

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAYREVILLE

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Interim Minister**



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Third Sunday of Easter

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 **Prelude**

 **Welcome & Announcements**

Called by God

Call to Worship (*Worship Assistant*) Psalm 116

Leader: I love the Lord, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because you inclined your ear to me, therefore I will call on you as long as I live.

Leader: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

People: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.

Leader: Let us worship God!

 **Hymn 526**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”


Forgiven by God

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


Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

 **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and Eternal God, forgive us our indifference to the good news of your love. We close our eyes to the hurts of the world and yet you call us to recognize you in the life of each other. Each day we have the opportunity to give witness to your great love, and yet we make excuses that we don't have time. We are side-tracked from doing your will by distractions of our everyday world. Forgive us our nearsightedness, our apathy, and our lack of courage to do your will. Make us bold to be your Easter people, proclaiming your love to all the world.

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

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

 **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: Luke 24:13-35

¹³Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” ²⁵Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

 **Sermon** "Walking on the Road with Jesus"


 **Hymn 839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"


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**

We bring our gifts to you in response to good news. Christ is risen indeed and abides in us still. May all that we do be in response to new life. As you accept who we are, O God, receive what we offer, and transform all of our being to confirm with your will. Extend your grace through us so that others hear of the salvation you bring. 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 729

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”



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 and check out our website at FPCSayreville.org. Donations can be made to the website.

Weekly Attendance 4/5/26: 70
Weekly Offering 4/5/26: \$747.00

Weekly Attendance 4/12/26: 31
Weekly Offering 4/12/26: \$1,085.00

*** Prayer List ***

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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 Spychalski |
| 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

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| Monday, 4/20 | 5:30pm | Office Open |
| | 7:00pm | Session Mtg (Hall) |
| Tuesday, 4/21 | 7:00pm | Troop 777 (Sunday School Area) |
| Wednesday, 4/22 | 7:00pm | AA (Hall) |
| Thursday, 4/23 | 7:00pm | Troop 96 (Sunday School area) |
| Friday, 4/24 | 5:30pm | Office Open |
| Sunday, 4/26 | 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 Spychalski 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. 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 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, 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! 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.

526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:




Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used. 

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어
성령과 피로써 거듭나니
이세상에서 내 영혼이
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요
이것이 나의 찬송일세
나사는 동안 끊임없이
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내영
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서
자비와 사랑 속삭이는
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼
주안에 복되고 평안하니
세상도 없고 나도 없고
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴

729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

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Annual Flea Market

Space Rental Agreement

e-mail churchoffice172@optimum.net call 732-257-6353

Saturday June 6th, 2026 8am-2pm

Rain Date 6/13/2026

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

Date ___/___/___

Name _____

Address _____

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 22nd (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: _____