



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 26, 2026  
4th Sunday of Easter

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.  
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

**\*Indicates those who are able may stand.**



*The Chancel flowers today are given in loving memory of our parents, Ann & Richard Page, and Lillian Brandenberger & William Zobel, by Brian & Cathy Zobel.*



**TODAY'S  
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal, Glory to God**, unless otherwise noted.



Welcome & Announcements

Joys & Concerns

Prelude

*Mike Rugge, Organist*

## We Come Into God's Presence

**Call to Worship** (L–Leader / P–People)

*Psalm 4*

L: God has been gracious to us.

**P: God has heard our prayers.**

L: God has put gladness in our hearts.

**P: God has heard our prayers.**

L: We shall live in peace.

**P: God has heard our prayers.**

L: God alone is our dwelling place.

**P: God has heard our prayers.**

\*Gathering Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

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Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor

Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music † Mike Rugge, Organist



## We Prepare to Hear God's Word

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Welcoming God, we confess that we have journeyed far from you. We have traveled far from your love and justice. We have neglected the stranger in our midst. And we have doubted your presence with us. Help us to see the way you have set for us in Christ. Restore us to a life of mutuality, love and justice for all. Amen.**

Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

L: Brothers and Sisters, the welcoming grace of God is sure.

**P: God is restoring us to right relationship with God and one another.**

L: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

### \*Affirmation of Faith:

*A Brief Statement of Faith*

**P: We believe that in life and in death we belong to God.**

L: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

**P: We trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

L: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God;

**P: We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father;**

L: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**P: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Be Still My Soul"

*arr. Mark Edwards*

*Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music*

**First Scripture Lesson:** Luke 24:35-43

(*NT, p.91*)

\*Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

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**Hymn of Preparation: “Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken”**

Listen to the Word that God has spoken;  
Listen to the One who is close at hand;  
Listen to the voice that began creation;  
Listen even if you don't understand.

**Sermon:** “He Is Risen! We Have Doubts, Indeed!”

*Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor*

**We Respond to God's Word**

**Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory

\*Doxology: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*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.**

**We Go to Live God's Word**

\*Closing Hymn: “O for a World”

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**Benediction** (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent  
one from the other.**

Choral Response

L: Our worship together has ended.

**P: Now our service begins.**

Postlude



# PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

- Adin Borden
- Sally Burrough
- Nancy & Bob Celebre
- Donna & John Duca
- Joe & Marie Guerra
- Lorrie Heuser
- Mary Jane Lange
- Sandy Langford
- Evelyn Miraglia
- Carmen Muni
- Dottie Rheinbold
- Michael Sabolcik
- Ken Sichel
- Lynn & Tom Spina
- Deborah Blackiston
- Lauren DeCorte, Sue Hawco's daughter
- Marlowe Muni, Kim & Carmen's grandson
- Steve, friend of Tony Logandro
- Meegan Hussain, friend of the Heusers
- Dick Boyle, brother-in-law of Candace Lowden
- Will Baberick, Polly Mitchell's son
- Elijah Scardilli, grandson of friends of the Hudsons
- Nancy Ruiz, friend of the Hudsons
- Liam Berkelbach, Karen Mazak's grandson

*pray without ceasing*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17



### Greeters

Chuck & Jenni  
Maienza

### Deacons

Tom Clarke  
Margie Kent  
Suzanne Lange

### LiveStream

Korey Owens  
Erin Gallagher

### Counters

Leslie Clark  
Vicki Clarke  
Mark Zimmerman

### Nursery

Abby Burrough  
Maria Masi

### SS: Adults

Class-led  
Room 2

### Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza  
Nursery

### SS: PreK-Grade 2

Melissa Corso  
Room 3

### SS: Grades 3-5

TBD  
Room 7

### SS: Grades 6-8

Ellie Wyckoff  
Room 6

## THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

### Sunday, April 26

- 9:00am - Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsal
- 9:30am - Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am - Worship, Sanctuary & FB Live
- 12:00 - Confirmation Class, Teen Room

### Wednesday, April 29

- 9:00am - Men's Breakfast, Parlor
- 11:00am - Adult Bible Study, Zoom

### Thursday, April 30

- 6:45pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Fri & Sat, May 1 & 2

- 8:00pm - Village Playbox's "Sweeney Todd", Social Hall

## Scriptures for Today's Service

### First Scripture Lesson: Luke 24:35-43 (NRSV)

<sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

#### *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

<sup>36</sup> While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

### Second Scripture Lesson: John 20:19-29 (NRSV)

#### *Jesus Appears to the Disciples*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

#### *Jesus and Thomas*

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

# For the Beauty of the Earth

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1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



## Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

# 623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a  
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a  
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1  
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my  
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my  
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2  
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.  
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.  
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of “peace like a river” is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God’s will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians’ baptismal identity.



# Church Announcements

**THIS  
WEEK  
APR 26**

## Men's Breakfast This Wednesday



The men of FPC will be gathering this Wednesday, **April 29**, at 9:00 AM in our parlor. Join them to share in camaraderie, a hearty breakfast, and a lively discussion on a thought-provoking topic or question. Be sure to let Rick Clark know if you're coming for their head count. Hope to see you there!

## Our Annual Shoebox Project Is Back!

We take for granted having shampoo, soap, toothpaste and all of those items that make up our daily routines; but for many, these items are expensive and difficult to buy when weighed against buying food. Please take a shoebox (when they are available in the parlor) and give someone those essential necessities.

Below is a list of suggested items to include in your box:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|
| — Shampoo / Conditioner   | — Hairbrush / Comb |
| — Soap / Body Wash        | — Razors           |
| — Lotion / Moisturizer    | — Shaving Cream    |
| — Lip Balm                | — Deodorant        |
| — Toothbrush / Toothpaste | — Washcloth        |
| — Dental Floss            | — Socks            |



## Help Us Finish Our Sunday School Year Strong!



### OPEN DATES:

May 3: Gr. 3-5 & Gr. 6-8

May 10: Gr. 6-8

May 17: PreK-Gr. 2  
and Gr. 6-8

(May 17 is the last day  
of Sunday School!!)

Church family: only **FOUR** weeks remain in the Sunday School year & just a few teaching slots to fill. Please consider these opportunities (dates above) for a joyful 45 minutes on a Sunday morning with our children. You can sign up by scanning the QR code here, clicking the link in your e-News, or on the board in the parlor.



## Vacation Time!

Mary Johnson will be on vacation from **Monday, April 27 through Thursday, April 30**. The church office hours may vary during this time. Thank you!

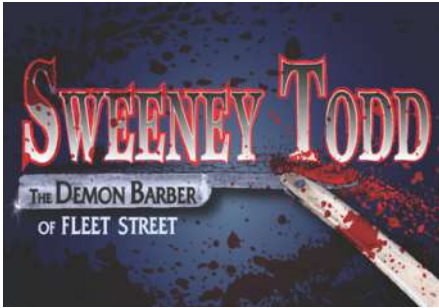


## Care Committee Seeking Additional Member

The Care Committee is looking for an additional individual to serve on their committee. The position primarily involves sending cards with well-wishes and prayers to those in our congregation who are experiencing difficult circumstances; the person would be able to work autonomously and on their own time. The committee typically meets once a year, or as needed if something comes up. If you are interested, please reach out to Cheryl Walmsley (contact the office if you need her phone or email).



## Village Playbox Main Stage Performance



The main stage comes alive on May 1 with the award-winning musical, ***Sweeney Todd***. Opening on Broadway in 1979 & in the West End in 1980, it won the Tony Award for Best Musical & Olivier Award for Best New Musical. *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* is the tale of a Victorian-era barber who

returns home to London after fifteen years of exile to take revenge on the corrupt judge who ruined his life.

**Show dates:** May 1 & 2, 8 & 9, 15 & 16 @ 8pm;  
May 3 & 10 @ 3pm;

**PLEASE  
NOTE THE  
CORRECTED  
DATES!**

**Tickets:** \$22 (Regular)  
\$19 (Seniors & Students)  
\$10 (Children 12 and under)





**For April:**  
**Canned Fruits & Vegetables!**

## Recognizing Our Graduates!

Is there someone special in your family that is graduating this year (either last winter or this spring)? Please send us their name, where they are graduating from, and what their future plans are (college & major, employment, traveling plans, etc.), so we can celebrate their achievement in our May Newsletter! Contact the office to pass along the details ([info.fpchh@gmail.com](mailto:info.fpchh@gmail.com) or 856-547-6139).



## Saluting Those Who Serve(d)

Have you served our country in any branch of the armed forces? We are planning a special service on **Sunday, July 5**, to honor those who served and to celebrate our country's 250th birthday! If you served & are able to share a little about your experience, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sharon Cole if you are interested in being part of this special celebration of the armed forces and your service to our country.



## THE PINE BARONS CHORUS



Join the Pine Barons Chorus for their spring performance of *Sweet Dreams in Candyland* on **Saturday, May 9** at HOPE Church in Voorhees. Scan the QR code below for more info or to purchase tickets.\*



**Date:** Saturday, May 9

**Times:** 2:00pm & 7:30pm

**Tickets:** Adults: \$20 | Students: \$10 | Kids under 12: FREE

**\*See Jeff Hudson for the group discount rate: \$15/person!**

**Location:** HOPE Church, 700 Cooper Road, Voorhees



# Very Big Sunday



## and Deacons' PICNIC

-Fellowship!  
-Games!  
-Dessert  
Contest!  
& Much More!



June 7th



Sign up sheet  
coming soon!

### He Is Risen: Meeting Christ in Unexpected Places

Spring Sermon Series 2026

First Presbyterian Church, Haddon Heights

- April 19: He Is Risen! We Have Questions Indeed!
  - Luke 24:13-35
- April 26: He Is Risen! We Have Doubts Indeed!
  - John 20:19-29
- May 3: He Is Risen! We Have Goals Indeed!
  - Matthew 28:16-20
- May 10: He Is Risen! We Are Fed Indeed!
  - John 21:1-23
- May 17: He Is Risen! We Have Risen Indeed!
  - Luke 24:50-53 & Acts 1:I-II
- May 24: He Is Risen! We Have a Church Indeed!
  - Acts 2:1-21