



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 3, 2026  
5th 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 by Joanne Erwin in loving memory of her mother, Dorothy Dodds.*



**TODAY'S  
HYMNAL**

All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal, The Worshiping Church**, 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 8*

L: O Lord, Our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**P: You have set your glory above the heavens!**

L: When we look at your heavens, the works of your fingers,

**P: We see the moon and the stars that you have established.**

L: What are human beings that you are mindful of them?

**P: What are mortals that you care for them?**

L: Yet you have crowned us with glory and honor.

**P: O Lord, Our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

\*Gathering Hymn: "Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

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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)

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our lives, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

L: People of God, the resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God.

**P: God's grace is stronger than death and God's love has no boundary.**

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

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

\*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

\*Affirmation of Faith:

*The Confession of 1967*

**P: We believe God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds.**

L: Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

**P: But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant.**

L: The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world.

**P: Our Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

## 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:** Mark 15:15-28; Luke 24:45-49 (NT, pp.53-54; p.91)

\*Hymn: "We Are Called to Be God's People"

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**Second Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 28:16-20

(NT, p.34)

## 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 Goals, Indeed!"

*Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko, Pastor*

## We Respond to God's Word

### Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Prayer of Communion" *arr. Mary McDonald*  
*Chancel Choir; Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music*

\*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



*Please note that all bread provided for the Eucharist is gluten-free.*

### Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**P: We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Words of Institution

Communion

### Prayer After Communion

**Holy God, giver of wine and bread, send us from your table in confidence that we are your own children. May we be born of your Spirit, fed at your table, filled with your grace, and sent to speak your truth to the world in Christ's name. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray together, saying:**

**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: "I Come with Joy"

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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

*pray without ceasing*  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

	<b><u>Greeters</u></b> Jack Powers & DJ Volk	<b><u>Deacons</u></b> Bill Burrough Kate Colantonio Laura Masi	<b><u>LiveStream</u></b> Korey Owens Erin Gallagher	<b><u>Counters</u></b> Al Andrews Cheryl Hauske Carmen Muni
	<b><u>Nursery</u></b> Abby Burrough Maria Masi	<b><u>SS: Adults</u></b> Class-led Room 2	<b><u>Faith-Walk Class</u></b> Pastor Eliza Nursery	<b><u>Communion</u></b> Leslie Clark Cheryl Walmsley
	<b><u>SS: PreK-Grade 2</u></b> Kate Colantonio Room 3	<b><u>SS: Grades 3-5</u></b> TBD Room 7	<b><u>SS: Grades 6-8</u></b> TBD Room 6	

## Scriptures for Today's Service

### First Scripture Lesson:

#### **Mark 15:15-28 (NRSV)**

<sup>15</sup> So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified.

#### *The Soldiers Mock Jesus*

<sup>16</sup> Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole cohort. <sup>17</sup> And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on him. <sup>18</sup> And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" <sup>19</sup> They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. <sup>20</sup> After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

#### *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

<sup>21</sup> They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. <sup>22</sup> Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). <sup>23</sup> And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup> And they crucified him and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup> It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup> The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." <sup>27</sup> And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left.

<sup>28</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "And he was counted among the lawless."

#### **Luke 24:45-49 (NRSV)**

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

### Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

#### *The Commissioning of the Disciples*

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

# 98 Majesty, Worship His Majesty

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty. 1 Chr. 29:11*

Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his maj - es - ty; un - to Je - sus be all  
glo - ry, hon - or, and praise. Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty  
flow from his throne un - to his own, his an - them raise. So ex -  
alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus; mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri -  
fy Christ Je - sus, the King. Maj - es - ty, wor-ship his  
maj - es - ty; Je - sus, who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part includes several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) and a final asterisk (\*) above a triplet in the last system. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

# 710 We Are Called to Be God's People

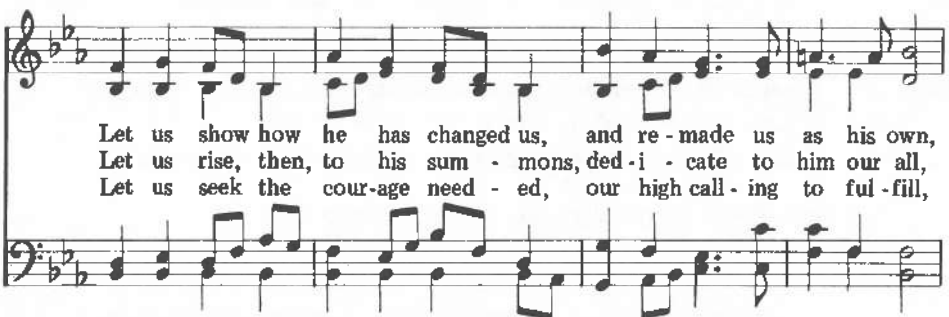
*Now you are the people of God. 1 Pet. 2:10*



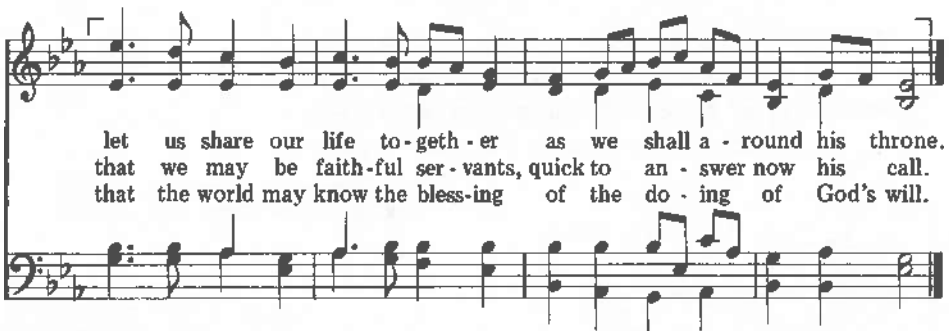
1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our lives his grace,  
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in his world to - day;  
3. We are called to be God's proph - ets, speak - ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race,  
tak - ing his own task up - on us, all his sa - cred words o - bey.  
stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing e - vil things to light.



Let us show how he has changed us, and re - made us as his own,  
Let us rise, then, to his sum - mons, ded - i - cate to him our all,  
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round his throne.  
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now his call.  
that the world may know the bless - ing of the do - ing of God's will.

WORDS: Thomas A. Jackson, 1973, alt.

MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

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AUSTRIAN HYMN

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# 768 I Come with Joy

"I have eagerly desired to eat . . . with you." Lk. 22:14

Unison

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, for-giv-en, loved and  
2. I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di-vi-sion  
4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his pres-ence, al-ways  
5. To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound, we'll go our dif-ferent

free, in awe and won-der to re-call his  
fed, the new com-mun-i-ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known; we  
ways, and as his peo-ple in the world, we'll

life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.  
Christ's com-mun-ion bread, in Christ's com-mun-ion bread.  
stran-gers now are friends, and stran-gers now are friends.  
see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.  
live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1977

MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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DOVE OF PEACE

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# Church Announcements

**THIS  
WEEK  
MAY 3**

## THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

### Sunday, May 3

- 9:00am - *Calvins & Cherubs Rehearsal*
- 9:30am - *Sunday School for ALL Ages*
- 10:10am - *Chancel Choir Rehearsal*
- 10:30am - *Worship, Sanctuary & FB Live*
- 3:00pm - *Village Playbox's "Sweeney Todd", Social Hall*

### Wednesday, May 6

- 11:00am - *Adult Bible Study, Zoom*

### Thursday, May 7

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

### Fri & Sat, May 8 & 9

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

## Annual Shoebox Project

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:

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



## Help Us Finish Our Sunday School Year Strong!



### OPEN DATES:

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.

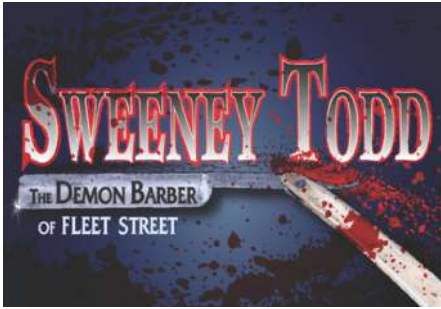


## Care Committee Seeking Additional Member

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;

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



# Sunday, June 21 after worship

## Congregational Meeting for Program Reports



## 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.

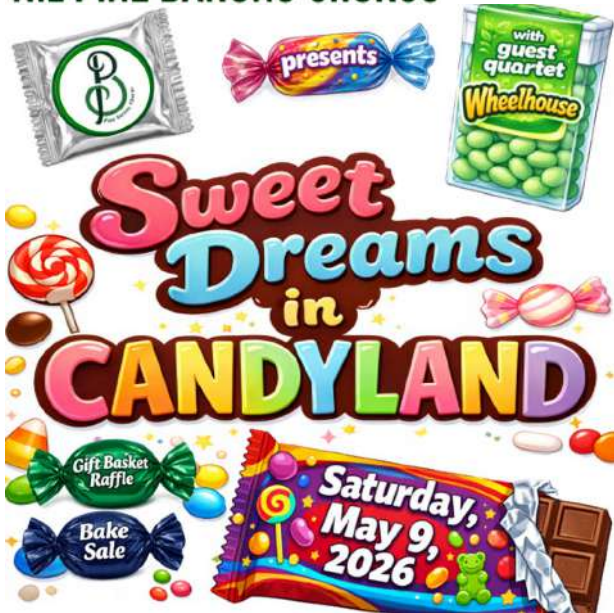


**For May:**

**Cereal & Oatmeal!**



## 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**

**Save the Date!**

**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