

What is faith—and how is it nurtured? In this Eastertide season, we reflect on a living, genuine faith, more precious than gold, growing within us and among us. Welcome to worship.

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.

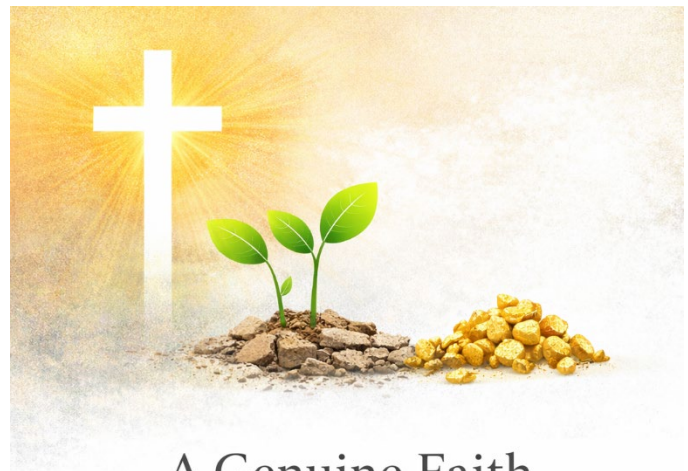


Order of Worship
April 12, 2026

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A Genuine Faith
More Precious *Than Gold*

Reflecting on Faith in the Easter Season



Did You Know?

You can support the mission and ministry of our church by donating online at <https://bit.ly/39QO3dQ>. You can scan this QR code, which will take you directly to the donate page on our website. We deeply appreciate your generosity and are so thankful for each of you!

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10:00 AM

APRIL 12, 2026



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

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: In Christ Jesus, we are given a brand new life and we have everything to live for. The future starts now.

All: God is keeping careful watch over us and our future.

One: When Jesus wraps all of this up, it's our faith, not our material possessions, that God will have on display as evidence of God's victory.

All: May our worship of God encourage us to nurture our faith all the days of our lives so that we may live faithfully as beloved children of God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: There are moments when we need to see Jesus' wounds in order to believe. We need to touch the holes in his hands to know that any of this is real. We are human, and the good news is that God meets us in our humanity. As Jesus offered his hands and side to Thomas, Jesus offers his presence to us so that we know this is real. Jesus offers his presence to us so that we know this means something. Our prayer of confession invites us to name the ways we splinter off from God's presence. Our assurance of forgiveness reminds us that God is waiting with open arms for our return. Let us pray.

All: Risen Lord, we have let our fear be the bolt that locks the doors around our hearts. We have forgotten what it means to trust you, demanding to see proof that you are still with us. And yet you show up anyway. You meet us in our human moments of distraction and distrust. Forgive us, Lord, for when we forget to trust you. Forgive us for those moments when we doubt that you are still with us, caring for us, and nurturing us towards our future. Forgive us for what we have done and what we have left undone. And we thank you for your grace and your abounding love, which show up to remind us that we are not alone.

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.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 PETER 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus

Christ from the dead,⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials,⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

MESSAGE

“A Genuine Faith”

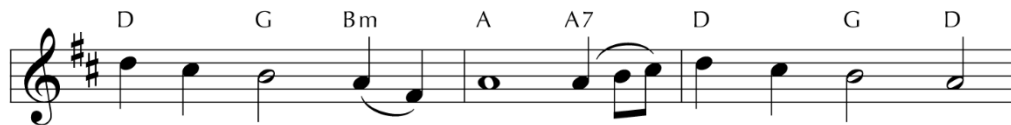
*HYMN

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

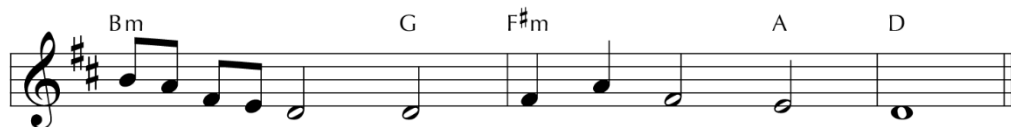
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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 *"Tocatta on 'Gelobt sei Gott'"*
Faithful Harmonizers

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

SENDING

God, Be the Love to
Search and Keep Me
O Christ, Surround Me

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1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Reprisal of "Hallelujah Chorus"*
Faithful Harmonizers

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



Faith Life

April 12, 2026

We warmly invite you to linger after worship and share in a time of fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, catch up, and build community—and we'll have refreshments and snacks waiting to make it even sweeter. We'd love for you to stay and join us!



Daybreak Meal—April 13

Faith Church prepares and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month from 1:30–4:30 pm. We'd love your help!

Bake & Drop Off:

Bring cookies or other homemade treats to the church kitchen by noon tomorrow. Please label items containing nuts. Sugar-free options are always appreciated! We typically serve 80–100 people, and the guests truly look forward to the delicious variety of home-baked goodies you so generously provide.

Kitchen Helpers Needed:

We especially need cooks! Gather at the church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool over together.

Thank you for sharing your time, gifts, and heart.

If you're able to help or would like more information, please speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.



New News from Ripple

Ripple Church has created an Amazon Wish List highlighting their most urgent needs. If you wish to learn more, or would like to donate, use the link below or scan the QR code. Any items you purchase will be sent directly to Ripple, so there's no need to worry about delivering your donation yourself.

Clean undergarments are especially needed as many of their clients do not have access to laundry facilities nor a safe place to keep spare clothing. Any donations will be truly appreciated.



Link to Amazon wish list: <https://bit.ly/4t92zRX>



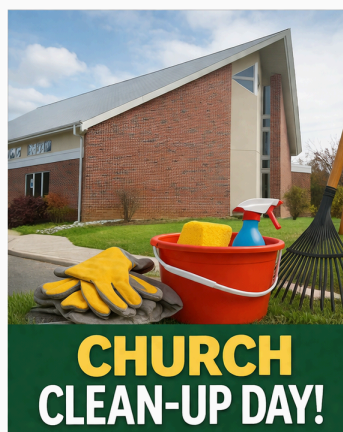
Bloom For Women Presentation

**Sunday, April 12, 11:15 ish
In the Sanctuary after SMT**

You. Yes, You! (Men included!) You, are all invited to come and hear what Bloom for Women CEO, Carol Anderson, has to share about this terrific organization whose mission is to help women (and their children) who have survived a human trafficking experience.

Sadly, this is happening all around the world and not just in NYC luxury mansions, Hollywood hotels, and private Caribbean Islands. It happens here in the Lehigh Valley too. Human trafficking can take many forms. It can happen right under our noses by luring our young into terrible situations via seemingly innocent online games as happened in the swatting incident in North Whitehall Township reported on Lehigh Valley Live just this past week.

So I invite you, all of you, to come hear Carol speak on Sunday, April 12 to learn, educate yourself, and see what you can do to help or maybe even prevent something from happening to someone in our community or even someone you love.



April 19

Following Worship

Light Lunch Provided

**Tasks for Every
Ability Level!**

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Church Office Hours

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



TODAY—Bloom for Women presentation, Fellowship, Children’s music
Apr. 19—Clean-up day, light lunch
Apr. 26—Q & A with Pastor Becki, Fellowship, Children’s music



Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2026

“Doing More in BaltiMORE”

Sept. 21–23 | Baltimore, MD (or online)

The Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference is coming up in September! Our church family constantly thinks about what it looks like to do the best we can with what we have. To assist in the Holy Dreaming, it’s helpful to engage in workshops that encourage us, inspire us, and give us new ideas.

Pastor Becki attends this annual conference and has attended workshops on subjects like reimagining building use, crafting year-round stewardship programs, the use of Artificial Intelligence in the church, and cyber security (she’s happy to give you a full workshop list if you want to hear more about her experiences!). She will attend again this year (in Baltimore) and would love company to share the experience with and think about how we take care of our church together.

You can attend in person and network with other church people just like you from around the globe wrestling with the same questions of how we serve as God’s faithful stewards. You can also attend virtually from the comforts of your own home. The conference is worth it (in your pastor’s humble opinion!).

Financial assistance is available both through our church and through the Stewardship Kaleidoscope program.

This annual conference offers practical tools and fresh perspectives for stewardship ministry. In-person participants will enjoy a wide range of workshops, inspiring plenary sessions, and meaningful worship experiences. Virtual attendees can participate through live-streamed and recorded plenaries, worship, and select workshops.

Early Bird (through June 30): \$375
 Regular: \$425 | Virtual: \$150

Hotel rooms are available at the conference rate (reserve by Aug. 28). Grants and limited scholarships may be available.

Learn more and register:

<https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/>

More comprehensive information will be included in the Summer edition of *The Faith Flyer*.



Teachers’ Closet
Supporting Educators

Faith Church’s Teachers’ Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items

many would otherwise buy with their own money. Elementary and middle school teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.


Remaining Dates:

- Saturday, May 2: 10–11:30 a.m. **Volunteers are needed for this date!** The sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the narthex.
- Wednesday, May 20: 3:30–5:00 p.m.

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7L>.



Just because this school year is nearly over, it doesn’t mean we stop supplying the closet. Replenishing over the summer means we are readying it closet for when school starts again in the fall.



the Gospel of John

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!

WOW will not meet April 1 or 8. Our last WOW before summer break will be May 27.



She Nailed It - May 4

Join us at Dimmick Park (Hellertown), 2-5 pm, as our Built on Faith team—Anne Zayaitz, Mary Horst, Heather Davis, and Sally Heimbach (with Lynn Ingram as alternate)—takes on the hammering challenge to support Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley and address housing inequity for women.

Come cheer us on—there will be food trucks, raffles, and plenty of fun! We'd also love help with our themed tailgate—contact Zona, Carolyn, or Ginnie to join in.

Good news: we've already reached our fundraising goal—thank you! Every additional gift helps extend the impact. Donations may be made through the church, by check to Faith Presbyterian Church (memo line: She Nailed It!), or online via QR code.



YARD SALE!

BARGAINS!

SALE

MAY 30 • 8 AM TO 1 PM

Two or Three Vendor Spaces Available

Spaces \$10 each

Contact Sally Heimbach



April 19 - *“Led by the Spirit”*
John 20:19-31

April 26 - *“When God Breaks the Rules”*
Acts 10:1-48



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing! The OGHS slogan, “If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!” is proven true once again, as your generous giving grew into an amazing total of **\$11,051.00!!!** WOW!! Your donations will be helping out all around the world this year. And locally, you'll support the Angel Networks of Lincoln and Jefferson Elementary Schools with a gift of \$1,381.38 each So many area children will benefit from your generous giving. You are amazing givers! Praise the Lord!



Caps Off to Our Graduates!

Are you graduating this year? Do you have a high school or college graduate in your household this year? We would love to celebrate with you!

Please send the graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and their future plans (work, school, adventures, or all of the above!) to the church office for inclusion in our summer newsletter.



Your church family is so proud of all the hard work, perseverance, and growth that has brought you to this milestone—we can't wait to share and celebrate your accomplishments together!

Let's cheer on our grads—send those details in!

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church [website](#).



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

thisweek

Sunday, April 12

10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Sunday Morning Together
11:15 am: Bloom Presentation (S)

Monday, April 13

1:30 pm: Daybreak Meal
5:45 pm: Communications Task Force (P)
7:00 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, April 14

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
3:00 pm: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Session (BR)

Wednesday, April 15

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
3:30 pm: Teachers' Closet
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, April 16

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, April 17- Office Closed

Saturday, April 18

9:00 am: Zumba (FH)
10:00 am: Quilters (FH)
2:00 pm: Sound Sprouts Recital (S)

nextweek

Sunday, April 19

10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Sunday Morning Together
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, April 20

7:00 pm: Ministry to the Community (P)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, April 21

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
3:00 pm: Sound Sprouts (2)

Wednesday, April 22

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, April 23

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, April 24- Office Closed

Saturday, April 25

9:00 am: Zumba (FH)

Daybreak—April 13
Flyer deadline—May 18
2026 Per Capita—\$50.00

A Look Ahead

- May 4..... She Nailed It!
- May 17..... Youth Group End of Year Party
- May 18..... Summer Flyer Deadline
- May 24..... Pentecost
- May 25..... Summer Office Hours Begin
- May 30..... Yard Sale
- June 20-28..... Work Camp
- June 21-25..... Office Admin Vacation
- July 4..... Independence Day
- July 26..... Montreat Youth Conference
- July 27-30..... Vacation Bible School
- Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume
- Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)

