

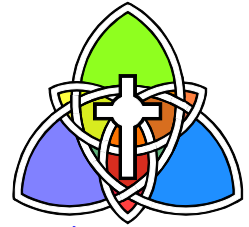


# First Presbyterian Church

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# Easter Sunday



*A nurturing community in Jesus Christ reflecting God's love for the world as we  
Worship, Grow and Serve.*

\*Those who are able may stand

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thanks for joining us in worship today. Please sign the red Friendship Pad. If you are a visitor, please share with us your contact information, including your email address, so we can add you to our email distribution list.*

## PRELUDE

*Day of Delight*, arr. by Christian Hendricks

## CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: He is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: This is the good news we have received, in which we stand,  
and by which we are saved:

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

One: At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

**All: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed! Amen.**

## \*HYMN #238

*Thine is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (unison)

**Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing.**

**You lift all things out of the dust,**

**you breathe love into every cell,**

**you call us into communion with you,**

**and you claim victory over death.**

**Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.**

**\*GLORY TO GOD HYMN #582 (unison)**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

**All-knowing, all-powerful God,  
we confess that, even on this most holy day,  
we are unable to believe in the victory over death  
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith,  
hope, and love.  
Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning  
presence throughout the ages, we would be lost.  
Forgive us and transform us,  
that in every way our work and prayer will  
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.**

**SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**ANTHEM** Great Gate of Kyiv” from *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Modest Mussorgsky

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)**

**Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,  
through the work of your Holy Spirit,  
that in the hearing of your Word  
we may receive new life. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURES** (PAGES 895,882) *Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18*

Response after reading: This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

*He Called Her by Name*

Pastor Dan McKenty

*(If you have prayer concerns or joys today,  
please use our Prayer Request Card and give it to an Usher during this hymn.)*

**\*HYMN #268**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIDEMATA

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting, Amen.**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*To the Lamb on the Throne*

Dan Forrest

**\*SONG OF DEDICATION**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**HYMN# 606**

**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**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*As each group is prayed for the minister will say: Lord in Your Mercy, and the people will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (unison)

**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.  
Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #245**

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

LLANFAIR

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

John 6:35

Jesus said: I am the bread of life.  
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will  
never be thirsty.

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER** (responsive)

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed.**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them up to God.**  
Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
Glorious God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
for on this day creation sings,  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
He has burst forth from the tomb  
to break the tangles of despair and death.  
Love is come again.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing  
who forever sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power, Giver of life,  
heaven and earth declare your splendor.  
Praise, glory, and love are yours.**

All-embracing God,  
we give thanks for Jesus,  
the risen Lord of life,  
who rose victorious from the grave  
and made the whole creation new.  
He broke bread with sinners,  
fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed,  
then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

**Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.**

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts of bread and wine,  
and our lives in thanks and praise.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us  
the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth,  
that we may proclaim good news to all the world  
and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God,  
where death and pain are no more  
and you dwell with us forever.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise.  
Amen.**

#### **SACRAMENT OF OUR LORDS' SUPPER**

*The table of the LORD is open to all believers who accept Jesus Christ as Lord  
and Savior, and all children who have been instructed in the meaning of the  
Sacrament.*

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

*Hallelujah Chorus*

Handel

### *About the Music by Christian Hendricks*

“Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the gospel spread!” While the words for the hymn “Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded” come from the 1990’s, the tune for our prelude comes from the 1590’s, a dance written by Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi. It is a time to celebrate, why not dance?

The “Great Gate of Kyiv” is from Pictures at Exhibition, by Modest Mussorgsky. Each of the pieces in the suite is a musical depiction of a work by Mussorgsky’s friend Viktor Hartmann, who had died suddenly the previous year. Concluding the suite, “Great Gate of Kyiv” was a drawing of a proposed magnificent gate for the city.

First the gates of Jerusalem were opened to Jesus, now the gates of heaven—this music expresses the grandeur of the matter.

“To the Lamb on the Throne” is Dan Forrest’s setting of Charles Wesley’s “Ye Servants of God,” with it’s repeated refrain of “Worthy the Lamb.” It is our big Easter anthem with brass and choir coming together to “adore and give Him his right.” The congregation are encouraged to join in for the final verse, which is printed in the bulletin.

We also have two well-known pieces by Händel. First is the hymn “Thine Is the Glory,” adapted from a chorus first found in the oratorio Joshua and then in Judas Maccabeus. And then we conclude with one of the oldest continuously performed pieces in the West, the great “Hallelujah” chorus from Messiah, which concludes the second part of the oratorio, depicting the Passion and God’s Triumph.



## ***2025 Easter Memorials—Flowers***



### ***Given in loving memory of—***

Betty Steele Brown by Janeen Brown Ruff  
Clement H. Brown by Janeen Brown Ruff  
Our parents by Shirley & Greg Hills  
Paul S. Olchvary by Shirley & Greg Hills  
Our daughter Kelly Lick by Linda & Richard Banks  
My brother by Ann Roybal  
My parents by Ann Roybal  
Laura Mehan Eliaszewskyj by Ron & Annette Mehan  
Our parents by Ron & Annette Mehan  
Loved ones by Bob & Nancy Black  
Her parents Milton & Dorothy Roessel by Judy & Rick Agnello  
His parents Thomas & Jean Agnello by Judy & Rick Agnello  
My husband J. Phil Brighton by Rhett Brighton  
Sheila & Bob Phillips by Laura & Al Sievert  
Lea McMurtry by Janet Belles  
Alie Trowbridge by Pam, Bob, Tommy & Kevin Wunder  
Bill Wunder by Pam, Bob, Tommy & Kevin Wunder  
Our parents by Stephanie & Tim Birdsall  
Loved ones by Kern & Marianne Piser  
Our parents by Fritz & Jacque Land  
Our parents by Matt & Marilyn Reyne  
Dick Prettyman by his wife Gloria & children  
My husband Bob by Jane McAlpine  
My father Lee Anderson by Sheila Anderson  
My daughter Bronwyn Pipitone by Sheila Anderson  
Amanda and all the lives lost to the disease of addiction by Kim Raff  
Family and friends. May you rest in peace by Kim Raff  
Bill Lewis, Gary Linwood and Beth Goddard by Nancy Lewis  
My parents Margaret & Ray Wilkie by Carol Aftosmis  
James Aftosmis by Carol Aftosmis  
My daughter Ann by Carolyn Morton  
JoAnne McNeely by Jim McNeely



***Given in honor of—***

Our grandchildren by Shirley & Greg Hills  
Our daughter-in-law Charlene Lick by Linda & Richard Banks  
Our children & grandchildren by Bob & Nancy Black  
Our grandchildren by Ron & Carol Olson  
The Short family by Willee & Paul Short  
Dannielle, Rita, and Dave by Kim Raff  
Our granddaughters Alexis & Delaney by Bob & Sandy Wenner  
The Ukrainian family we support by Carolyn Morton  
My wonderful grandchildren by Carolyn Morton

**This Week's Worship- April 20, 2025**

**Ushers:** Carol Aftosmis, Marianne Piser,  
Dave Meyers, Joe Kowalski

**Liturgist:** Nancy Lewis

**Closer:** Greg Hills

**Counters:** Matt Reyne, Joe Huggins

**Greeters:** Carol Olson

**Next Week's Worship- April 27, 2025**

**Ushers:** Vickie Pierson-Perry, Willee Short,  
Sarah Huckleberry, Paul Biddle

**Liturgist:** TBD

**Closer:** Paul Biddle

**Counters:** Matt Reyne, Joe Huggins

**Greeters:** Lynne Reyne, Stephanie Birdsall

**Guest Musicians**

**Trumpet 1:** Becca Wertenberger

**Trumpet 2:** Tyler Bouttavong

**Horn:** Madi Leslie

**Trombone:** Blake Downs

**Tuba:** Scarlett Baker

**Timpani:** Jonathan Rowe



## Board of Directors

As you are all aware, First Presbyterian Newark has decided to rehabilitate and re-open Westminster House to serve as a blessing and to spread the gospel both within the church and the wider community. We are forming a new 501 (c) (3) corporation to oversee the renovations and ongoing use of Westminster House. Membership on the Board of Directors is open to all who are interested in becoming involved in this exciting new chapter in the life of our church. The Board will work closely with the session but will be independent of the session. Once constituted, the Board will elect its own officers, determine meeting times, terms of service, etc. We are hoping to limit the Board to nine members for manageability's sake. If you are interested in serving in this vital capacity, please email Pastor Dan at [pastor@firstpresnewark.org](mailto:pastor@firstpresnewark.org). How exciting it will be to see what God has planned for Westminster House!

### **Sing a New Song: A History of Music and the Church in the West**

The presence of any element in our worship is the result of millennia of question, debate, acceptance, even compromise, and the matter of music is no different. For four weeks, beginning May 4th, we'll survey the 2000 years of history of music as it relates to Christianity, exploring the different perspectives on the role music should (or should not) play in worship, what kinds of music should be allowed, the interplay between sacred and secular developments in Western music, and so on. This broad overview is designed to educate on the topic, as well as to open questions for yourself about what music and belief means to you. While we will be using Paul Westermeyer's *Te Deum: The Church and Music* as a focus text, it is not required to participate, and while topics of musicology and music theory will be discussed as necessary, the seminars are designed with the musical layperson in mind. Please come join the Adult Discipleship class on Sundays at 11:30 in the parlor of Memorial Hall as Christian Hendricks leads us on a musical journey.

# April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	<b>31</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	<b>1</b> 10:00am - 11:30am PW CT - MH Parlor 6:30pm - 8:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Leader Meeting- MHW	<b>2</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 10:00am - 11:00am Admin Meeting-Library 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>3</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>4</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom	<b>5</b> 8:00am - 9:00am 1st Saturday Breakfast- MHW
<b>6</b> Sacrament of Communion 10:00am - 11:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting- MHW	<b>7</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	<b>8</b> 6:00am - 9:00pm City of Newark Election MHW 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56- 7:00pm - 9:00pm Deacon's - Library - Zoom 7:00pm - 9:30pm Finance Mtg.-Zoom	<b>9</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 1:00pm - 4:00pm Funeral- Sanctuary , MHW 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Committee 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>10</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>11</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	<b>12</b> 8:00am - 3:00pm Boy Scout Flea Market Sale-MHW
<b>13</b> 10:00am - 11:00am Palm Sunday Service - Sanctuary 11:00am - 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt - Lower Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development	<b>14</b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm Hope Dining Room 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS	<b>15</b> 10:00am - 12:00pm Rachel Circle -MH Giliwa and Ruth Circle- Parlor hybrid 1:00pm - 3:00pm Elizabeth Circle - Parlor hybrid 7:00pm - 8:30pm Lydia Circle-Zoom/Parlor/hybrid	<b>16</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>17</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 4:00pm - 5:00pm HR Team- MH Library 5:30pm Maundy Thursday Potluck - MHW 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>18</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 6:30pm Good Friday Service - Sanctuary	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 7:00am - 8:00am Easter Sunrise Service - Remembrance Garden 10:00am - 11:00am Easter Sunday Service (traditional) - Sanctuary 11:30am - 12:30pm Adult Spiritual Development 1:00pm - 3:00pm Girl Scout Troop 157 Meeting	<b>21</b> 6:00pm - 7:00pm Girl Scout Troop 15- Youth Room LS 7:00pm - 9:00pm Session -Zoom/ Library	<b>22</b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm Cub Pack 56-MHW	<b>23</b> 9:00am - 10:00am Prayer Group-Zoom 12:00pm - 1:00pm Band of Brothers-Library 7:00pm - 8:00pm Bell Choir Practice - LS 7:00pm - 8:30pm BSA Troop 56 Meeting	<b>24</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Library Reserved 7:00pm - 8:00pm Choir Practice-Choir room	<b>25</b> 9:00am - 11:00am Finance/Bill Pay - Zoom 4:00pm - 6:00pm Food for Success	<b>26</b>
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