

The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
2nd Sunday of Easter, April 12, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Christ Lag in Todesbanden
I Know That My Redeemer Lives
Pam Momyer, organ

by J.S. Bach
arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord our God overflows with loving kindness,
and is close to all who call on His name!

We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

The Lord our Great God is glorious beyond
our imagination, yet God hears our cries for help!

We praise and bless God's holy name forever.

The Lord our God is worthy to be honored
by every generation, and by people of every age!

We come in worship and praise of God's holy name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN 234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, you made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of the resurrection of Jesus, your Son. Forgive us because, like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe; forgive us that we are so easily downcast, and given to despair, forgive us that, although we claim to live by the resurrection faith, we so often appear to believe that suffering is simply a tragedy and that death is the end; forgive us that we take so much convincing of the hope that you give to the world. Come to us, Lord God, in the name of the risen Christ. Take away our crippling doubts and fears and through your Holy Spirit bring us to life in your service, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God

HYMN 447

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Ministries to Children and their Families

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. Grades 5-8 students are invited to attend Bibles & Bagels. Nursery care is available for children ages 2 years and younger.)

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 145:13-21 & John 20:19-31

Karen Skoglund

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Unlocking the Door

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Partita Alla Lombarda

by Alessandro Scarlatti

Organ

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

HYMN 606

**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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(Please indicate to the pastor if you would like gluten free bread. We celebrate this sacrament using juice.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Organ

arr. Paul Manz

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

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

Special thanks to Pam Momyer for sharing her musical talents with us today
while Chris Fortin is away. Dennis Jones is also away and will return tomorrow.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~In loving memory of Joe Brewer, by his wife Sue.

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 April & 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

Sunday, April 12

Early Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:15 a.m., Calvin Hall
Bibles & Bagels, 10:15 a.m., Church House Library
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Youth Fellowship Movie Night, 6:00 p.m., Youth Center

Monday, April 13

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary-Chapel
Shelter Friends, 12:00 p.m., Church House Parlor
Pantry Committee, 1:00 p.m., Church House Library
Walk & Talk, 2:00 p.m., online
Trustees, 7:00 online
Fellowship Council, 7:30 p.m., online
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, April 14

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms
Agape Hour for grades Pre-& K, 3:45 p.m., Church House Agape Room
Children & Youth Choir for grades 3-8, 5:00 p.m., Knox Room
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, April 15

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Church House Parlor & online
Gather & Grow Women's Group, 7:30 p.m., home of Beth Cleary

Thursday, April 16

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
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Knox Room & Sanctuary

Friday, April 17

Men's Breakfast Group, 7:30 a.m., Blue Café
PEO Group, 9:00 a.m., Church House Parlor

Saturday, April 18

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