



Easter Sunday
Doylestown Presbyterian Church

All Are Welcome in God's House

Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

The Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

(Persons nearest the center aisle are asked to sign and pass the Act of Friendship pad toward the outside aisle. Please keep the cover open as the pad is returned.)

Prelude

Easter Joy

E.S. Hosmer

*Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

This is the good news we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

That Christ died for our sins, and was buried, and rose again on the third day.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

At last he came to us, that we might come to believe and proclaim this good news to the world.

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*Processional Hymn 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

From the chaos before creation and the destruction of the flood. O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the devastating sacrifice and the armies of the enemy. O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the vanity of wickedness and the bread that only perishes. O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the power of the oppressor and the hardness of our own hearts.

O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the valley of dry bones and the furnace of blazing fire. O Lord of life, deliver us.

From the belly of the beast and the disgrace of exile. O Lord of life, deliver us.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. From the waters of death you raise us with him and renew your gift of life within us.

(a moment for Silent Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Bolded text invites the congregation to respond

Congregational Response 243

Be Not Afraid



*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you. **And also with you.**

Time with the Children

(10:30: After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Parents may pick up their children in Room 203 and 207, located across the bridge, following worship.)

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible, NRSV (OT), p. 696

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards following the lesson.)

Anthem

O Be Joyful
Chancel Choir
Psalm 100

Howard Helvey

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us,
And not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him and speak good of His Name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting:
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson: Mark 16:1-8

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 54

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Joy Is On The Loose"

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

*Affirmation of Faith

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

*Hymn 249

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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.

Offering of Our Gifts and Lives

(To give online or via text message, click the "Give" tab at the top of our website.)

Offertory

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Joyful Bells

arr. Joel Raney

*Congregational Response 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata

C.M. Widor

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Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman and Jamie Neal, Seminarian

Today's **Time with the Children** is led by Dawn, Dries, and Evie

This morning's **Call to Worship** and **Prayer of Confession** is taken from our denomination's *Book of Common Worship*.

On the cover of the bulletin is *Hallelujah* by Mike Moyers, from "Art in the Christian Tradition," a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

Welcome to Worship at Doylestown Presbyterian Church!

Whether in-person or joining us from home, we are glad that you are with us!

- Children are welcomed in worship. However, if your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4.5 (just across the bridge), or visit the Celtic Cross Room, located below the sanctuary for a space to watch worship while kids participate in quiet activity.
- Special Easter Busy Bags for children are available today as you enter the sanctuary from the bridge or enter the church by the red doors.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Your generous gifts provide relief to those affected by natural disasters, food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our acts of compassion for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36% of undesignated gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32%. We will receive this offering today.



Today we participate in **flowering the cross**, in response to Jesus' beautiful, saving act. Outside the red doors, in the churchyard by East Court Street you will find a cross and freshly cut flowers. You are invited to place your flowers on the cross with reflection and reverence.

Eventually, the cross will be covered in flowers in a brilliant array of color and light as this symbol of death, darkness, pain and hopelessness is transformed into something beautiful and new. The cross comes alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. It will remain outside the church for a few days following Easter.



Community Meal. Please join us following worship **today** at 12 noon for a special Easter edition of our monthly Community Meal with our own congregation and community members. All are welcome!

Doylestown Presbyterian Church Easter Flowers

Your donations have made it possible to decorate the sanctuary
as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Savior

In Memory Of...

Elin Alexanderson Frymoyer by John and Diane Alexanderson
Our parents and grandparents by Joanne and Rich Arculin
James William Webb from Jenny and John Baker
Bill Bishop, George and Verna Bishop, and S. Marvin and Frances Kircher
by Anne, David, Paul, and Ethan Bishop
Alice and Sture Bengtson; and Mabel and Bob Pinkerton by Bruce and Linda Bengtson
Those loved ones who have gone before by Betty Brennan
Corinne Cody by the Cody family
Yat-Shu and Ming Chang by Judy Chang Cody
Ronald Pratt, Kathy Purring, and Annamarie Baron by Ronnalee and Rob Colantonio
Harry W. Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Drapeau by DeeDee Cox
Stewart and Miriam Montgomery by Naomi and David Darville
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Deibert, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Douglass, Mr. Jack Fisher,
and Mr. Jim Douglass by Roger and Sally Deibert
Philip Waldron by Brent, Jenny, Evan, and Liam Drollette
Donald Ermold, and Barbara Buckham by Carole Ermold
Bill Yerkes, and Dotti Beck by Frank and Dot Fabian
Manfred W. Franitza by Margrit Franitza and the Fenner family
Jack Fife, George Lare, George and Charlotte Miller, and Amelia and Jesse Lare by the Fife family
Michael A. Fisher, and John R. Fisher Jr. by Trip Fisher and family
Shirley Cummings and Bill Hoxworth by the Frater family
Greg Gelcius, Ray and Betty Hill, Cecil and Irma Brockhouse, and Raymond and Hallie Hill
by Linda Gelcius
Gina Garretson by Craig Garretson
Horst and Muffy Malsatzki, and Harold and Bernice Gibb by John and Diana Gibb
Lee Willard and Linda Felt by Linda Goodwin
Samuel F. Grauer by his loving children
Frederick Groshens by Nancy Groshens
Loved ones by Galen and Janet Hays
Frances and Robert Hutchinson by Anne Hutchinson and Marilyn Weichman
Anthony Jardine, Louise Jardine Williams, and Norman Williams
by D. Lindsay Jardine and Mary Jane Jardine
Herman Weiskopf, and Norman and Regina Keeley by the Keeley family
Robert Parker, and Peggy and William Kronmiller by the Kronmiller family

Ginny and Ron Lewis by the Lewis family
Fran and Tom Maclin, and Jack Belle by Kathy and Tom Maclin
Lawrence K. Mann by Judith L. Mann and family
Jack and Anna Merry, Dolores Fertig, and Ben and Tillie Lyons by John and Chris Merry
Charlotte Kane and Elzada James Lukens by Doug and Kaye Mohline
Jayne Reddie by Joanne Morris
Vincent and Jo-Anne Nardo, and Irene Bruzda by the Nardo family
Nannette Benson-Nicol, and Genie Nelson Herndon by Nancy Nelson and Rev. Nancy Benson-Nicol
Marion Nichols by Scott Nichols
Andrew R. Ochadlick by JoAnne Ochadlick
Ateo and Ann Parenti, Russell Parenti, and James and Joan Stearns by Dennis and Amy Parenti
Lois and Ken Quist by Steve and Jeannie Quist
Janet Nisbet Raitt by the Raitt family
Tara Riedley by Roger and Ginny Riedley
Loved ones no longer with us by the Roland family
Randy Brown by Katy and Mac Schafer
Marjorie and Dwight Moorhead, Margaret and Edward Schanbacker, Evelyn Bolehala,
Matthew Yaroach, and Michelle Bryan by Sharon and Skip Schanbacker
Glenda by John and Linda Schumann
Kathy Mahanes by George and Dody Shaw
John and Marion Valiant, and Roy and Lillian Shull by the Shull family
Elaine and J. Wallace Smith by Richard Smith and family
Ruth and Hart, and Ruth and Earl by Marty and Van Starner
Paul L. Stevens by the Stevens family
Joe and Marie Stough, and Ethel DuBree by Jay and Jodi Stough
James and Eleanor Innes, and William and Sylvia Strasburg
by Mark and Pam Strasburg
William Swezey by Sally Swezey
Ethel Tettemer and Janet Nisula by the Tettemer family
John Tomlinson by Joy Tomlinson
Thornton and Jean Vandersall by Mark Vandersall and Laura Mendelson
Phil Waldron by Joanne Waldron
Gene Weichman by Marilyn Weichman



In Honor Of...



James and Joshua Baker by Jenny and John Baker

Kevin Cody's 95th by the Cody family

Ivy and Luciano, our grandchildren, by Naomi and David Darville

Joanne Waldron by Brent, Jenny, Evan, and Liam Drollette

Our grandchildren by Frank and Dot Fabian

DPC Pastors and staff by the Feingold family

Rileigh, Delaney, and Chase by Bill and Nancy Jones

Our children and our grandchildren by John and Chris Merry

Frank Bruzda by the Nardo family

Peter Nichols by Scott Nichols

Pastors and staff of DPC by the Roland family

Our grandchildren by John and Linda Schumann

Emily, Andrew, Evan Grace, Parker James, and Christopher by Mark and Pam Strasburg

Grammy and Grampy Starner, and Mimi and Pappy Shull by Art, Lindsay, Arthur, Jake, and Colby

Our grandkids Arthur, Jake, Colby, and Harper by Marty and Van Starner

My friends and family, and my DPC family by Marie Stevens

Our children and grandchildren by Mark Vandersall and Laura Mendelson

My caring family by Joanne Waldron

Children and grandchildren Kathryn, John, Abby and Jake Markloff,

and Meredith, Ed, Evie, and Finn Gapsis by Marilyn Weichman



Be a bridge for Christ and a beacon of His love.

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