



## First Presbyterian Church

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**March 31, 2024**

***Resurrection Sunday / Communion***

**10:00 am**

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit

**WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online.** Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the first hymn. Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

PRELUDE

*“Welcome Happy Morning”*

Roger C. Wilson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

by Ann Weems

One: The church is Easter. Out of death:

**All: Life.**

One: Out of blackness:

**All: A lush green world, flowers in the ice, sunrays in the storm, mustard seeds galore.**

One: Our souls enter a spiritual springtime,

**All: Our bodies given over to leaping and dancing.**

One: Our very beings saturated in hosannas.

**All: Our shouting crashes in upon this world.**

One: The Lord lives!

**All: We live!**

One: Resurrection resounds throughout our community.

**All: The church is Easter. Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

\* HYMN # Blue 123

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*

Lyra Davidica

Marjorie Roller, soprano sax; Shavaun Pizar, timpani

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org))

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

TIME FOR MISSION

\* RESPONSIVE EASTER PRAYER

by the Rev. Michaela Youngson

One: When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through.

**All: Your love was too strong, too wide, too deep for death to hold.**

One: The sparks cast by your love danced and spread and burst forth with resurrection light.

**All: Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus.**

One: We praise you for the light of new life that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.

**All: We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today.**

One: We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day;

**All: And that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (In unison)

**O God, worker of wonders, You made this day for joy and gladness. Let the risen Lord abide with us in the opening of the scriptures, that we may hear Your word for us this day.**

## GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON                      Isaiah 25:6-9                      p. 652

ANTHEM    *"Affirmation of Life"*                      Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON                      Mark 16:1-8                      p. 54

SERMON    *"On the Eighth Day, God Created"*                      Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

*(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)*

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY    *"The Holy City"*                      Stephen Adams  
Soloist: John Crozier

\* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

**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

\* HYMN # Blue 513                                      *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*                      African American Spiritual

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In unison) **"forgive us our sins, as...sin against us"**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD/DRINKING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (Please take each element [bread/wine] and hold it until we take it together.  
Gluten/egg free crackers are in the middle of the plate.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In unison)

**Nourished at this table, O God, may we know Christ's redemptive love and live a new life in him. Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry. Keep us faithful in your service as we go forth to be your disciples in this world. Amen.**

## GOD'S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN # Blue 302                                      *"I Danced in the Morning"*                      Sydney Carter  
Marjorie Roller, soprano sax; Shavaun Pizar, timpani

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

EASTER POSTLUDE

“*Fantasia for Easter Morning*”

arr. Albin Whitworth

**Pastor:** The Rev. Carie Morgan

**Organist/Choir Director:** Sarah Jane Zollner

**Lay Reader:** Betty Tilli

**Ministers:** All the People of the Church

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### March 31 – April 6 ~ *Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Resurrection Sunday - Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee and Cake</b> (Library)
Monday	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	6:30 pm	NA PIC Meeting (Reighart Hall)
	7:00 pm	LG Board Meeting (Choir Room – Whitley)
Tuesday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	<b>Deacons</b> (Library)
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:30 pm	<b>OPS Meeting</b> (Library)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	10:00 am	Scouts (Library)

### April 7 – April 13 ~ *Second Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	<b>Worship</b> (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	<b>Coffee Hour – Leftover Sunday!</b> (Library)
	11:15 am	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> (Sanctuary)
Monday	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	<b>Session</b> (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Easter Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Thursday	1:15 pm	<b>Second Thursday</b> (Library)
	6:30 pm	<b>Handbell Choir</b> (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Friday	7:00 pm	PW Movie Night (Library)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

\*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS** – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

**LAY READER** – **Betty Tilli** has been a member of our church since July 2006. Betty has served as the Moderator of the Deacons and member of the Personnel, Memorials and Church Officers Nominating Committees. She resides in Boonton and is retired from Skyline Auto Exchange where she worked as a Human Resource Manager. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

**EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS** After the service you may pick up your plant(s) or have it distributed to a homebound person or one going through difficult times.

**WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED** You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication

**MISSIONS** - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

**MEAL TRAIN** is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

**CAKE AND COFFEE** will briefly be served after worship until 11:45am and is hosted today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the library for this great time of fellowship. ***Next Sunday is Leftover Sunday*** – remember to bring something yummy from your pantry! \*Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** – Our theme for 2024 was **Lift High the Cross** and **the goal was \$2024**. Thanks to your support, we have surpassed our goal and reached **\$3089.60 and counting!**

If you would still like to contribute, you can leave a donation in the offering plate, or through Breeze (put OGHS in memo or note) or mailed to the church.

*(OGHS funds/supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program which unite us in caring for the hungry, the weak and the vulnerable.)*

**SECOND THURSDAY** adult group will meet Thursday **April 11** at 1:15pm in the Library.

**PW MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, April 12th @ 7pm** - Movie Title to be determined...

**PASTOR CARIE'S VACATION** will be April 1-April 7<sup>th</sup>. For pastoral emergencies please contact [office@fpcboonton.org](mailto:office@fpcboonton.org) or 973-334-3535 x100 which will be forwarded to Sandy's cell.

### 2024 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2024. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$42.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$85 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$127.50.

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words “Per Capita.”

*-Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee*