

FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 2023

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(AT THE CORNER OF GILES STREET)
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*" arr. Molly Ijames
Kyle Sheppard & Gae Finch, piano

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We come to worship the risen Christ.

Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!

Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

*HYMN #339

"Be Thou My Vision"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Kaul

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

For we were going astray like sheep,

but now we have returned to the shepherd

and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

THE CHIME ANTHEM

"Marching to Zion" arr. James D. Kimball
Amy Brewer, Gae Finch, Beverly Pugh Corry,
Kyle Sheppard, chimes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

EPISTLE READING Liturgist
1 Peter 2: 19-25 N. T. pg 233

*HYMN #170 *"The Lord's My Shepherd"* (Psalm 23)

REFLECTION *"Jesus Sang"* Rev. Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #525 *"Here I Am Lord"*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC *"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"*
Mr. Norbert Kaul, baritone, Rev. Norlita Kaul, accompanist

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Offertory

"When Peace Like a River" arr. P. Bliss/arr. J. Althouse
Beverly Pugh Corry, flute and pan flute

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Statue of Liberty"* Neil Enloe
Deb Archer & Jennifer Cossaboon

CHOIR ANTHEM

"A Prayer for Our Time" P. Martin & J. M. Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

People's Response: Graciously Hear Us.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #276 *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION TO FPC FROM THE NJ LEGISLATURE

*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we
are absent, one from another. Amen.**

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE *"Sortie Toccata"* Theodore Dubois

SYMBOL: * - Those who are able, please stand.

Our special thanks to our choir, soloists,
and Music Director for helping
in today's worship service!





Music Sunday: Together!

Today, April 30, 2023-
Music Sunday



Thursday, May 4, 2023
Session Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.



Sunday, May 7, 2023-Mission Meeting after Worship



Monday, May 8
Deacons Meeting @ 7:00 P.M.

Board of Deacons



Tuesday, May 9
Counters Team Meeting @ 1:00 P.M.



Sunday, May 14
Honoring Women Sunday in Worship



Something New

There's an artificial (no need to water) ficus tree in the hallway that will now be our **PRAYER TREE**.

Write your prayer concern on a paper leaf and hang it on the tree.

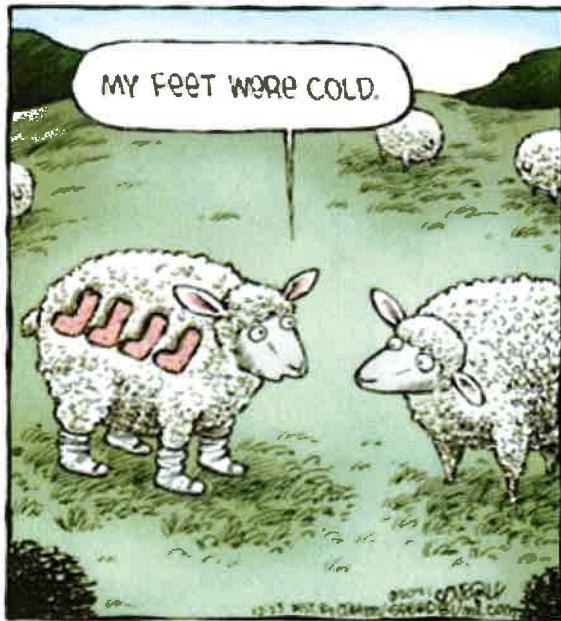
Paper leaves, pens/markers and hangers will be available.

Please feel free to read what others have written and add those items to your daily prayers.





Beware
these
stairs
may
be
TREBLE!



A Sheepish
Conversation

Session Members

Debbi Boykin-Greenberg	Albert Fooks	Curtis Homan
Debbie Homan	Franz Pampuch	Sandy Zimmerman
	Rev. Norlita Kaul, Moderator	

Deacons

Linda Ambrose	Amy Brewer	Robert Dragotta
Marie Dunham	Debbie Fooks	Darlene Freitag
Robin Freitag	Jane Hankins	Jody Husted
Heather Newkirk	Marge Pampuch	

Trustees

Yvonne Custis	Bill Freitag	Ken Freitag
Bruce Hankins	Sandra Huster	Sherry Macpherson
Caroline Owens	Beth Schultz	Howard Thorn

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