



Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**The First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
Lancaster, PA**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

Leading in Worship Today

The Rev. Dan Snyder

The Rev. Claire George-Drumheller

MUSIC

Dr. William Wright, Director of Music

Matt Weaver, Organist

The Chancel Choir

Ashlyn Frederick, Vocal Soloist

Clem Lichty, Timpani

Susquehanna Brass

Jackson Kollasch, Trumpet

Scott Loose, Trumpet

Cheryl Staherski, French Horn

Rick Staherski, Trombone

David Groome, Tuba

Chancel Flower Dedication

*Today's Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of
Milton K. and Elizabeth M. Morgan, Milton K. Morgan Jr., and Judy, by their families.*

*The lilies at the base of the cross in the foyer are given in loving memory of
Samuel M. Altdoerffer Sr., by his family.*

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

PRELUDE *Prelude for Easter Morning*
Festal Flourish
Chosen in His Resurrection

Gerald Near
Gordon Jacob
John Rutter, arr. Scott Loose

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Today is the day mystery unfolds.

ALL: The tomb is empty!

ONE: The Lord is risen!

ALL: With delight we proclaim, "Alleluia!"

ONE: With wonder we sing, "Alleluia!"

ALL: With faith we witness, "Alleluia!"

ONE: Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Let us worship God.

*HYMN #232 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

arr. John Rutter/Marilyn Witte
EASTER HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE: This is a day of celebration, and nothing should prevent us from lifting our voices in praise to God. We must not hide the things we have done or failed to do, the things that do not imitate the perfect love of Christ. We must not let them fester and stifle our joy. Therefore, let us bring them before God in confession.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of life, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. There is no way we can earn your love. We could never be worthy of your forgiveness. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are—in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame, in our delight and awe. Fill us with the light of resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim in word and deed that we have seen the Lord!

(silent confession)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (from Jeremiah 31:3 and John 20:13)

ONE: God says to us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." Christ says to us, "Why are you weeping?"

ALL: We need not fear. We need not weep.

ONE: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are loved, and we are redeemed!

ALL: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit, so that we may proclaim the good news of abundant life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: **John 20:1-18** (pg 88 NT in the pew Bible)

ONE: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

ANTHEM *Christ the Lord Is Ris'n Again*

Philip Stopford

Christ the Lord is ris'n again, Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is the Paschal Lamb today; we too sing for joy, and say, Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry. Alleluia!

He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away: Let us sing by night and day, Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

ONE: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

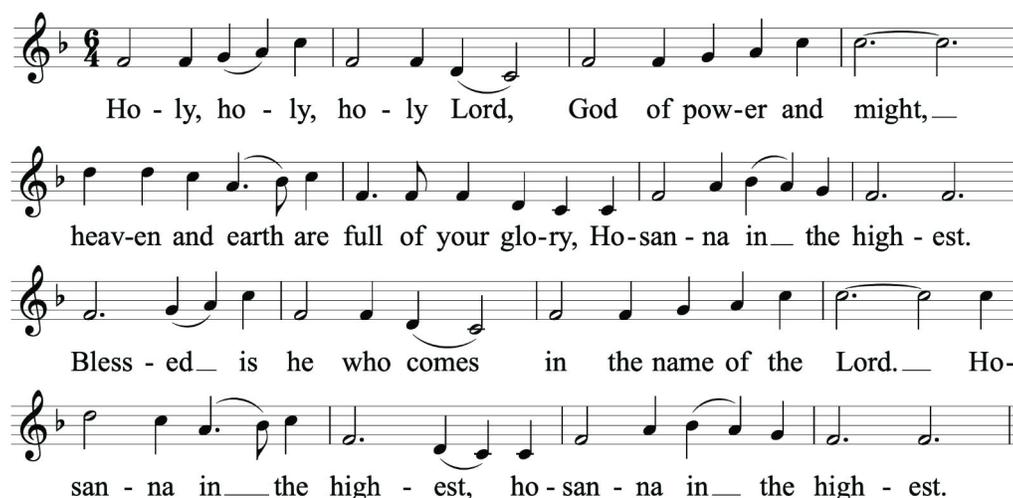
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

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

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

arr. Marcia Pruner and Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, —
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho-san - na in — the high - est.
Bless - ed — is he who comes in the name of the Lord. — Ho-
san - na in — the high - est, ho - san - na in — the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Come forward to receive communion elements; the server at the center has gluten-free bread. Let ushers know if you prefer to remain seated, and communion will be brought to you. You may take communion as soon as you have received the elements.

Music during Communion ***I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (from "Messiah")*** G. F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN #246 ***Christ Is Alive!***

TRURO

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ***Hallelujah (from "Messiah")***

G. F. Handel

POSTLUDE ***Toccata from Symphony No. 5***

Charles-Marie Widor

Easter Lily Dedications

The lilies placed in the Sanctuary and Shirk Hall are given:

In memory of their parents,
Don & Sue Goldstrom and
Thomas & Cecelia Bennett,
by Karen & Jim Bennett.

In memory of Bernice H. Quay,
by Michael Groff & Tim Brendler.

In memory of father and
husband, John F. Kohler, and
grandparents,
Alfred & Isabelle Kohler
and Harman & Florence Moore,
by Beth Kohler and
Cindi Kohler Hendricks.

In memory of
husband, John F. Kohler,
by Julie Kohler.

In memory of
parents, Alfred & Isabelle Kohler,
brother, John F. Kohler (Jack), and
brother, V. Riggs Kohler,
by Don Kohler.

In memory of
Sandra Rutter and Henry Rutter,
by Brian Rutter.

In memory of William Bourke,
by Donna Bourke.

In memory of
Imre J. & Helen I. Barsy,
by Louise & Sean Colgan.

In memory of their parents and
in honor of their children and
grandchildren,
by Bob & Dotty Larson.

In memory of loved ones,
by Jean Morgan.

In memory of their parents and
daughter, by Fred & Stella Guion.

In memory of C.J. Manners
and in honor of Kate Manners,
by Beth & Chuck Manners.

In honor of grandchildren,
Brendan, Ashleigh, and June,
by Linda & David Wagenseller.

In memory of parents,
the Rev. John & Marian Doane,
by Jennifer Doane Cross and
Elizabeth Doane Richard.

In memory of
Hugh, Carolyn, and Jeffrey Love
and Sara Love Steward,
by Stephanie & Tom McCurdy.

In memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Darmstaetter Sr.,
by Doug & Marilynn Darmstaetter.

In memory of
David & Nancy Roy,
by Dana Myers.

In memory of their parents,
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Noll and
Mr. & Mrs. H. Robert Linton,
by Rick & Pam Noll.

In memory of mother,
Dorothy Smoker, and
brother, Mark Smoker,
by Alison Smoker.

In memory of their parents,
Mack & Gladys Blevins and
Jim & Eleanor Cox,
by Gaye & Denny Cox.

In loving memory of
Jeff Alexander,
by the Alexander and
Spangler families.

In memory of Cherie Riggs,
by Randy & May Riggs.

In honor of the Frizado, Haines,
and Lichty families,
by Clem & Beth Lichty.

In memory of
Jeanne Marie Osborne,
by Robert Osborne and
Beatrice & Alex Levicoff.

In honor of Grace & Eliza Harnish, by
Mark & Mary Harnish.

In memory of
D. Peary Lindquist,
by the Lindquist family.

In memory of
F. Perry Love,
by Susan and Cathy Love.

In memory of their granddaughter,
Hallie Jackson, and in honor of their
families, by Bob & Sally Schwabe.

In memory of Frank Muse,
by Sandy Reed.

In memory of
David Scott Cushman,
by Ed & Linda Cushman-Baugh.

In memory of
Joseph H. Bumsted,
by Becky Bumsted.

Plants may be taken home following the worship service.

Ways to Give: Mission Giving

Our second quarter mission giving supports our partners that serve those in the Lancaster community experiencing housing insecurity.

Clare House (344 E. Chestnut St.) is a transitional housing program for mothers and children facing homelessness. Clare House has an employment-focused program that provides safety, housing, and supportive services with the goal of financial stability. www.clarehouse Lancaster.org

Tenfold (105 E. King St.) operates TLC, a 52-room shelter that provides temporary housing and support services for individuals, couples, families, and veterans experiencing homelessness. www.WeAreTenfold.org/TLC

Chestnut Housing (434 E. Chestnut St.) provides affordable rental housing to people experiencing homelessness, and they are committed to supporting affordable housing solutions in the City of Lancaster. www.chestnuthousing.org



Loose Offering Plate Collection

On communion Sundays, the loose offering plate collections go to the Deacons' Emergency Relief Fund, which is used to support at-risk individuals in our church and community.



Special Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

Immediately following World War II, Protestant churches in the U.S. made appeals for relief and reconstruction in areas devastated by the war, and the leaders of several denominations organized a national appeal. One Saturday evening in March of 1949, a program called "One Great Hour" was broadcast over major networks and many independent stations. The broadcast closed with a request that listeners attend their local church the following morning and make a sacrificial contribution. It was estimated that more than 75,000 churches participated.

From the beginning, One Great Hour of Sharing has been an ecumenical effort. While each denomination allocates its gifts differently, all use their funds for ministries that repair the lives of people who are hurting.

FPC will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering between March 29-April 5. Money collected will go to ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that share God's love with global and national neighbors in need, addressing disaster recovery, hunger relief, systemic poverty, immigration and refugee support, and creation care.

Mark gifts (cash, check, or online) with "OGHS." Together, let us participate in God's ongoing repair of the world God so loves.

Mission Opportunities

Crispus Attucks Food Pantry

Wednesday, April 8

12:45-3:45 p.m.

Volunteer parking lot- 412 Locust Street.

Contact Patti Overly to volunteer: patti@fpclancasterpa.org

Community Meal

Tuesday, April 14

Food prep help: 3:00 p.m.

Servers: 4:30 p.m.

First Reformed Church, 40 E. Orange St.

Contact Patti Overly to volunteer: patti@fpclancasterpa.org

New Member Class @ FPC

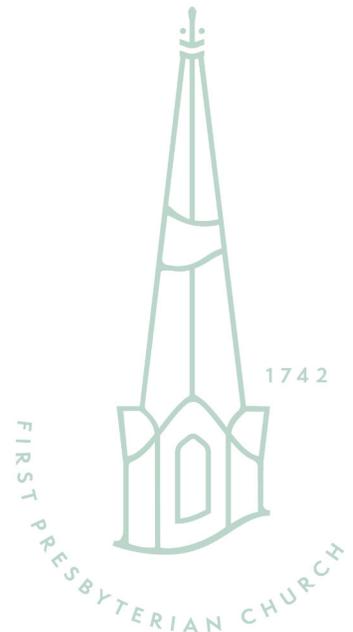
Sunday, April 26

(please note date change)

11:30-1:30 p.m. at FPC

The New Member Class is for those who want to learn more about how we live out our faith at FPC and would like to become members. We will begin with lunch after the 10:30 worship service on April 19, and participants will have the opportunity to join the church as members at the end of class. Childcare can be provided if requested at registration. New members will be introduced in worship on Sunday, April 26.

Please register by Monday, April 13 so that lunch can be arranged. Register on Realm or by contacting the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org or 717-394-6854).



Chamber Choir Festival Concert

Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

Don't miss this powerful celebration of choral music! This Chamber Choir Festival Concert will showcase 145 singers from Lampeter-Strasburg, Lebanon, Penn Manor, and Pequea Valley. Enjoy individual performances from each choir and an unforgettable combined finale.

*An offering for the Power Packs program of Lancaster County
will be taken during the concert*

Save The Date! ALL CHURCH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14
NOON-3:00 P.M.**

LANCASTER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK
PAVILION 1



Easter Small Groups

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. This Easter season, engage Scripture and build community by joining one of our 4-week Small Groups. Groups will meet during the weeks of April 5, April 12, April 19, and April 26, and discussions will focus on Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday and the impact of Easter on our lives of discipleship.

In order to receive communication from your leaders, please sign up for the Small Group of your choice by following the QR code (below), or by contacting the church office (info@fpclancasterpa.org).

Men's Group @ the Richards'

The Richard Family Home (address will be sent to registrants)
Mondays, 6:00 p.m. (4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27)
Josh Richard and Dan Snyder, co-leaders

Women's Small Group

Thornhill Winery Tasting Room (1945 Fruitville Pk.)
Tuesdays, gather at 6:30 p.m.; study at 7:00 p.m. (4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28)
Carol Aastad, Linda Cushman-Baugh, Carol Lytch, & Jan Masland, co-leaders

Thursday Morning Men's Group

FPC Library
Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 a.m. (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
Dan Snyder, Leader

Women's Bible Study

FPC Community Arts Annex (Room 1)
Thursdays (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
9:30-10:00 a.m., gathering; 10:00-11:00 a.m., study
Alison Mekeel & Donna Wilcox, co-leaders

Willow Valley

North Activity Room & North Auditorium
Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m. (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
Claire George-Drumheller and Beth Horst, co-leaders
*Open to all! Group communications will include location details

Thursdays on Zoom

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. (4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30)
Millard & Carolyn Fisher, co-leaders



SUMMER CHORAL CAMP

For rising 3rd-12th grade students
(2026/2027 school year)

JUNE 22-26 / 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at First Presbyterian Church / 140 E Orange St / Lancaster



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A day camp for
students who
love music and want to
explore and develop
their musicality
in a fun
choir setting



Family Ministry

Katie Kindig
Director of Family Ministry



Sunday Mornings

The Nursery

Suggested for 6wks up to 4yrs

Second Floor, open 9:00-11:30 a.m. / Professional Staff

Nursery students engage in free-play, a short Scripture lesson and organized activity time.

We ask that you assist with your student's hand-washing upon arrival. We have hand sanitizer stations as well.

A nut-free snack is provided. Please bring a labeled water bottle and alternative snacks if needed. A changing table, with quiet room are also available.

No Worship Arts today. Students are encouraged to worship with their families on Communion Sunday.

Worship Arts Faith Formation

Suggested for 4yrs through grade 7

Worship Arts begins with a combined lesson and then splits to separate age-appropriate groups to study. A peanut free snack is offered.

Taught by FPC volunteer teachers, we study Scripture through reading, dramatic play, storytelling, and song.

Students begin worship in Shirk Hall (9:00 a.m.) OR the sanctuary (10:30 a.m.) with their families.

Teachers will escort students who wish to participate in Worship Arts to the upper level following the "Worship Arts Blessing."

Parents attending the 9:00 a.m. service - Students will be escorted back to you before the end of the service.

Parents attending the 10:30 a.m. service - Students will return to the sanctuary at the end of worship or can be picked up in the lobby.

Youth Ministry

Designed for grades 7-12 and led by Family Ministry staff and volunteers.

April 5-Selah (pause and rest), no youth group

April 12-Study and service at FPC, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

April 19-Study (location TBA), 4:30-6:00 p.m.

April 26-Kayaking with KayakLanco; RSVP required
(katie@fpclancasterpa.org) by April 15.

Celebrating Children at FPC

Dear parents of young children,

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastor, ushers, musicians, etc.

Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know they are at home in this house of worship.

Dear church members,

The presence of children is a gift to the church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Large-print hymnals are available. Please alert an usher or greeter if you would like one for today's service.

Guest WIFI Password:
Welcome2FPC

Online prayer
request here:

