

Easter Sunday

Doylestown Presbyterian Church



“Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord.’” - John 20:18

All Are Welcome in God's House

Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2026

People's Preparation

The Resurrection of the Lord is the center of the Christian year, and the good news we proclaim on this day is the very heart of the gospel. Easter Sunday is something like the keystone of an arch—the top and center stone upon which all the others lean and depend—in terms of both its theological significance and its relation to other festivals and seasons. Theologically, the faith we claim and the life we live depend on the affirmation, celebration, and proclamation of Christ's resurrection.

- The Book of Common Worship (2018)

Prelude

Solemn Processional
DPC Brass and Organ

Richard Strauss

Welcome and News of the Ministry of the Church

(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.)

Gathering

*Call to Worship

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

*Processional Hymn 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

Prayer of Adoration

Glory to you, O God:

you have won victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation you overcame death

and opened the gate to everlasting life.

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth.

Glory to you, O Blessed Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Listening

Time with the Children

(10:30: After the message, children ages four through sixth grade may leave for Children's Worship Time. Children will be across the bridge in rooms 207 and 202. Children will return to service during the closing hymn.)

** Please stand in body or in spirit.
Bolded text invites the congregation to respond*

(Ushers will collect prayer request cards during the anthem.)

Anthem

Christ Is Risen! He Is Living
DPC Brass, Chancel Choir, Organ

John Helgen

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is living! Alleluia!
Now all the vault of heaven resounds
in praise of love that still abounds.
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat the their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia

Eternal is the gift He brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings.
Now still He comes to give us life
and by His presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia

Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above,
we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia

Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heavenly blessed sing.
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blessed, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Second Scripture Lesson: John 20:1-18
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Pew Bible, NRSV (NT), p. 114

Sermon

"Out In the Elements: Early"

Rev. Dr. Mac Schafer

Responding

*Litany of Easter

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!

O God, you gave your only Son

**to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection
you delivered us from the power of death. Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may
live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Sharing of the Peace of Christ

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

*Hymn 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY

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

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Offertory

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Joyful Bells and DPC Brass

arr. Joshua Evanovich

*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

Sending

*Hymn 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

*Benediction

*Postlude

Toccata
DPC Brass and Organ

C.M. Widor, arr. Richard Proulx

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Worship Notes

Assisting: Rev. Becca Bateman, Rev. Jamie Neal **Lay Leader:** Steve Quist

On the cover of the bulletin is *Fullness of the Tomb* inspired by John 20:1-18 by Lauren Wright Pittman, an artist, graphic designer, visual exegete, and a Minister of Word & Sacrament in the PC(USA).

- Children are welcomed in worship. If your child becomes uncomfortable, feel free to use the nursery for children aged 9 months to 4, located 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.
- During the 10:30 service, following the Time with the Children, those aged 4 to 6th grade are invited to worship time for children ages 4 to 6th grade, across the bridge.

Christian Sympathy. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of Ruth Sauter on her death on March 26; and to the friends and family of Connie Eastburn on her death on March 29. We hold these families in prayer in their time of loss.



Today we participate in **flowering the cross**, in response to Jesus' saving work. 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. In the event of inclement weather, the cross will be located at the back of the sanctuary.

Eventually, the cross will be covered in flowers, transforming this stark symbol of death into something beautiful and new. The flowered cross celebrates the Resurrection of Christ. It will remain outside the church for several days following Easter.

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Easter Flowers

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

In Memory Of...

Our parents and grandparents by Joanne and Rich Arculin
Bill and Judy Webb by Jenny and John Baker
Bill Bishop by Anne K. Bishop and David, Paul, and Ethan Bishop
Our parents Sture and Alice Werme, and Robert and Mabel Pinkerton
by Bruce and Linda Bengtson
Audrey and Basil Burrell
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Loved ones of the Colantonio and Pratt family by Robbie and Ronnalee Colantonio
My parents Henry and Sophie Wedemeyer; and husband James Corkran by Enid Corkran
My husband Frank Crumley by Darlene Crumley
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Bill and Jean Stevens by Julie Davis
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
Our Mothers Mary and Pearl by Craig and Nancy Eaton
Jack Fife, George Lare, George and Charlotte Miller, and Jesse and Amelia Lare
by the Fife family
Michael Fisher, and John Fisher Jr. by Trip Fisher and family
Mary Ellen DuBois by Diane and Glenn Frater
Gina Garretson by the Garretson family
Greg Gelcius, and my parents Ray and Betty Hill
by Linda Gelcius, Alex Gelcius, and Allison Harrington
Paul and Lillian Glore; and Lester and Esther Farrell by Jim and Barbara Glore
My son Lee A. Willard, Jean Stevens, and Linda Felt by Linda Goodwin
Loved ones by Galen and Janet Hays
Frances and Robert Hutchinson by Anne Hutchinson and Marilyn Weichman
Anthony Jardine, Louise Jardine Williams, Norman Williams, and Kenneth Williams
by D. Lindsay Jardine and Mary Jane Jardine
Herman Weiskopf, and Jean and Norman Keeley by the Keeley family

Our parents Fran and Tom Maclin; and Jack Belle by Kathy and Tom Maclin
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Jack and Anna Merry, Dolores Fertig, Cathy Brooks, and Ben and Tillie Lyons
by John and Chris Merry and family
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by Rodney Millspaugh and Jackie Burkhardt
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Thornton and Jean Vandersall by Mark Vandersall and Laura Mendelson
My husband Gene Weichman by Marilyn Weichman





In Honor Of...

Kevin Cody's 96th birthday by the Cody family
Ivy G. and Luciano D. by Naomi and David Darville
Joanne Waldron by Brent, Jenny, Evan, and Liam Drollette
DPC Pastors and staff by the Feingold family
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Tom, Kate, and Jean by Sue Haldeman
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Our children and grandchildren by Mark Vandersall and Laura Mendelson
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