

After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses:
not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion.

Welcome to worship, no matter where you are in your faith journey.

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship
April 27, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
BRIGHT SUNDAY**

10:00 AM

APRIL 27, 2025



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

FOCUSING UPON GOD's presence AND VOICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"Prelude in G"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed.

All: We gather in this space to continue the Easter celebration.

One: The story hasn't ended; the next chapter has only just begun.

All: We are writing the next chapter together, filled with the breath of Jesus.

One: Blessed are we who gather as witnesses, to see our risen Lord and tell the story of his love through our own words and actions.

All: May the light we shine always reflect the love and grace of our resurrected Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMN #305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: After Easter, there is a tendency to think it's over. There's a temptation to think we're done. The celebration can end. The story has reached its climax. We may even get complacent, believing that grace gives us permission to do whatever we want, whenever we want, no matter the cost. The truth is that Easter challenges us to keep living faithfully as God's beloved children. The truth is that the story never ends, and we're still writing it with each breath we take. The truth is that we need the Easter story to keep going for all the moments when we forget to love God and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. We need the Easter celebration to keep going so we always remember we are beloved children of God. Let us pray together for the ways we forget to remember the wideness of God's love and mercy.

All: Gracious God, we know the story is still going. We know the earth still spins and the grace still flows. We know your love calls us each day to live into the hope of Easter. Yet, sometimes we forget. Sometimes we don't think the celebration can possibly still be going. We get complacent or try to hide away, thinking there's no way we can live out our faith in the real world. Show us your hands and side again, Lord, to remind us you are real. Your call is real. Your love is real. Your invitation for us to live in the world and reflect your love to all we meet is real. Be with us when we take paths that don't lead to life and help lead us home again.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers. *(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

REVELATION 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

⁵And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

⁶And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

⁸I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 20:19-31

¹⁹Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

²⁰And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

²¹Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them,

Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

²³Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

²⁴But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

²⁶And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you.

²⁷Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

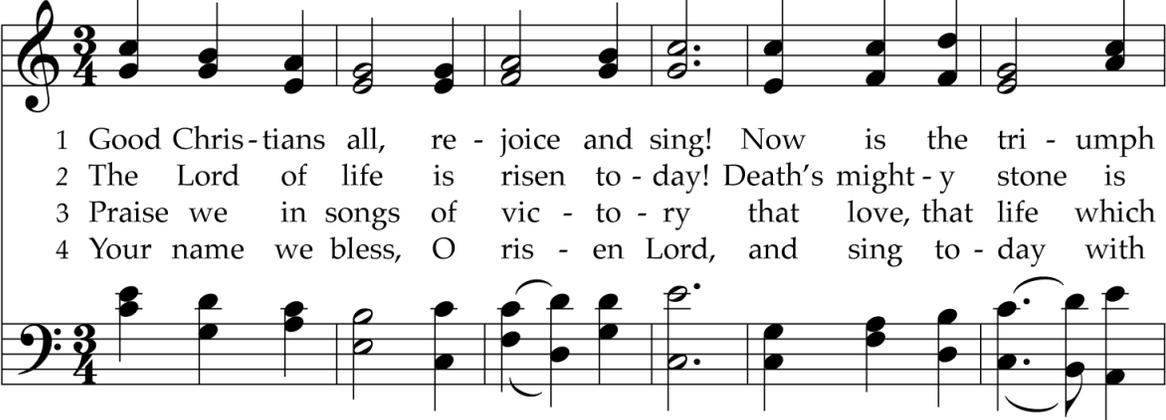
²⁸And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

²⁹Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

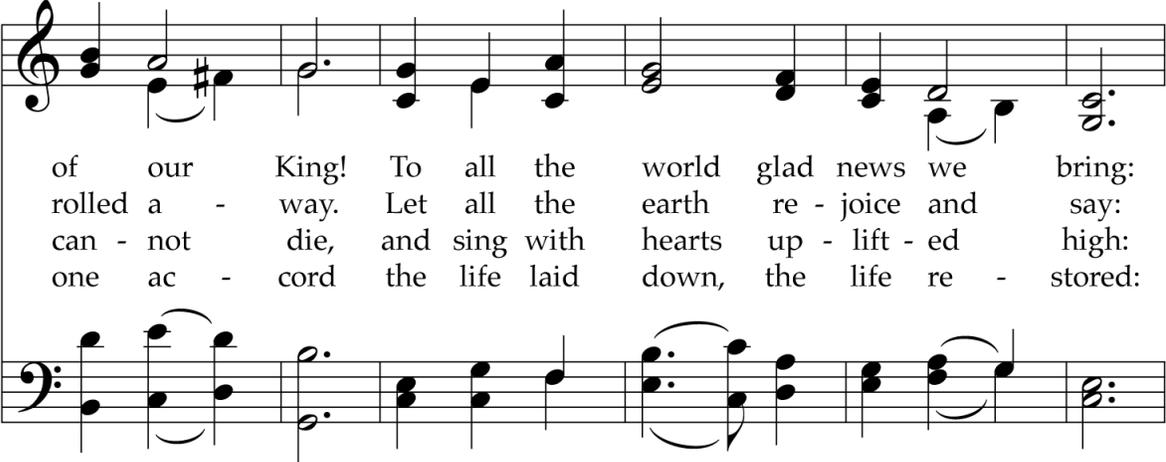
³⁰And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

³¹But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Andante"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #611 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* *(Sheet music on next page.)*

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Devotional Moment #1"*

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.



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Hymn #305 Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI 1695793

Hymn #239 Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI 1695793

Offertory Maurice Greene, Public Domain

Hymn #611 Glory to God Hymnal, Public Domain

Postlude Alexander Schreiner, © Alfred Music, with permission

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Faith Life

April 27, 2025

We hope you'll join us following worship for Sunday Morning Together, beverages, snacks, and fellowship.



Check out our new and updated announcements! We have plenty of news that you won't want to miss. Please be sure to go through all the pages and stay up to date! Your support and engagement mean the world to Faith Church, and we can't wait to share what's next!



- **TODAY:** Dementia Friendly LV, Kid's music, Fellowship
- **May 4:** Potluck Luncheon, Wildlands Presentation
- **May 11:** Daybreak cookie bags, Fellowship, Kid's music
- **May 18:** SMT wrap-up, Fellowship, Kid's music

Potluck Luncheon

Next Sunday, following worship, we will gather together for our monthly Potluck Luncheon. The Ministry to the Congregation Committee invites all to attend! The main course for May is Chicken Pot Pie. They ask church members to please bring the following. If your name begins with:

A-L: please bring a side dish.

M-Z: please bring a dessert.



Graduates!



If you or a family member is graduating, be sure to reach out to the church office by May 4 with all the necessary details, such as the name of the graduate, their graduation date and location, and what they plan to do next, whether it's pursuing higher education, starting a career, or another path. Including a photo of the graduate would add a personal touch and help the church family

connect with and celebrate each individual's journey. We would like to honor the hard work and dedication of the graduates in the summer Faith Flyer.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

BASKET & 50/50 RAFFLES!

SAVE THE DATE!

SHE NAILED IT!

TAILGATE AND COMPETITION

- Competition begins May 5, 2025 promptly at 4:00 p.m.
- QR code for online donation can be used until April 18.

FOOD & DRINK TRUCKS

After that, make checks out to the church.

Lehigh Valley **Habitat for Humanity**

570 Durham St, Hellertown, PA 18055



SHE NAILED IT! is fast approaching, May 5 to be exact. If you are planning on attending and would like to carpool, please contact Sally Heimbach



Our High School youth will be heading off to work camp again this summer. Each of our work campers will be seeking three dog tag sponsors. We hope you will consider becoming a sponsor for one of them. With a suggested donation of \$75, you will be supporting them and the important work they do.

As a sponsor, you will receive a set of dog tags that symbolize your bond with your camper. These tags will serve as a constant reminder of the impact you are making in their lives. You'll also receive a devotion booklet for keeping them and all of our work campers and their mission in your daily prayers.

All work camp dog tag sponsors can send their support by writing a check to "Faith Presbyterian Church" and include "workcamp" on the memo line.

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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Fridays

Volunteers Needed

The Nursery Needs You!



We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during the worship time. If you do not have your clearances, we can assist you in obtaining them. Here are the dates when volunteers are needed:

Every Sunday in May

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or see Sally Heimbach. Helpers will need their clearances. Thank you.

Worship Assistants Needed



Assisting during worship is easier than you think! Spoon-fed instructions are provided, along with all the necessary materials. Everything is prepared for you! Yet, as easy as it is, volunteers are always needed. Here are the dates when a worship assistant is needed:

May 4, 11

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or see Sally Heimbach. Thank you.

Fellowship Hosts Needed



Everybody loves fellowship time following worship. It's a wonderful time to catch up with your church family! Hosting is easy and instructions are provided, but we still need people to volunteer. Here are the dates when hosts are needed:

May 11, 18, 25

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Tim Bagnull or Andy Ingram. Thank you.

Ushers Needed



Volunteers to usher are needed on Sunday mornings. It's easy, a reminder is sent along with instructions. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. If you want more information, please talk to Anne Laubach.



May 4 - "On the Road to Damascus"
Acts 9:1-20

May 11 - "Peter's Vision"
Acts 11:1-18

Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meet at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at various coffee houses. All women are welcome! Speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



Youth Group Needs

Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Group Director, could use some help from us here at FPC. At times, an adult or two are needed to assist in the Youth Group activity, program.



No experience is needed or special skills, just a genuine interest in our youth. The commitment can be flexible. Why not give Pastor Jo a call (phone number is in the directory) and find out what it's all about. You will be greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!

How Can You Support Our Youth?

Sponsoring a meal for our Groups is a very beneficial and easy way to show your support for our youth. (For a rewarding experience, consider joining them for the meal and getting to know them better.)

It's easy - scan the QR code to schedule or sponsor your meal, or you can call Pastor Jo. at a wonderful way to show interest in and support of our youth!



THANK YOU!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Scan this QR code to donate to aid disaster relief, or send a check with PDA in the memo line, mail to:

Presbyterian Disaster c/o
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



There are several specific disasters on the PDA website. You can give directly to any one of them, or let PDA determine where best to use your donation.

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared days ahead of distribution.
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.



Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

This Week

Sunday, April 27

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Together

Monday, April 28

8:00 a.m. - Outside Use (PL)
7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, April 29

3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (Rm. 2)

Wednesday, April 30

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
Noon - Word on Wednesday (P)
6:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)

Thursday, May 1

3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
6:30 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 2: Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 3

9:00 a.m.- Quilters (FH)
10:00 a.m. - Teachers' Closet

Next Week

Sunday, May 4: Youth Group Mini-Golf

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together: Potluck Luncheon

Monday, May 5

4:00 p.m. - She Nailed It! (Habitat for Humanity fundraiser)
7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, May 6

3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (Rm. 2)
7:00 p.m. - Ministry of Support (P)

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
Noon - Word on Wednesday (P)
6:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)

Thursday, May 8

10:00 a.m. - Conversations
3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
6:30 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 9: Church Office Closed

5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Lock-in

Saturday, May 10

Youth Group Lock-in
9:00 a.m.- Quilters (FH)

Daybreak – May 12
Flyer deadline—May 18
2025 Per Capita—\$50.00

Volunteers Needed on Sundays!
Please see the 2nd page for details.

Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

- Weekly Announcements Quarterly Newsletter
 Prayer Chain Emergency Alerts

Name & email: _____



Mark Your Calendars!

May 5..... She Nailed It!
May 12..... Pastor's study leave
May 18..... Summer Newsletter Deadline
May 26..... Memorial Day, church office closed
May 30..... Community Yard Sale
Jun. 8-14..... Pastor's vacation
Jun. 19..... Juneteenth
Jul. 4..... Independence Day
Jul. 5-13..... Work Camp: East Bank, WV
Jul. 21-24..... Vacation Bible School
Aug. 17..... Fall Newsletter Deadline
Aug. 25-31..... Pastor's vacation
Sep. 1..... Labor Day, church office closed
Sep. 21-28..... Pastor's vacation/study leave
Oct. 5..... Join Worship with The Barn
Oct. 19..... Crop Hunger Walk
Nov. 16..... Winter Newsletter Deadline
Dec. 25-Jan 4..... Pastor's vacation