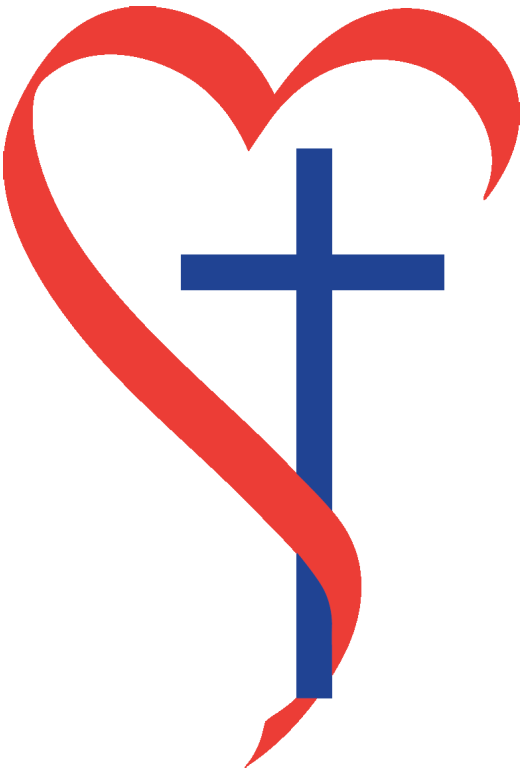


APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY



First Presbyterian Church of West Chester

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. As a community of faith, we strive to “above all, love.” As we worship God together, we pray that you will experience Christ’s presence in our midst, and that he will sustain you in the week ahead. A special welcome goes out to you if you are visiting. If you are with us for the first time, stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer to find out about the many opportunities available to you in the life of our congregation. We hope you will worship with us again next Sunday.

We invite you to sign the Friendship Register, which you will find at the center aisle of each pew. As you pass it to others in your pew, note who is sitting near you, so you may greet them by name. Please note that hearing aids and large print bulletins are available from the ushers. Maps showing available parking are in the racks in the Fellowship Hall.

Children are always welcome, and encouraged to participate in worship. Children’s Worship Activity Bags are available from the ushers.

The Mission Statement of First Presbyterian Church

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God’s grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.



Leading Us in Worship Today:

Greg Stovell, *Pastor*
Steve Clark, *Associate Pastor*
Caroline Cupp, *Associate Pastor*
Marcia Sommers, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*
Sándor Kádár, *Organist*

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMES – A call to stillness

Use these moments prior to the Prelude to greet one another briefly. At the ringing of the chimes, please seek the presence of God in stillness and quiet. Please silence cell phones.

PRELUDE

An Easter Celebration

arr. Joel Raney

First Presbyterian Brass Ensemble and Organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

The tomb is empty!

The stone has been rolled away!

Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**But God's love cannot be contained by anything,
not even death!**

Thanks be to God,

who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

***HYMN #232**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

This is the day that you have made, life-giving God.

Joining with angels and archangels

and with the chorus that is rising throughout all the earth,

we will rejoice and be glad this day.

You take our endings

and you make your new beginnings.

Your surprise and astound us

in places where we expected that you were absent.

You challenge us to reconsider what is possible.

Living Lord,

Savior Christ,

we praise you,

for you are raised by the power of God

and in you we are a new creation.

Alleluia! Amen.

***RESPONSE**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

“Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

As the children are going to their classes, we will sing Hymn #485 (vs.1 only):

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,

and our despair he turned to blazing joy, Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Following worship, children may be picked up in their classrooms downstairs: age 3 through Pre-K in Room 6; K through Grade 5 in Social Hall.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:34-43

New Testament, Page 129

ANTHEM

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today!"

arr. Mark L. Williams

"Christ the Lord is risen today! All creation joy to say: 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight, the battle won;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise.

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of lie is won;

the song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King! Now let all creation sing:

Ev'ry knee to You shall bow, risen Christ, triumphant now!

Christ the Lord is risen today!"

The Chancel Choir, Brass and Organ

Solo quartet: Monica Vera, Kathryn Corbino, David Beech, Michael Maggio

WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

THE OFFERING

Offertory "Welcome, Happy Morning!" Salve festa dies, Latin, 6th C. arr. John O'Reilly

Fortunatus, ca. 530-609; John Elerton, 1826-1893

"Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say. Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

Lo! The dead is living, God forevermore! God, their true Creator, all his works adore!

Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring, all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:

Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough, speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.

God of life, the author, death did undergo, tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show.

Come then, true and faithful, now fulfill your word: on this bright third morning praise the risen Lord!

Welcome, happy morning! Age to age shall say. Hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!"

The Chancel Choir; Brass and Organ

*Offertory Response

Old Hundredth

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

***HYMN #826**

“Lift High the Cross”

Crucifer

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-12

New Testament, Page 90

SERMON

“Stuck”

Dr. Greg Stovell

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

The 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.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

***HYMN #248**

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Hymn to Joy

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah”, from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

*“Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ.
And He shall reign forever and ever; King of kings and Lord of lords,
forever and ever; Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”*

ORGAN POSTLUDE Toccata from the Organ Symphony #5

Charles Marie Widor

* Let all who are able, please stand.

*** The Ushers will seat those waiting.

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IN MEMORIAM

Roger Grigson, member of First Presbyterian Church

from March 24, 1948 - March 22, 2017, and

Kimberly McDowell, member of First Presbyterian Church

from February 28, 2000 - April 9, 2017.

Our sympathy and prayers are with Carol Grigson and family in the death of her husband,
and with Wallace McDowell, Suzanne Leopold and Al and Janet Chew
and families in the death of Wallace's wife, Suzanne's daughter and Janet's niece.

Ushers

9:00 a.m. – Bill Mertz, *Head Usher*; Sue Mertz, Boyd Mackleer, Lynn Carter

10:30 a.m. – George Zumbano, *Head Usher*; Charlie Myhre, Dan & Ben Nicolson,
Dennis Westhafer

Coffee Deacons today: George Craven, Charles Simon

Note from the Loft: Sincere thanks are extended to all those who have led in worship throughout the Lenten season, and especially, today, the members of our Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble.

Instrumentalists: Trumpets: Jim Haughton and Dean Rasmussen; Baritone Horn: Brian Claeys; French Horn: Doug Congdon-Martin; Tuba: Peter Galloway; Tympani: Jim Gasho.

Easter Lilies

Donor:

Adams, Dr. George & Barbara

Alderfer, Rebecca &
Whelan, Karen & Family

Anderson, Bill & Martha

Bird, Bob and Kathy
Bragg, Suzanne & Tom
Brandow, Beatrice
Buchholz, Henry, Amanda & Logan

Burke, Sarah & Allen
Congdon-Martin Family

Harold & Patty Court
Elko, Susan & Alan
Featherman, John & Wiggie

Ferdik, Nancy & Family
Fleming, Steve, Kelly, Reese & Grant
Galloway, Peter
Gilchrist, Betty & Bill
Hackney, Joyce
Hambleton, Barry & Sandi
Haughton Family

Haverstraw, Charles & Jane

Keiler, Carol & Wallace, Bill,
Kelsey, Jeff and Drew
Kreitler, Paul
Jefferis, Jimmy & Brad

Jerrehian, Carol

Levy, Stuart & Suzanne
Lidle, Barbara & Amy
MacBride, Earl & Velma

McIlmoyle, Dave & Penny
Myhre, Charlie & Kathie
Ninos, Nancy &
Spencer, Ruth Morgan

In Loving Memory Of:

Our Parents: Robert & Helen Kerr
George & Donna Mae Nutt
Harold & Shirley Alderfer

Jim & Marion Black
Ethel Anderson & John Reardon
Our Parents & Grandparents
Sara S. Harding
Loved Ones
David Henry Buchholz
Mark David Buchholz, our nephew
Our Parents

Harold & Margaret Martin,
Donald & Betty Congdon
All our loved ones
Sandy Kalemjian
Dr. & Mrs. Carl W. Hoffer &
Mr. & Mrs. J. Albert Featherman
Jilda Arzarelli

Jeffrey B. Fleming
Loved Ones
Parents & Other Loved Ones
Alan Hackney, Husband
Brian Keith Hambleton
George & Helen Haughton
James Pflasterer & Paul Reiber
Lewis Haverstraw, Navy
Loved Ones

Jim Keiler, Lynne Keiler Wallace,
Richard Wallace & Joe Lutrell
Shirley Kreitler
Annetta & P Edward Jefferis,
Parents; Charles Jefferis, Brother,
Amanda, Daughter & Sister
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wood
Mr. & Mrs. John Jerrehian
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Harrison

Loved Ones
Donald C. Lidle
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas H. MacBride
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H. Huddle
Loved Ones
Our Parents
Eberlin & Elizabeth McKelvie Morgan
J. David Morgan, Dr. Mildred Ross,

Donor:

Ninos, Nancy &
Spencer, Ruth Morgan

Norton, Evelyn
Ohms, Dan & Nancy
Ohneck, Russell
Ollice, Dan & Rita

Park, Dennis & Adriana

Preston, Sandi

Prochnau Family
Rader, Gene & Gail
Robinson, Mary Ann & Carl

Ross, Darlene & Mark
Russell, Dave & Jean
Scherbak, George & Barbara

Schneider, Donna & Bruce
Scott, Barbara
Schwabe, Bob & Sally
Single, Craig, Liz, Andrew & Daniel
Shaner, Bev & Chuck

Snyder, Barbara
Stauffer, Bud
Stone, David & Judy

Spaziani, Robert J.

Sylvester, Jim & Patty

In Loving Memory Of:

Donald & Clarence McKelvie.
Agatha Hellenthal, Tillie Sheneman,
William Spencer, Jr.
Anne L. & O.C. Norton
Our Parents
Art Hall & David Morgan
John & Doris Ollice (Dan's Parents)
Winston & Dorothy Waring
(Rita's Parents)
Theresa & Carmen Camarota
Jean Park
Leonard & Elizabeth Preston
Shirley P. Barth, Lester, Esther,
Robert & Theodore Whitmoyer
Clifford, Florence, David Preston
Kimberly Dougherty
Carole, Max & Jeanine Nagley
Lisa Mastin, Marilyn Rabenold,
Alice & Edith Wilson
Henry & Adena Seal
John & Jeanne Groth
John Rosengarten
Our Son, Scott
Our Dear Friend, Laura Smith
Nick & Phyllis Faragasso
Our Parents
Douglas H. Davis, Janice Davis
Curran, George J. Scherbak,
Irma M. Scherbak
Loved Ones
Family and Friends
Our Parents & Grandparents
David A. Single
Shirley Kreidler, Hazel &
Warren Shaner
Grace Plumstead & Barbara Sly
Loved Ones
Beverly Stauffer
Our Parents - Kay & Jack LaBarre,
Ruth & Gene Stone
Robert C. & Elsie M. Spaziani,
Parents; Michelle A. & Tara L.
Spaziani, Daughters, Robert J.
Spaziani Jr., Son,
Rev. J. Garrett Kell, Former Minister
Our Parents

Donor:

Thompson, Jack & Barbara
Townsend Family
Treichel, Rudy, Monica & Caitlin
Turner, Jim & Gail and Family
Tyson, Ellen
Tyson, Ken & Mary

Waddington, Jane

Wanner, Julianne

Westerman, Richard & Carla
The Westhafer Family
Whiteman, Faye
Turner, Jim & Gail & Family

Tyson, Ellen
Waddington, Jane

Wanner, Julianne

Zumbano, George & Gerri

Donor:

Elko, Susan and Alan
Gansner, Bruce & Vicki
The Haughton Family
Heaver, Phil & Gwyn

Murray, Bill & Joan

Petersen, Brittany
Rathbun, Dave & Patience
Schorn, Joe & Tammy
Schwabe, Bob & Sally
Stone, David & Judy

Ahreum & Todd,
Zumbano, George & Gerri

In Loving Memory Of:

Joanne Pikur & Anne Thompson
Mike Townsend & Jay Zurlo
Rudolph & Dorothy Treichel
Paul Ford, Gail's Father
Earl Tyson
The Rev. C. Edward Brubaker
Our Parents
Grandparents: Harold & Phebe More
& Mulford & Clara Waddington
Rosemary & Walter D. Crane, Sr.
Dr. Walter D. Crane Jr.
Our Parents
Loved Ones
Husband, George W. Whiteman
Our Grandparents & Great
Grandparents
Earl Tyson
Grandparents: Harold & Phebe More
& Mulford & Clara Waddington
Walter & Rosemary Crane &
Doctor Walter Crane
William Latoff

In Honor Of:

Karen Winter, Susan's sister
Our Families
Dorothy Reiber
Our Wonderful Church Staff, Our
Wonderful Music Ministry Program
Our Grandchildren, Sarah, Gavin,
Lily & Jayne
Lillian Peterson - The Glory of God
Our Cherished Family
Soleil Schorn Born Feb. 11, 2011
Our Children & Grandchildren
Our Children & Grandchildren:
Sarah & Gregg, Karen, Brian;
Bennett, Aven, Daniel & Bradley
Our Children & Grandchildren

If you would like to, please take a flower/plant home with you

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND MEMBERSHIP

Please note: parent/responsible adult presence required at all family friendly events.

- **Bridge Dinner this Wednesday** – Vicki Gansner is making her return to the kitchen with her delicious meatball sandwiches. Email Beth Hull at bhull@firstpreswc.com or call the office for reservations by Monday at Noon. Since the office is closed that day, please leave her a message.
- **Christmas in Providence and Newport, Rhode Island:** Join the First Pres Travelers for a wonderful time: Experience the Festival of Lights and Rhode Islander Story Telling, tour Gilded Age Mansions, enjoy a play at the Trinity Repertory Theater, visit a historic home and a church, and much more. Info on the church website, www.firstpreswc.com, the newsletter, and from Thom & Irene Clapper at psuthom@verizon.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Looking for a Way to Get Involved at First Pres?** There are lots of opportunities to gather with others for fellowship or study or service. Check out the First Pres web site: click on “CONNECT”, then “ADULT GROUPS” for info about all the ways you can get involved.
- **BridgeKidz** will meet this Wednesday night to explore how caring for the Earth can be a spiritual practice that brings us closer to God. Since there is no better place to learn about God’s creation than in it, we will spend part of our lesson outside in the prayer garden (weather permitting)! Join us in Room 214b from 6:30 - 7:30pm, please contact Sara Pantazes with questions at spantazes@firstpreswc.com.
- **Adult Learning Opportunity at The Bridge:** “*On the Way with Jesus*” a Bible study led by Pastor Steve Clark, continues this week. Wednesday evening in the Herron Lounge from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. No registration required, just bring your Bible and join the conversation!
- **VBS Registration:** We cannot wait to welcome your children to VBS at First Pres this summer! From June 26-29, kids will be exploring that God not only made them but built them for a purpose too. For more details and to register, go to www.firstpreswc.com/vbs-child.

YOUTH

- **Youth Flower Sale** is about to begin! Support a great cause and brighten Mom’s (or someone else’s) day. Pre-orders will begin on Saturday, April 23, between services in Fellowship Hall. Questions can be directed to Stacy Tukloff-Vasant at 484-459-3374 or jimnstace@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVING

• **Need Encouragement?** Stephen Ministers don't just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. Whatever circumstances or emotional or spiritual challenges may be weighing on you, they are there to listen and to care. It's free. It's highly confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, talk with Rev. Caroline Cupp (Church 610-696-0554) or Mary Pellack (Cell 610-570-0886).

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

• **Do you need help with spring cleaning** or other home projects? Our deacons are here to serve! We are helping members with their projects on Saturday, April 22 in the morning. Contact the church office at 610-696-0554 or email care@firstpreswc.com to let us know if you have a project that we can help you with. No job is too small!

• **Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive:** Beginning April 23, we will be collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Chester County Food Bank as part of the United Way Drive to feed children over the summer months. This is United Way's 3rd Annual Drive and we are happy to participate and kick off our Summer Mission Project devoted toward spotlighting, learning, and helping to end hunger. On June 2, the collection is delivered to the Chester County Food Bank.

• **Rise Against Hunger:** April 30 is Sticky Bun Sunday. Come hungry and ready to purchase a yummy Sticky Bun or two. Proceeds go to our next Rise Against Hunger Event which is June 4 from Noon - 2:00 p.m. Donations accepted online and in the offering plate; please put *Rise Against Hunger* in the memo.

WORSHIP

• **Our Lutheran friends** friends are celebrating Luther's posting of his 95 Theses in 1517; Presbyterians celebrate the life of founder John Calvin, a contemporary of Luther who was born in 1509 and lived until 1564. On April 30 at 6:00 P.M., our Chancel Choir will join forces with The Titan Brass in an hour of music celebrating these great Reformers, and will sing music for Evening Prayer, our final Column Classics program for this season. Plan now to join us for this very special program; free; offering received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY – April 16 - Easter Sunday

Newsletter Deadline

- 6:30am Sunrise Service at
The Barn at Spring
Brook Farm
- 8:30am Sunday Social (til 10:30am)
- 9:00am Worship, Nursery to age 2;
Sunday School for
all ages; Radio Broadcast
on 1520AM; Live web
stream
- 10:30am Worship,
Nursery to age 2;
JAM age 3-Grade 5

MONDAY – April 17

OFFICE CLOSED

NO BUCKET SCHOOL

- 7:00pm Service & Outreach
- 8:00pm Trustees

TUESDAY – April 18

- 10:00am Faith Community Nurses
Office Hours
- 5:30pm Men's Ministry Studies -
Mars Group
- 7:30pm Men's Ministry Studies

WEDNESDAY – April 19

The Bridge

- 9:00am Sew Many Blessings
- 10:00am Bulletin deadline
- 5:30pm Bridge Dinner (*til 6:15*)
Cherub Choir
- 6:00pm Celebration Singers;
Financial Peace Univ.
class
- 6:30pm BridgeKidz;
Adult Study;
CST Meeting
Women's Adult Study;
Youth Committee
- 7:30pm Chancel Ringers
Christian Ed Meeting

THURSDAY – April 20

- 6:30pm JuBellation Ringers
- 7:00pm Men's *Mere Christianity*
Study;
Preschool Board Meeting
(offsite)
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir;
Youth Bible Study
(off site)

FRIDAY – April 21

- 6:30am Men's Study Group
- 1:00pm Sweet Dreams

SATURDAY – April 22

Deacon Workday

SUNDAY – April 23

- 8:00am Worship
- 8:30am Sunday Social ('til
10:30am)
- 9:00am Worship; Nursery to age 2;
Adult Bible Study;
Sunday School for all
ages; Radio Broadcast
on 1520AM; Live web
stream
- 10:30am Worship; Nursery to age 2;
JAM age 3-Grade 5
- 11:30am Confirmants to meet
with Session
- 4:00pm Youth Fellowship

Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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