

# **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAYREVILLE**

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Interim Minister**



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## Second Sunday of Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Jessica Malek

Organist: Sandy Albano

Worship Assistant: Lou Mastro

Audio & Visual Support: Alannah Bailey/Dona Lewandowski



**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

### Called by God

#### **Call to Worship** (*Worship Assistant*)

Leader: I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me,  
night after night.

**People: I have set the Lord always before me; because you are at my  
right hand I shall not fall.**

Leader: My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also  
shall rest in hope.

**People: You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is  
fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.**

Leader: Let us worship God!



**Hymn 610**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

## Forgiven by God



### **Call to Confession** *(Worship Assistant)*

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.



### **Prayer of Confession**

**God of hope, we confess that we have doubts about you and your love for us. We want proof of your existence. You have granted us a chance to experience new life and yet, we fear any change that may be possible for us. Forgive us our inability to grasp the gift of new life and share with others. Forgive our failure to have sympathy for others and offer help to those who are hurting. God, you are our living hope. Enable us to have a genuineness of faith, so that we may witness to all who need the good news of your love.**



### **Silent Confession** *(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)*



### **Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Who is in the position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.



### **Gloria Patri Hymn 577** *(All)*

*Avery & Marsh*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. Amen.**

## Upheld by Christ



### **Prayers of the People -**

*Sharing Joys, Concerns and Thanksgivings*



## **Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (*debts & debtors*)**

**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.**

### Taught by Christ



## **Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



**Sermon**

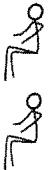
"Do Not Doubt But Believe"

Responding to the Word



**Affirmation of Faith**      Apostle's Creed (Modern English)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.**



**Committing Our Lives, Gifts and Talents**

**Offertory**



**Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above the heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



**Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious and loving God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**



**Sharing the Peace of God**

**Pastor:** Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*(You are invited to remain in your pew and wave to those around you as a sign of peace and reconciliation.)*

(Please remain standing for the Closing Hymn)

## Sent Out by The Spirit



**Hymn 366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



**Charge and Benediction**



**Congregational Response**

*“Surely the Presence”*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel’s wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**



**Postlude**

## **\* Welcome \***

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! We want to know you were here! Guests and visitors are invited to sign our Vestibule Guest Book or fill out the Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the collection plate. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Church, please call (732) 257-6353 and speak with the church secretary for further information. Make sure to "like" our page at [www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville](http://www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville), and check out our website at [FPCSayreville.org](http://FPCSayreville.org). Donations can be made to the website.

**Weekly Attendance: 70**

## \* Prayer List \*

Manona Smith	Martha Saltzman
Special Friends in Need	Frank Martino
Howard Merritt	Vincent Prestigiacommo
Prudy DeLap	Roxanne Parks
Beth DePinto	Ken Adams
Kim Barone	The Boley Family
Becca & Hazel Laikowski	The Laikowski Clan
Joe & Marilyn Zakrzewski	Russell Hayek
David Zito	Charles Gilke
Stacia Drotar	Gary & Diane Spsychalski
The Haney Family	Jennifer Martin
The Magee Family	Jorge Barreiro & Family
Barbara Busch	Keith Carney
Christine Brower	Timothy Newsome
Kathy Walker	Dona Lewandowski

*If you or a loved one would like to be removed from the Prayer List, please let the office know. Thank you.*

**Our Calendar of Events can be found on our website [FPCSayreville.org](http://FPCSayreville.org)**

Monday, 4/13	7:00pm	Finance Mtg (Hall)
	7:30 pm	Office Open
Tuesday, 4/14	7:00pm	Troop 777 (Sunday School Area)
Wednesday, 4/15	7:00pm	AA (Hall)
Thursday, 4/16	7:00pm	Troop 96 (Sunday School area)
Friday, 4/17	5:30pm	Office Open
Sunday, 4/19	9:30am	Sunday School
		Office Open
	10:30am	Worship Service
	1:00pm	Ghana Church (Sanctuary)

## **\*\* Announcements \*\***

**Sayreville Feeds:** Our next Sayreville Feeds will be held here at FPC Sayreville on Saturday, April 25th from 5:00 until 7:00 pm. TJ's Pizzeria in Parlin will be donating most of the food that will be served that evening. All FPC members, friends, and neighbors are invited to take part in helping us to feed the hungry in our community. Please consider joining in the fun and fellowship. Thanks to the members who have volunteered to work the dinner on the 25th. Your help and support is very much appreciated. There is a need for donated dessert items. We are asking for volunteers to bring a homemade dessert or a store bought dessert to be served. There is a sign up sheet posted on the door to the sanctuary. Any donations are welcome. The desserts may be dropped off Saturday afternoon, April 25th. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Beckhusen at 732-651-5952. Thank you for your support of the Sayreville Feeds ministry here at FPC Sayreville.

**Per Capita \$42:** The per capita assessment this year is \$42 per active member. In a family of four confirmed members, that would be \$168 for that family. Children baptized but not yet confirmed are not assessed.

**Fundraiser:** We have a fundraising initiative called Spiral through Amboy Bank. You can now donate to First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville by using a digital banking account, you can access the Giving Center, locate the church's name and make a donation. If you are not an Amboy Bank account holder, check with your bank and see if they are associated with Spiral. All donations are tax deductible and you will be able to get a statement of your contributions.

**Food Pantry:** We have a separate phone and email address for the Deacons Food Pantry. The phone number is (848) 280-1927 and the email is FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Deacons to arrange assistance. Our food pantry is available throughout the year for any community member in need.

**Headphones:** There are headphones available for anyone wishing to enhance hearing during worship services. Please see Gary Spsychalski or the Pastor for more info.

**Join the Choir!** Choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Not only will you build long-lasting friendships with other choir members, but you also build your relationship with God through worship music.

**Pastoral Care Emergencies:** If you have a pastoral care emergency, please call (732) 403-4160. This is a dedicated phone line for emergencies. You

can also contact Rev. Malek by emailing her at [revjessicamalek@gmail.com](mailto:revjessicamalek@gmail.com). This is a confidential email that is read only by the pastor.

We ask that ALL FOOD PANTRY requests be made by contacting [FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com](mailto:FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com) or (848) 280-1927 only.

**General Church Information:** The office is generally open Mondays & Fridays at 5:30pm and Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. PLEASE CALL before you stop to verify if someone is here. Emails and phones will be checked on Wednesdays when the office is closed. You can reach the office by using the church's email [churchoffice172@optimum.net](mailto:churchoffice172@optimum.net), or by calling the office at (732) 257-6353.

### **\*\* Online Giving \*\***

We have online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Giving Solutions, on our website [FPCSayreville.org](http://FPCSayreville.org)! Simply click on the "Give Now" button, and you will be directed to our giving page. Once there, create a profile and you can then make a one-time donation or schedule auto-payments monthly, weekly, etc. to major church accounts.

You can also donate through the app "Give Plus". Download the app, enter the church zip code of 08872, and click on our church. You can make either a onetime donation or set up recurring donations, depending on which you prefer.

You can also scan the following code with your smartphone camera to be connected to our giving page.



## PENDING CHURCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

### CAPITAL PROJECT

	Estimated Cost
1.Kitchen Dishwasher	7,000 10/25 \$6,000 Completed
2.Church AC Units 2@\$6,000 each Then replacement schedule of 1 new unit each year for the next six years	\$12,000 10/25 \$9650 Completed
3.AC for CE Hall	\$20,000
4.Steeple Refinish	<u>\$60,000</u>
	\$80,000

### OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

1.Replace church altar lights	\$1,500 funded, awaiting installation
2.Replace parking lot light on CE Hall	\$2,500 funded, awaiting installation
3.Replace door and frame to church office	\$7,000
4.Seal area along back wall of church	<u>1,500</u> 8/25 donated
	\$12,500

GRAND TOTAL \$92,500

The above list is revised from our prior posting since a number of its projects have been completed. Thank you one and all for your ongoing and continuing support of our church. Without you, none of this would be possible.

As you can see, we have a number of costly projects left that we need to fund. If you or anyone you know would be willing to support any of these important items, please let the Pastor or any of the church officers know.

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

## 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

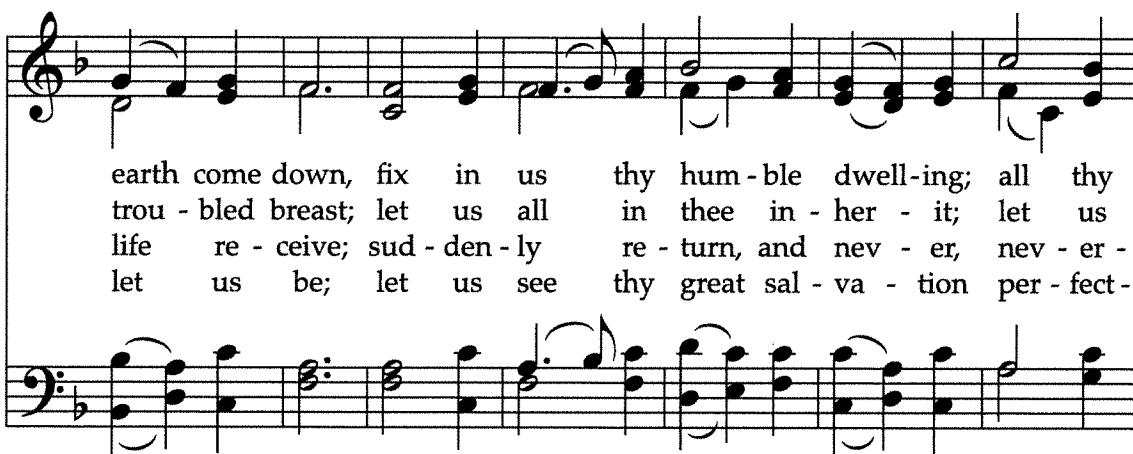
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

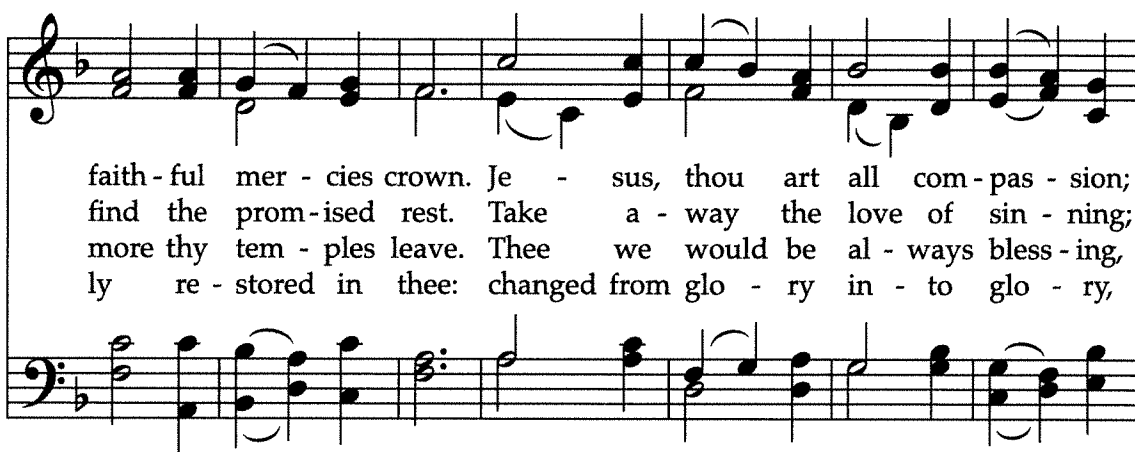
## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

# First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville

## Annual Flea Market

### Space Rental Agreement

e-mail [churchoffice172@optimum.net](mailto:churchoffice172@optimum.net) call 732-257-6353

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8am-2pm

Rain Date 6/13/2026

Rain out will be determined on Thursday by 7pm prior to flea market.

Date \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville**

#of spaces (\_\_\_\_\_) space \$25 or 2for \$40 Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

#of table's (\_\_\_\_) \$8ea limited to one per/space depending on availability Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Check \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Total payment \$\_\_\_\_\_

What type of items are you selling \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ have received and accepted the rules and regulations from the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville as outlined on attached page.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Rental fees are not refundable after May 22 ,2026

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We will call you and post it on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville>.

### Rules and Regulations

**One space = 1 parking spot**

**1-Alcohol is not allowed on church property.**

**2-you may not sell any food items during flea market**

**3-you may arrive at 7am to set up your space**

**4-You need to provide your own table unless prior arrangements have been made (\$8/table).**

**5- All items must be cleaned up and removed from the rental space upon departure.**

(no dumpsters service available)

**6- DO NOT block any fire lanes (use only parking spaces)**

**7- no vehicle traffic in lot after 7:50 am**

**8- if you must leave before 2pm see the church associate to safely assist you out of lot**

**9-Rental space fee is not refundable after May 22<sup>nd</sup> (all refunds are by church check only- no cash)**

**Each vendor will get one spot to park a car next to space (please avoid parking across the street to give buyers ample places to park. If you need another car to park, see church associate. We have limited parking spaces available.**



### Sing a New Song!

“Glory to God” hymnals have been placed back in the pews, thanks to a very generous donation from the Plainsboro Presbyterian Church.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to help us obtain additional hymnals which you can dedicate in memory or honor of a special loved one.

The cost of each hymnal will be \$30.00, covering the purchase cost of the hymnal as well as shipping and handling.

If you are interested in donating a hymnal or hymnals, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, Sayreville for the total amount of your order. Any questions may be directed to John or Mary Beckhusen at 732-651-5952.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (email or phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_