

Welcome to worship. As Easter people in an ordinary world, we trust that God meets us in unexpected places. Today, we listen for God's guidance along the road, where faith is found in surprising ways.

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.**

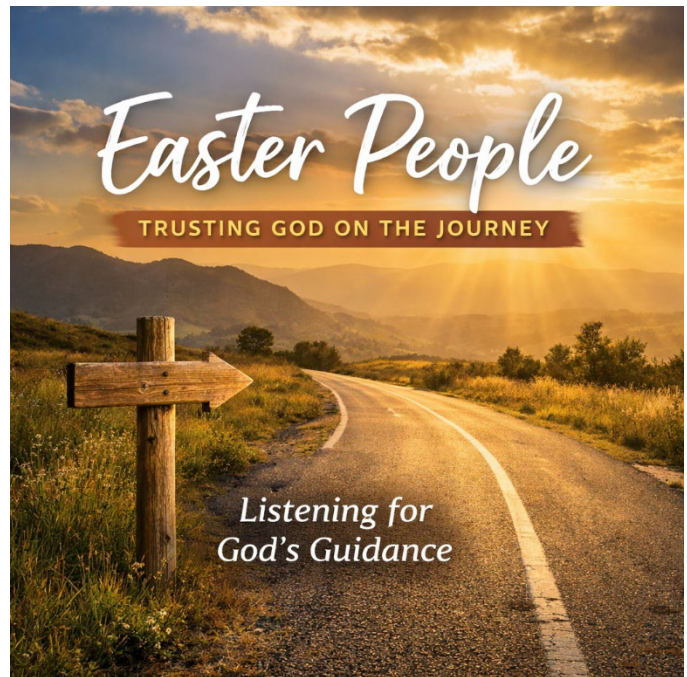


***Order of Worship***  
***April 19, 2026***

***Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus***

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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  
3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10:00 AM**

**APRIL 19, 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 *"All Hail the Risen King!"*  
Faithful Ringers

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(based on Psalm 116)*

One: Children of God, we come to worship our God who listens to us. God hears us and welcomes our full hearts into worship.

**All: God is gracious and makes things right. God is compassionate and meets us even when we're at the end of our rope.**

One: God shows us with blessings.

**All: Let us stride in the presence of God, alive in the land of the living.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

GATHERING

## 395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,  
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel  
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your

true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.  
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: In the book of Acts, the Spirit meets people on the road – in places of questions, curiosity, and searching. A traveler reads but does not understand. A disciple is sent to walk alongside. We, too, come with questions. We, too, carry things we do not fully understand— about God, about ourselves, about the world. Yet the good news is this: God meets us right where we are. Not when we have it all figured out, but in the very midst of our wondering. So let us come before God with honesty and humility, trusting that the Spirit is already drawing near.

**All: Gracious God,  
you meet us on the road—  
in the ordinary, the uncertain, the in-between places of our lives.  
Yet we confess that we often resist your leading. We cling to what  
is familiar, we avoid what is uncomfortable, we hesitate when  
your Spirit nudges us toward another. We confess that we do not  
always listen well— to your Word, to your Spirit, or to one  
another. Forgive us, O God.  
Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our hearts to receive  
your grace. Open our lives to follow where you lead. Meet us  
again on the road, and lead us into the life you desire for us—a  
life marked by trust, courage, and joy.**

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**

**PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, save my life!”
- <sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD  
for all his bounty to me?
- <sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,
- <sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.
- <sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his faithful ones.
- <sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.

You have loosed my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice  
and call on the name of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,

<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

ACTS 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south<sup>[a]</sup> to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?”<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to

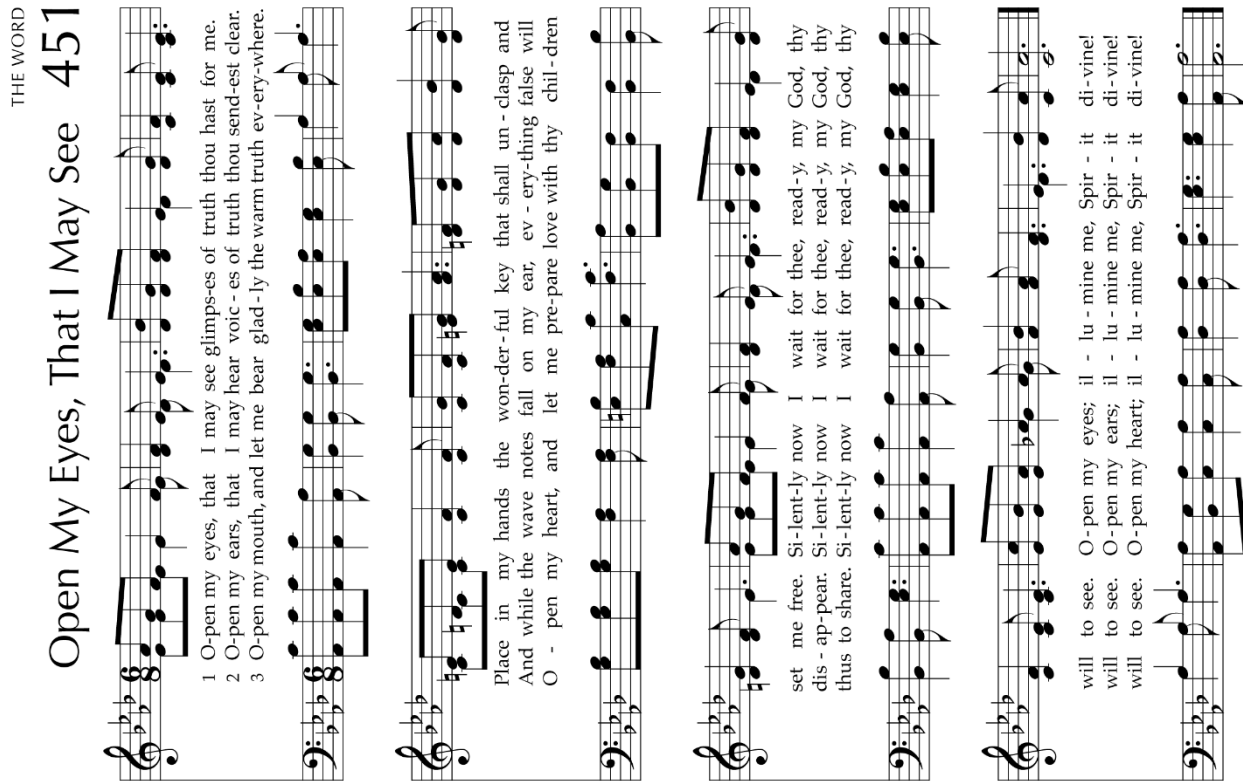
stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip<sup>[c]</sup> baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

MESSAGE *“Led by the Spirit”*

\*HYMN

THE WORD  
451

Open My Eyes, That I May See



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  
Faithful Ringers

*“O Worship the King”*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

“Doxology”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

SENDING

# 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness,  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Faithful Ringers

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



- Prelude Derek K. Hakes, OneLicense.net
- Hymn #395 Glory to God Hymnal, Public Domain
- Hymn #451 Glory to God Hymnal, Public Domain
- Offertory arr. Kenny Chesney, OneLicense.net
- Hymn #546 Glory to God Hymnal, Public Domain
- Postlude arr. Bill Ingram, OneLicense.net

# Faith Life

April 19, 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!



## TODAY!

Following Worship

Light Lunch Provided

Tasks for Every Ability Level!

Dress accordingly.



The first quarter giving statements were sent by email (*not postal mail as indicated in the email sent Wednesday*). To view and access your statement, you will need to create an account through Tithely.

- If you have not yet set up your account, please take a few moments to do so using the instructions provided. Once your account is created, you will be able to securely access your giving statement at any time.
- If your email address changes, please advise us as soon as possible.
- If we do not have an email address on file for you, you will receive a year-end statement by postal mail only. If you would like us to add an email address, please let us know.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're happy to help.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

## 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!

## Online Giving

Just a quick note. The QR code for online giving has been changed by the Presbyterian Foundation. The one in this week's bulletin is correct. Those in the pews will be updated in time for next week. Please advise Lynda if you find a non-working code in another place.



Messages to be shared via the Prayer Chain may be emailed directly to [prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org). Messages can also be sent through a form on the Prayer Requests page of the church website.

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### Church Office Hours

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



**TODAY**—Clean-up day, light lunch  
**Apr. 26**—Q & A with Pastor Becki, Fellowship, Children’s music  
**May 3**—Potluck (Ministry to the Community)

**May 10** –Fellowship, Children’s music  
**May 17**—SMT wrap up, Fellowship



**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.



**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*.**



## Conversations

Conversations is a women's group that meets monthly at coffee cafes to discuss various topics of interest.

Conversations will meet at **Art Beat on May 14** at 10 am, and explore the ideas/experience of the recent Faith 250.

If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



## 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>

**YARD SALE!**

**MAY 30 • 8 AM TO 1 PM**

**Two or Three Vendor Spaces Available**

**Spaces \$10 each**

**Contact Sally Heimbach**



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

**May 3** - "The Shape of Belonging"  
Acts 2:42-47



**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 **\$11,151.00!!!** 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!

## Youth Group Needs



Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Group Director, is looking for volunteers to support youth group. If you have an idea for a program, or if you would like to join us for an activity, we would love to have you join us!

One of the gifts of faith communities are the intergenerational relationships that form into mentorships. You all have the potential to be excellent mentors to our youth. If you would like to think this through or ask questions about mentoring, I would love to talk to you! Please feel free to call or email her anytime.

## How Can You Support Our Youth?

Sponsoring a meal for our Groups is a simple way to support our youth. To schedule or sponsor a meal, scan the QR code or call Pastor Jo. Thank you for supporting our youth!



## 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 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)  
6:00 pm: Deacons Meeting (BR)

#### 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)

### nextweek

#### Sunday, April 26

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

#### Monday, April 27

7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

#### Tuesday, April 28

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)

#### Wednesday, April 29

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)

#### Thursday, April 30

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

#### Friday, May 1- Office Closed

#### Saturday, May 2

11:30 am: Outside Use  
2:00 pm: Teachers' Closet

Daybreak—May 11  
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)

