

# *Welcome to Worship at The First Presbyterian Church*

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## AN ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018 10:30 A.M.

### THE APPROACH

PRELUDE

*Canzone IV*

Girolamo Frescobaldi  
Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please sign the red “friendship pads” found at the end of each pew by the center aisle. Note the names of those worshipping around you as you pass the pad back. We encourage you to greet each other after the service.)

INTROIT

*“I will lift mine eyes unto the hills”* Donovan Klotzbeacher  
(Ps. 121: 1) The Chorale

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Jae Hwang

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

How very good and pleasant it is

**when the people of God live in unity.**

Let us worship God.

HYMN #121 (Hymnal)\* *“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)\*

Mr. Hwang

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON\*

HYMN #579 (Hymnal)\*

*“Gloria Patri”*

THE PEACE\*

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 20: 19-31

Mary Speer  
Pew Bible pg. 115

ANTHEM

*"More like you, Lord"*

Jay Althouse  
The Chorale

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4: 32-35

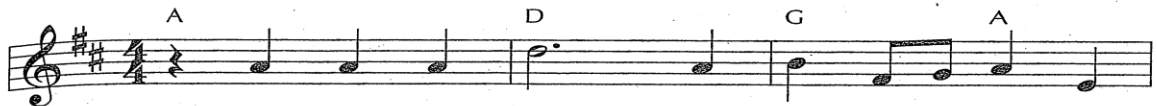
Pew Bible pg. 122

SERMON

Rev. Hannah Lovaglio

**THE RESPONSE**

HYMN #257(Glory to God Hymnal)\* *"The Risen Christ"*



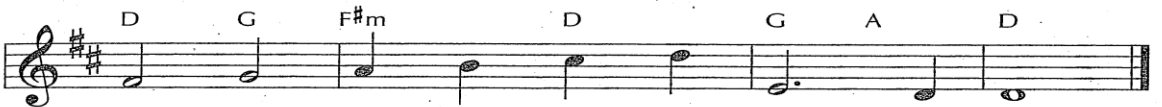
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed  
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed  
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed  
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y  
side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -  
hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -  
stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and  
bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new  
stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -  
land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Visitors!** We hope you will find a warm welcome here. We invite you to consider membership in our church family. Please speak to our Greeter or Pastors after worship for more information; or if you would like to be contacted, please provide us with your address and/or email address in the red “friendship pad”.

**Worship Bags, Children’s Bulletins & Coloring Pages!** All three are available in the narthex, and are offered with the hope that children who want to will be able to worship alongside the whole church family.

**Hearing devices** are available for your convenience in the Narthex.

**Flowers** today are from the Deacons in honor of Janice Luffey in recognition of her leadership as our past Deacon Moderator and with gratitude for all her service.

**Head Usher** is Craig Vandenberg.

**Greeter** is Jack Britton/Heidi Knowlton.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Church members with special prayer concerns:** Betty Borgeson; Bill Chermak; Robert Dyke; Paul Furchak; David Geijer; Judson Hagerty; Andy Jost and family due to the passing of his mother, Clarissa; Beatrice Mabutho; Karen Moser; Charlie Patterson; Marie Perrine; Russ & Cheryl Richardson; Wilma Shimer; Diane Smith; Don Winchell and Ina Zimmer.

**Family and Friends of Church Members for whom prayers are asked:** Margie & George Conley’s, future daughter-in-law, Trish; CPNS family, baby Nicholas & family; Pat Demers’ husband, Bob & step-son, Peter; Helen Dickerson’s mother, Martha & brother, Clifford; Linda Ferguson’s sister, Patty & daughter-in-law, Kristin; Joan & Gordon Fraser’s friend, Joe; Patricia Grasso’s mother, Eileen & friends, Barbara, Joanne & Debbie; Fritz & Mary Jane Hager’s daughter-in-law, Liz; Dorothy Klotzbeacher’s ex-husband, Rev. John Maltby & daughter, Nancy & son-in-law, Bob; Flo Kremann’s son, Ronnie; Beatrice Mabutho’s sister, Phyllis, brother-in-law, Joe & niece, Diana; Karen Moser’s friend, Sue VonChun; Arthur and Gloria-Jean Ryba’s sister-in-law, Patricia; Doris Wiegartner’s nephew, Steven (Staff Sergeant USAF); and Agnes Winchell’s sister, Aniko.

**We pray for all people** who are in need in our wider community and please remember family and friends in our nation’s service. Members of our church family are encouraged to make prayer requests for relatives serving in our armed services, most especially those serving in harm’s way.

**Prayer Chain:** If you have a prayer concern, please call the church office at (609)395-0897 or email Doris Wiegartner at [doriswieg@aol.com](mailto:doriswieg@aol.com). If you would like to become part of the “chain” of church members, who pray daily with and for people with a particular need, please call the church office.

**Prayer requests in the bulletin:** In order to keep the prayer request list up to date, we will print the names of friends and family of church members who have prayer requests for one month. After that time you may call the church office to have a name reappear on the prayer list.

Please be sure to **sign** the “**Pipeline to Session**” cards found in the pews if you have any questions/concerns for the Session. This is a great way to give “kudos” as well!

**Birthday of Distinction:** Peg Hagerty on April 9, Jane Siebert on April 12, Faith Sarafin and Sam Smith on April 15. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

We want to invite everyone to our **Spring Workday**, on **Sunday, May 6** beginning at 12:00 p.m. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will provide lunch for those helping during the workday as we tackle some projects around the church. Anyone staying to help can dress down for Worship.

There is a variety of jobs that we would like to complete this Spring. These include some outside and inside clean up and some repairs and maintenance items. No special skills are required. We hope to see you there. We are very thankful for any and all help in maintaining our church building and property.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Sunday School:** Thank you Congregational Life Committee for a delicious Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday School returns next week, April 15. Gathering Time from 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School from 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Youth Group meets tonight!** Middle School 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and High School 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hope you had a happy & safe spring break!

**Yardsale Fundraiser!** The Youth Group is participating in the town-wide yard sale on Saturday, April 28, and would graciously accept any items you'd like to donate to their cause. So clean out your closets and your basements, and bring donated items (that you think will sell) to the church in April. Please organize drop-offs with Pastor Hannah ahead of time. Proceeds will support their Summer Mission Trips to New York City and Lorain County, Ohio.

**Mark your calendars!!! Adult retreat coming up in May:** Tired of all the snow, the shoveling and the cold, long, dark days of winter? Then imagine yourself relaxing and enjoying the natural beauty and peaceful surroundings of the Fellowship Deaconry in Liberty Corner, New Jersey while deepening your faith along with others from our church family.

Our upcoming Annual Retreat is just weeks away and will take place this year on May 4 and May 5. We are blessed to have Loida Wilson as our leader. Loida will be leading us in a study on the Gift of Encouragement based on the book *Silver Boxes*. Scripture tells us to ‘...encourage one another and build one another up...’ (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and to ‘...consider how to stir up one another to love and good works...’ (Hebrews 10:24). Join us as we reflect how we as Christians can show love and encouragement to our brothers and sisters. This is sure to be an uplifting weekend!

This year marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Adult Retreat. For those of you who have never attended but are wondering what it's like, now is a wonderful time to find out. And for those who have attended in the past, we hope you'll join us again. Look for the sign up table in upcoming weeks during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. Transportation is available on the church van for all who are interested. Barbara Santoro will be our driver. If you have further questions or would like more information, please call Dorothy Klotzbecher (Mrs. K) at (732)521-2026.

**Book Club:** Meets again Monday, April 22 at 7:30 in Room One. This month, we're reading *Reclaiming Conversations* by Sherry Turkle. In it, renowned media scholar Sherry Turkle investigates how a flight from conversation undermines our relationships, creativity, and productivity—and why reclaiming face-to-face conversation can help us regain lost ground.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

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**Coffee Hour Host(s) NEEDED!** Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Stewart at (609)395-7159 or email her at [frannymag58@aol.com](mailto:frannymag58@aol.com).

## **CPNS**

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Happy Easter! I hope you had an opportunity to see one of our Easter programs. The children were amazing! They always seem to put a smile on our faces and love in our hearts! CPNS was closed for our Easter vacation and will resume tomorrow, April 9. We look forward to seeing you when we return.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year has begun. As you begin to research your options for a preschool for your child, please consider CPNS. Please call Janice Parker at (609)655-8663 or email her at [CPNSchool@comcast.net](mailto:CPNSchool@comcast.net) for more information. Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors about our developmentally appropriate academic Christian preschool. We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to give their children the strongest foundation for their child's academic success.

## **DEACONS**

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**Save the Date!** Our Annual Strawberry Festival will be on Saturday, June 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Look for further information and ticket pricing in upcoming bulletins.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

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**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

**Welcome!** If you are looking for a church home, we would love for you to be a part of our congregation. Our new member classes will be on April 15, April 22 and April 29 beginning at 9:15 a.m. in the church library. The new member recognition will be on May 6 during the Worship Service. Pastor Lou Mitchell will lead these sessions. This is your opportunity to learn what it means

to be a member of our church. We are a congregation which offers members of all ages opportunities to join in fellowship and grow in their faith. Please call the church office at (609)395-0897 and let us know if you want to participate or if you have any questions.

## **MISSIONS, SERVICE & GRANTS**

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**Skeet's Pantry:** Happy Spring from All of Us at SKEET's PANTRY!!

Your generosity continues to make all of the patrons and volunteers of Skeet's Pantry very happy, indeed. The kindness of our congregation and community enabled us to give over 80 families a Happy Easter at our March food distribution. Special thanks go to our Sunday School youth who put together wonderful little Easter baskets filled with "goodies" for each of our families. That really brought smiles to everyone's faces.

Now we're gearing up for our mid-April food distribution, and, as usual, we especially need:

**Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Pasta (all varieties welcome), Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Tuna Fish, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup**

**PS:** Thought everyone would be happy to hear that one of our "patrons" is now back on her feet financially – and because she is grateful for all the help she received from Skeet's Pantry over the past few years, she has given us a generous donation and is also now volunteering for our Pantry each month. She is truly "paying forward" the blessings she has received, and that's the best "thank you" anyone can wish for.

**Thank You for Your Support of One Great Hour of Sharing:** As the song goes, "I am the church, YOU are the church, WE are the church together", and yes we are the church together, generously giving \$2,042 to One Great Hour of Sharing. This money will go to restoring hope through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, reducing hunger through Presbyterian Hunger Program and partnering in progress through the self-development of people.

Please know that donations to One Great Hour of Sharing may be made online anytime at [specialoffering@pcusa.org](mailto:specialoffering@pcusa.org). Blessings abound! Anne Gordon



## **OTHER NEWS**

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The **Women's Spring Retreat**, scheduled for April 20-22 promises to be a fun weekend of fellowship with other women with engaged worship, small group discussions, hiking, boating, zip line, delicious meals, massage, campfire, star watching and lots of laughter. Lodges are furnished with new comfy mattresses (Tempur-pedic, no less) and fresh bed linens. Retreat fee is \$160 per person; private rooms are available for \$180. For more information and to register online visit [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org).

**Spruce Up Day**, scheduled for Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is a fun filled day of service! Put your faith in action, meet new people, and work with others as you assist the camp staff in preparing the facilities for summer. There is a job for every age and ability. Lunch is included. More information about projects and what to bring will be provided when you register at [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org). Contact Anne Gordon for carpooling options at (609) 409-7885 or [agordon321@outlook.com](mailto:agordon321@outlook.com).

**2018 Summer Camp Brochures** are available now from Pastor Hannah or register your child for summer camp on the Johnsonburg website at [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org).

## **OUTREACH**

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Have you seen the beautiful Easter banners hanging in front of the Church? They are proclaiming to our community that we Rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! **Sincere thanks** to Ruth Jost who obtained our new banners and Andy Jost, George Conley, Brenda and John Kirkenir for hanging them.

**Save the Date!** Urban*Promise* International's African Gospel Choir will give a community concert on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come for music, rhythm and celebration – bring your family, friends and neighbors.

## **SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

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**Senior Exercise Schedule:** April 9, April 12, April 16, April 19, April 23, April 26 and April 30

## **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE**

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Counting Teams: 4/8 (Team #1) – 4/15 (Team #2)

	Month Ended 3/31/18
YTD Offerings	\$105,776
YTD Expenses	\$129,307
YTD Net Income/(Loss)	(\$23,521)
YTD Per Capita	\$2,331 (11% of \$21,978)

**Per Capita Message:** Commit yourself to work and live in fellowship with “all persons in every nation.”

Do we want pastors who are well prepared to lead our congregations? Your per capita funds the preparation, administration, and grading of standard ordination examinations for seminary students.

Please consider contributing your per capita of \$37/member!

## **WORSHIP**

**Glory to God!** The Worship Committee would like to fill our pews this Spring with the “Glory to God” Presbyterian Hymnal! We would love your help with this effort! Please consider donating a hymnal for Worship in our Sanctuary. The cost is \$20 per hymnal for regular print and \$30 per hymnal for large print. A name plate dedicating your hymnal in honor or in memory of your loved one will be affixed to the inside front cover of the hymnal. The hymnal with your dedication can be placed within your reach in the Sanctuary. Please use the envelopes enclosed in the bulletin for your donation and dedication. The envelopes can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office at your convenience. Thank you!

**Help Wanted:** The Worship Committee is actively seeking three persons to work as a team coordinating communion once a month. If you would like to be part of the communion team, please email Pat Bohrs at [pbohrs@verizon.net](mailto:pbohrs@verizon.net) or call the church office at (609)395-0897. **Our heartfelt thanks** to Renee Welch and Chris Welch for their years of service as our communion coordinators! We wish them all the best in their new endeavors!

**Lay Readers Needed:** We are looking for lay readers for now through June 2018. We welcome new readers to join our team, and would be happy to see your name for one or two Sundays on the sign-up sheet which may be found on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**Ushers Needed:** We have a number of vacancies to fill on our Ushering Guild. All ages are welcome to participate! If you are interested in joining our ushering team, please contact Heidi Knowlton at (609)480-1976 or email her at [cabotk@comcast.net](mailto:cabotk@comcast.net).

## **OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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### **April 8, 2018**

9:00a Annual Pancake Breakfast (FH/Kit)  
10:30a Worship  
11:45a-12:15p Youth Band  
5p-6:30p Middle School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)  
6:30p-8p High School Yth Grp (Yth Rm)

### **April 9, 2018**

\*\*Pipe Organ work  
10:00a Senior Exercise  
1:30p Martha's Circle (Lib)  
7:00p Brass Choir  
7:30p Congregational Life Mtg (Lib)  
8:00p Al-Anon (McK Rm)

### **April 10, 2018**

9:00a Bulletin Material Due  
9:30a Staff Mtg  
3:30p Children's Choir  
7:00p Outreach Committee Mtg (Lib)  
6:00p-9:00p AA Anniversary Mtg (FH)  
7:00p CE and Youth Mtg (Yth Rm)  
7:30p Stewardship & Finance Cmte Mtg (Church Office)  
7:30p CPNS Board Mtg (Church Office-Upstairs)

### **April 11, 2018**

9:00a Session Material Due  
3:30p-5p Youth Group Garage Sale  
Sorting (Yth Rm-Downstairs)  
7:00p Bell Choir

### **April 12, 2018**

8:30a P&A Cmte Mtg (Lib)  
10:00a Senior Exercise  
7:00p Presbytery Mission Council Mtg. (Lib)  
7:30p The Chorale

### **April 13, 2018**

9:00a Bulletin Assembly

### **April 14, 2018**

\*\*Pastor Hannah's Birthday

### **April 15, 2018**

9:15a Sunday School  
9:15a New Member Class (Lib)  
10:30a Worship followed by coffee hour  
11:45a Library Committee (Lib)  
11:45a-12:15p Youth Band  
5p-6:30p Middle/High School Yth Grp  
Movie (FH)  
6:30p-8p Boy Scouts Troop 52 (McK Rm)