Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, April 7

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva and Middle Rooms

Stephen Ministry, 1:30 p.m., Church House Parlor

Agape Hour for Pre-K to Kindergarten, 3:45 p.m., Church House Agape Room

Children & Youth Choir for grades 3-8, 5:00 p.m., Knox Room

Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Wednesday, April 8

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online

God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 6:30 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street

Session, 7:30 p.m., Church House Parlor & online

Thursday, April 9

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., online

Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., online

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

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