

Alleluia

CHRIST IS RISEN

Easter Sunday & Communion

Interim Pastor: Rev. Jessica Malek

Organist: Sandy Albano

Worship Assistant: Lou Mastro

Audio & Visual Support: Alannah Bailey/Dona Lewandowski



Prelude The Flowering Cross

(As you enter the sanctuary, please proceed forward to help bloom the flowering cross with the cut flowers available in the basket.)



Welcome & Announcements

Called by God

Call to Worship *(Worship Assistant)* Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

People: **The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

Leader: the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: **The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

People: **The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**


Leader: Let us worship God!

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, giver of life and breath, we come before you this day asking forgiveness for those times when we have failed to believe in you. You have surprised us with the faithfulness of your love, yet we confess that we have failed in our confidence in you. Loving God, forgive us when we flee from the empty tombs of our lives in despair. Forgive us for running away when we are confronted with a new experience, a chance to experience new life. Forgive us our past mistakes and failures, and our disbelief. Bless us and lift us anew by the Easter promise. Through Christ our Risen Savior.

 **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 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where

you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



Sermon

“I Have Seen the Lord!”



Hymn 238

“Thine Is The Glory”

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

God of eternal salvation, we come abounding with joy, transformed by your love. Through Christ you have broken bonds of oppression, removing all barriers to your unending love. You have made us free to give you praise and thanksgiving. You have our undying devotion for the grace we receive. All our lives long we shall call your name blessed and give you the glory for this gift of new life. Amen

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Invitation



Great Prayer of Thanksgiving



Breaking Bread & Lifting the Cup



Communion of the People

(Please come forward to receive Communion. If you need to have Communion brought to you, please let someone know and remain seated.)



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 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”



Charge and Benediction

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

Monday, 4/6	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, 4/7	7:00pm Troop 777 (Sunday School Area)
Wednesday, 4/8	7:00pm AA (Hall)
Thursday, 4/9	7:00pm Troop 96 (Sunday School area)
Friday, 4/10	5:30pm Office Open
Sunday, 4/12	9:30am Sunday School Office Open 10:30am Worship Service 1:00pm Ghana Church (Sanctuary)

Easter Flowers 2026

In Loving Memory:

In loving memory of Cecilia N. Anim

Love, Charles Anim (T)

In loving memory of Marie Passaretti

Love, Julie Green (H)

In loving memory of Frank Passaretti

Love, Julie Green (H)

In loving memory of Gordon Cook

Love, Marie Cook (T,T)

In loving memory of Kathryn Davis

Love, Martha Saltzman (T)

In loving memory of Ellen McConnell

Love, Martha Saltzman (T)

In loving memory of Hakim Boutros

Love, his Family (H)

In loving memory of Luciano Robertson, Elsie & Anthony Barone

Love, Russ & Jennifer Hayek (T)

In loving memory of Lorraine & Richard Hayek

Love, Russ & Jennifer Hayek (T)

In loving memory of Drew & GiGi Warden
With warm memories & continued love, your Family (H)

In loving memory of Those Who We Love & Miss
Love, The Haney Family (T,T,H,H)

In loving memory of Barbara A. Zach
Love, Alvin, Lynda, Donna, Robert & Families (L)

In loving memory of Ann & Alvin Zach
Love, Alvin, Lynda, Donna, Robert & Families (L)

In loving memory of Hugh & Ethel Beattie
Love, Alvin, Lynda, Donna, Robert & Families (L)

In loving memory of Ronnie Magee
Love, Always Dorothy, Scott, Kelan, Maureen & Lori (T)

In loving memory of Grandpa Ronnie Magee
Love, Brendan, Brian, Caitlyn, Paige & Shaine (T)

In loving memory of Tina Busch
Love, Lou Mastro & Family (H)

In loving memory of Lou & Pat Mastro & Paul Busch
Love, Lou Mastro & Family (H)

In loving memory of My Mother & Father, Charlotte & Joseph Lewandowski
Love, Dona Lewandowski (T)

In loving memory of My Grandparents,
Charlotte & Charles Graham/ Frank & Helen Lewandowski
Love, Dona Lewandowski (T)

In loving memory of Hakim D. Boutros
Love, The Farkas Family (H)

In loving memory of John F. Farkas
Love, The Farkas Family (H)

In loving memory of Robert & Mildred Posik
Love, Sandy & Joe Albano (H)

In loving memory of Joseph & Dorothy Albano
Love, Sandy & Joe Albano (H)

In loving memory of Linda Brown
Love, Sandy & Joe Albano (T,L)

In loving memory of Granny & Poppy Yauch
Love, The Henrich Family (H)

In loving memory of Avis
Love, The Henrich Family (H)

In loving memory of Cindy Brunner
Love, The Takil Family (H)

In loving memory of Jeanne & John Braun
Love, Randy & Edie Braun (H)
In loving memory of Tillie Miller
Love, Randy & Edie Braun (H)
In loving memory of The Shadis & Caruso Families
Love, The Shadis & Caruso Family (T)
In loving memory of RuthAnn (GG) Warden & Drew Warden
Love always, The Thaisz Family (T)
In loving memory of Bruce & Sandra Warden
Love, The Warden & Thaisz Family (T)
In loving memory of Mom & Dad Spychalski
Love, Gary & Diane Spychalski (H)
In loving memory of Mom & Dad Newbury
Love, Gary & Diane Spychalski (H)
In memory of Irene & John Cerretti
Love, Michele, Charlie, Carlie Hicks (H)

In Honor:

In honor of Andree Boutros
Love, The Farkas Family (H)
In honor of Cancer Warriors
Love, The Shadis-Caruso Family (H)
Happy Easter to All
From, Gisela Burgermeister (T,T)

**** Announcements ****

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.

232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SPANISH

- 1 *El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!
 muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
 Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
 cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!*
- 2 *El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!
 vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
 Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
 su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!*
- 3 *Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!
 y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
 hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
 reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!*
- 4 *Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!
 de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
 En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
 Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!*

KOREAN

- 1 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민 찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기쁜 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한 싸움 이겼네
 사망 권세 이기고
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야
 왕의 왕이 되셨네
 높은 이름 세상에
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야
 우리 부활 하겠네
 부활 생명 되시니
 우리 부활 하겠네

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, and ends with a double bar line. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a whole note chord, followed by eighth and quarter notes, and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves, aligned with the vocal line.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville

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: _____