



First Presbyterian Church
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April 20, 2025

Easter 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.

Please ***remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.***

PRELUDE

“Easter Morning Medley”

arr. Albin Whitworth

* CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: Easter is God’s light shining in our darkness.

All: Easter is hope washing over despair.

One: Easter is joy brimming over, flowing into each day and setting alleluias loose.

All: Christ is alive! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

* HYMN # 123

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Lyra Davidica

Shavaun Pizar, timpani; Logan Leeds, trumpet

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests
or you can email the church office: office@fpcboonton.org)

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

TIME FOR MISSION

* UNISON EASTER PRAYER

by Ann Weems

Easter Comes. The shroud that covered the world is destroyed; for our God has swallowed death. We shall no longer look for him among the dead. He calls to us to follow, to believe in our hearts that the people of the world will someday love one another. Really love one another. If we believe, we know that is not a naïve hope, but God’s promise. On Easter morning and on every morning, let us in chorus sing: This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!” And then with Mary, let us run to tell the others; We have seen Jesus!

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

GOD’S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (In unison)

by Andy James

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

p. 652

ANTHEM

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

arr. Jack Schrader

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

p. 90

SERMON

“An Idle Tale”

Pastor Carie Morgan

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“The Holy City”
Soloist, John Crozier

Stephen Adams

* 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 # 122

“Thine is the Glory”

George F. Handel

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/juice] and hold it until we take it together. Gluten/egg free crackers are in the middle of the plate.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (In unison)

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We have been fed by your love, and we are strengthened by your teachings. May the good news of Easter guide us in our daily living, as you send us forth into this world to live in your ways and to share in your joy. Amen.

* HYMN # 302

“I Danced in the Morning”
Shavaun Pizar, timpani; Logan Leeds, trumpet

Sydney Carter

GOD’S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* 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 – Ken Nickel resides in Rockaway with his wife Denise and has been a member of our church since 1972. He has 3 grown children and 5 grandchildren. Ken serves our church as an ordained elder and church treasurer and shares his musical talents in the church choir and the bell choir. Ken also serves on the Property & Insurance Committee at the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. He is enjoying retirement from a lengthy career in commercial banking and is active in the Rotary Club and other non-profit organizations.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20 – April 26 ~ *Easter Sunday*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	10:30 am	Prayer Group (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Thursday	6:30 pm	Handbell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry

April 27 – May 3 ~ *Second Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour (Library)
	11:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room/Sanctuary)
	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	11:00 am	Dover Faith Kitchen
	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
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*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church of Boonton
We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

Mission Outreach:

DEACON OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for your use on Communion Sundays (small green ones in the pews). Please consider making a donation to the Deacon Fund.

DOVER FAITH KITCHEN: **Monday, April 28** from 9am-12:30 pm. See Marion or Pastor Carie if you are interested in volunteering.

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 Lois Merritt at loisann139@optonline.net if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING - Our theme for 2025 is **Sparkling Regrowth** and **the goal is \$2500**. 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. Donations can be left in the offering plate, given through Breeze or mailed to the church (please put OGHs in the memo or note when giving through Breeze).

Worship:

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. **4/27, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25 are open!**

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. **PEW PILLOWS** are also available for those of you who would like additional back support. Please ask an usher if you are interested in these items.

Fellowship:

COFFEE HOUR is hosted today by Congregational Life. Please join us in the library for this time of fellowship. 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).*

PRAYER GROUP meets every other Tuesday at 10:30am in the church library. All are welcome. The next meeting will be 4/22.

BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesdays at 10:30 in the church library and on zoom.

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.

JOHNSONBURG SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP - The Deacons are offering a \$300 scholarship for any youth of our congregation (members' children/grandchildren/relatives) who are interested in attending a week of summer camp at Camp Johnsonburg this summer. Please reach out to Natalie Pisarcik if you are interested in taking advantage of this wonderful experience. natpisarcik@yahoo.com

STEWARDSHIP - Please make sure you fill out your 2025 commitment and place it in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or email a confidential email to donrothrock@gmail.com



Breeze online giving code