

The Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship

Jazz Sunday & 4th Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Up Jumped Spring
Peace
Jazz Ensemble

by Freddie Hubbard
by Horace Silver

CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise our God, the Creator, who lit the world
and breathed the breath of life into us.

**We praise our God, the Son, who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to us.**

We praise our God, the Spirit, who blows through the world
and blesses our souls with yearning.

We praise our God, the Trinity of love:

God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;

the beginning, the end, the everlasting one.

Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and compassionate God, so often we long for your better way in our lives,
in our communities, and in our world—but we confess that we repeatedly fall
short of helping to bring that better way into being. We think first of ourselves
and our families, rather than embrace your vision of family. We keep silent about
things that matter, rather than be bold in telling the truth. Forgive us and renew
our commitment to you, O God. Remind us that you have not only called us but
empowered and strengthened us for the responsibility of your ministry. In
Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

HYMN 447

**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.**

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

*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

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Murphy Walter Mulvihill
Son of Sarah & Tyler Mulvihill

Elder Tina Bramel

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Adapted from a "Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are claimed in the waters of baptism,
fed with the bread of life, and called to be God's people.**

We trust in the one triune God whom alone we worship and serve.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Do you, as members of this church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture
Murphy by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and
follow Christ and to be a faithful member of this church? If so, please say "we do."

We do.

THE BAPTISM & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISMAL GIFTS

WELCOME

Let us welcome Murphy

**With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church to share
with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ.**

(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 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 16:16-34

Beth Stout

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Person We Never See Again

Dennis Jones, Pastor

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

A Gospel Alleluia
Sanctuary Choir & Jazz Ensemble

Words by Fred Pratt Green
Music by Joel Raney

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

by Avery & Marsh

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Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow, Praise God, all crea-tures
here be-low. Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men. A-men.
A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men.

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***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 630**

Fairest Lord Jesus

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Seven Steps to Heaven

by Miles Davis

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

Special thanks to our Jazz Ensemble:

*Vinny Borselli - Trumpet
Gerry Cappuccio - Tenor Sax
Jim Felter - Trombone*

*Hal Slapin - Bass
Jerry Vezza - Piano
John Vourtsis - Drums*

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone, or to celebrate an occasion, and cost \$42 per pier. 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 26

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
Teen Tech Titans, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Fellowship & Refreshments, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall
Confirmation Class, 11:15 a.m., Church House Library & Parlor
God's Co-op Pantry Distribution, 4:00 p.m., 12 E. Allen Street
Middle School Fellowship, 5:00 p.m., Youth Center
Sr. High Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., Youth Chapel

Monday, April 27

Leisure Learning, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary & Chapel
Walk & Talk Group, 2:00 p.m., online
Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Church House Parlor & online
Worship & Music Council, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library
Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m., online
Tree House Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., online

Tuesday, April 28

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m., online
Agape Hour for grades Pre-& K, 3:45 p.m., Westminster Hall
Children & Youth Choir for grades 3-8, 5:00 p.m., Knox Room
Alpha Bell Choir, 6:15 p.m., Knox Room
Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Hall
Knox Bell Choir, 7:30 p.m., Knox Room

Wednesday, April 29

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Westminster Hall & online
New Officer Training, 7:30 p.m., Church House Parlor

Thursday, April 30

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, May 1

Saturday, May 2

Homeless Solutions
Ridge Oak Spelling Bee Event, 4:00 p.m., 150 Manchester Dr

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