



CHRIST
THE LORD IS
RISEN
TODAY,

Alleluia!

YOU ARE LOOKING FOR JESUS THE NAZARENE, WHO WAS CRUCIFIED
HE HAS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE. | MARK 16:6 (NIV)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HADDON HEIGHTS

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

*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.**



All hymns today are in the **RED Hymnal**,
The Worshiping Church, unless otherwise noted.



Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

*Gathering Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

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Welcome and Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Choral Introit: "Easter Call"

*by Ralph Grosvenor
Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music*

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L–Leader / P–People)

L: On Friday, we thought the good news had been silenced.

P: On Friday, we thought the good news had taken its last breath.

L: On Friday, we thought the good news had been buried.

P: Today, we know the good news is alive and well.

L: Today, the good news has risen up.

P: Today, the good news is dancing.

L: Christ is Risen!

P: Christ is Risen indeed!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:30AM

28 Seventh Avenue, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035

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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)

Gracious God, we want to be Easter people. We want to shout your good news from the rooftop. We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you. We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid." But we are afraid. We don't know what to say. We don't know how to follow. We don't know where to run. Forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people. We are best intentions and best laid plans. We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias." Show us how to embody your good news in this world. Amen.

Silent Confession

Litany of Assurance

L: When the stone was rolled away, our empty hearts were filled with light.

P: When the stone was rolled away, our hopeful hearts overflowed with grace and mercy.

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri

#807 (Red Hymnal)

*Affirmation of Faith:

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P: I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ.

L: It sounds like welcome and feels like home.

P: It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy.

L: It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table,

P: So I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world.

L: And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach,

P: I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence.

L: I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him.

P: I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Amen.

We Read and Proclaim God's Word

Cherub Choir: "Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Halleluia, Praise Ye the Lord"
Kim Muni, Cherub Choir Director

Time with Our Children

Chancel Choir Anthem: "Risen Today!"

by Jay Althouse

First Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10

(NT, pp.33-34)

Second Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18, 21-25 (NT, pp.114-115)

Hymn of Preparation: "Improbable"

by Britt Kusserow

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| 1 Because nothing's impossible, | 5 When hate isn't permanent, |
| 2 For a Love that's improbable, | 6 Resurrection is imminent; |
| 3 For a God that's unstoppable, | 7 For a Love that looks different, |
| 4 Are you ready to try? | 8 Than the fear in their eyes. |
| | 9 I am ready to shine. |

Sermon: "The Good News Lives in the World" *Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko*

We Respond to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: "Prelude on Nicaea" *by J. Dykes, arr. S. Achterberg*
Mike Rugge, Organist; Chris Thomas, Vocals

*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: "Christ Is Alive!"

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Benediction (unison)

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

*Hymn: "Hallelujah Chorus"

by G. F. Handel

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude



PRAYER CONCERNS



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

The family & friends of Carol Boyle, Candace Lowden's sister

- 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



Greeters

Sally Burrough

Deacons

Tom Clarke
Margie Kent
Suzanne Lange

LiveStream

Korey Owens
Erin Gallagher

Counters

Leslie Clark
Vicki Clarke
Mark Zimmerman

Nursery

Kam Evans
Maria Masi

SS: Adults

Class-led

Faith-Walk Class

Pastor Eliza

No Sunday School today!

SS: PreK-Grade 2

SS: Grades 3-5

SS: Grades 6-8

No Sunday School today! Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 5

- 10:00am - Cherubs Rehearsal
- 10:10am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am - Easter Worship: He Is Risen!
Sanctuary & FB Live

Mon - Sun, Apr. 6-12

Pastor Eliza on Vacation

THIS WEEK @ FIRST PRES...

Thursday, April 9

7:30pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Fri-Sat, Apr. 10-11

8:00pm - Village Playbox's
"Broadway Bound" @ FPCHH

Scriptures for Today's Service

First Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Second Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18, 21-25 (NRSV)

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Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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Second Gospel Lesson *(continued)*

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ 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.”

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today 234

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Cor. 15:20

1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

242 In the Garden

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" Jn. 20:18

1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with him though the night a - round me be

ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain

Son of God dis - clos - es.
in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

Christ Is Alive! 243

"I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!" Rev. 1:18

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -
4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the
scorn or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
midst of life, our Sav - ior in the God - head reigns.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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MUSIC: Thomas Williams' *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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Church Announcements

**THIS
WEEK**
APR 5



Blooming in God's Splendid Glory!

As you enter church this morning please take a flower & place it on our *Blooming Cross* at the front of the sanctuary. (Please do this as soon as you come in, to avoid a delay in the start of the worship service.) We hope everyone will have a chance to make our cross bloom in God's magnificent glory!

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 |



Mission Teens Visit

Next **Sunday, April 12**, please help us welcome staff & residents from Mission Teens who will join us in worship & share their passion for this ministry & the impact it has had on

their lives. Mission Teens is a nondenominational program of Christian discipleship offered at no charge to people with life-controlling addictions of any kind. They are supported by churches and individuals who catch the vision of what God has called them to do. There are now 21 centers across the country, with the newest center opening in May.

Pastor Eliza on Vacation

Pastor Eliza will be on vacation from **Monday, April 6 through Sunday, April 12**. Please call the church office during office hours, or contact Leslie Clark, Elder, if the office is closed. Pastor Pete Hofstra, from First Presbyterian Church of Merchantville, will be on call for any pastoral emergencies.



Spring Volunteers Needed

Happy Spring! We are in the home stretch of the Sunday School year and need your continued support (for which we re so very grateful!). There are lots of opportunities to support our children's classes from **April 12th through May 17th**. Easily sign up by scanning the QR code here, clicking the link in your e-News, or on the board in the parlor.



Start Gathering Your Treasures

It's time to start gathering your treasures as the Deacons will be participating in the **Annual Town Wide Yard Sale on April 25**. You can begin bringing in your items now, please place them in **Room 2, along the left wall**. There are post-it notes on the table in Room 2 for you to label your items for the yard sale. If you've already dropped something off that is in Room 1 or 2, please take a minute to attach a post-it note to your item(s) to label them. **As a reminder, we do not accept clothing, bedding or electronics**. Please see a deacon if you have any questions.



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 existence & growth for 250 years. Plans are just starting to be formed, but if you served and would be willing to share a little about your time & experience, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sharon Cole or any member of the Music & Worship Committee if you are interested in being part of this special celebration of the armed forces and your service to our country.

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 or 856-547-6139).



Village Playbox's "Broadway Bound"

The Village Playbox invites you to a special musical performance at FPCHH, *Broadway Bound*.



Dates: April 10 & 11 @8pm
Tickets: \$10 (Adults)
\$5 (Children 12 & under)



For April:

**Canned
Fruit &
Vegetables!**



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 1:1-II
- May 24: He Is Risen! We Have a Church Indeed!
 - Acts 2:1-21



EASTER FLOWERS

The tulips in the chancel have been placed *in Honor* or *in Memory* of Loved Ones by those persons listed herein.

These Easter Flowers are given to the Glory of God, and



<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Dedicated By</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>	<u>Dedicated By</u>
Al & Betty Andrews & Connie.....	Al & Anne Andrews Brooks, Lauren, & William Barber	Wally & Edna Hudson	Jeff & Ro Hudson
Jenny Barber	Brooks Barber	Eleanor & Nate Ives	Judy & Doug Wilson
Mac Barber	Brooks Barber	Priscilla & Philip Jones	Lauren Jones
Nida Barber	Brooks Barber	Joshua	Sally Burrough
Marie & Bill Bozek.....	Phyllis & Mike Bozek	Our kitties: Yoda, Sammy, Moe, Pepper, & Binx.....	Reilly James-Wolfenstein & Crista James
Justine Busch	Jeff & Linda Moon	Rich Langford	Sandy Langford
Harris Carter	Phyllis Carter	James, Anne, John & Joy Lomax	Al & Anne Andrews
Florence & Richard Clark.....	Leslie & Rick Clark	Loved Ones	Candy and Paul Frantz
Tom & Carol Clarke	The Clarkes	Tony & Jan Grow Maienza	Chuck & Jenni Maienza
John & Kay Coward	The Clarkes	Marie & Bruce.....	Marjorie Miller
Dan & Jean Daly.....	Chuck & Jenni Maienza	Ethreba Maxwell.....	Carole & Hal Leadbeater
Lee A. Davis.....	Helen L. Davis	Agnes McLendon	Mother of Ellen Oakes
John Degnan	The Russo Family	Molly, Keene, Brewster, Martha Mitchell	Polly Mitchell
Danny DeSimone	The Mullan Family	Lee Davis & Rev. Calvin Moon	Jeff & Linda Moon
Fred & Anne DiRenzo.....	Ellie & Hal Wyckoff	Mary Ann Newnam.....	George Newnam
John A. Durham	His Loving Family	Carl & Bobbie Niedermayer	Their Family
Pat & Dick Edwards	Sandy Langford	Nolan	Marjorie Miller
Fran & Charlie	Marjorie Miller	Our Parents & Grandparents.....	Brian & Cathy Zobel
Eileen & Bob Freas.....	Nancy & Joe Wilk	Our Parents.....	Margie & Bruce Kent
Sylvia Hearne	Margie & Bruce Kent	Our Parents.....	Ann & Pete Williams
Bob & Frances Hoyert.....	The Westfield Family	Our Parents.....	Carole & Hal Leadbeater
		Al Oakes	Husband of Ellen Oakes, Father of David, Stephen, & Laura



EASTER FLOWERS *Continued*



In Memory Of	Dedicated By	In Memory Of	Dedicated By
Chuck & Dot Pawling.....	Their Family	Betty & Phil Warnke.....	Phyllis & Mike Bozek
Shirley & Art Ritter.....	Their Family	Flora & Herbert Weaver.....	Lauren Jones
Joe Russo	The Russo Family	Bill & Irene Westfield	The Westfield Family
Our Siblings – Barbara Shenk and Ian Kent	Margie & Bruce Kent	Lillie Wheelbley.....	Gloria Swiecicki
Pat, Jim & Rick Slemmer.....	Leslie & Rick Clark	Alberta & Victor Wilk.....	Nancy & Joe Wilk
Rita Sutter	Ross Slemmer	Greg Williams.....	Ann & Pete Williams
Martin Swiecicki MD.....	Gloria Swiecicki	Harold Wyckoff	Ellie & Hal Wyckoff
Marion Truax.....	Children & Grandchildren	John & Rose Marie Yurkow	Jeff & Ro Hudson

In Honor Of	Dedicated By	In Honor Of	Dedicated By
Breyer Family	Sharon Cole	Jackson, Luke, Gabe, Scarlett, & Calvin.....	Linda & Jeff Moon
The Care Team	A Friend	Jackie Robinson, "Mimi" ...	Jasmine & Jordan
Our Children and Grandchildren	Corky & Patti Pawling	Jackie Robinson, "Mom" ...	Kim & Jay
Our Children and Grandchildren	Brian & Cathy Zobel	Mike Rugge	Chancel Choir
Sharon Cole.....	Children, Grandchildren, & Ben	Mike Rugge	Lois Maynard & Douglas McVarish
Helen Davis	Linda & Jeff Moon	Mike Rugge	A Friend
Diven Family	Sharon Cole	Kay & Bill Steele	Judy & Doug Wilson
Sarah, Hari & Rami.....	Kim & Carmen	Chris Thomas	Chancel Choir
Evans Family.....	Sharon Cole	Chris Thomas	Lois Maynard & Douglas McVarish
Kam and Justin.....	Sharon Cole	Chris Thomas	A Friend
My Mother, Crista James	Reilly James-Wolfenstein	Terry, Sam & Gabby	Kim & Carmen
Our Church Family	The Jaremko's	Wednesday Adult Study Group.....	Lois Maynard & Douglas McVarish
Pastor Eliza.....	Your First Pres Family	My Dad, Michael Wolfenstein.....	Reilly James-Wolfenstein
Merry Muckers ...	Phyllis Bozek	Pauline Wyckoff	Hal & Ellie Wyckoff

