

# The Herald

May 2022



**THE SEASON OF  
EASTER**  
**In-Person &  
Facebook LIVE  
Worship  
Schedule**

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Saturday Service  
5:00 PM

Sunday Services  
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Communion is  
shared at all  
services.

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**Music Rehearsal**  
Continues to be by  
appointment Solo  
and Ensemble  
performances are  
welcome during this  
time.

## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As May begins we are still in the Easter Season.

The first emphasis this month is Jesus' question and direction; Do You Love Me? Follow Me!

As we encounter Jesus, we are changed and we will never be the same! Jesus can be revealed in a blinding light on the road, in an abundance of fish, in breakfast on the beach. God uses all sorts of surprising things—bread, wine, water, words of forgiveness—to convert us.

Like baptism, this conversion is both a once-in-a-lifetime, life-changing event *and* a daily process—a change that comes again and again, like Jesus' question to Peter: “Do you love me?” Again and again, Jesus calls us to follow him. For Saul, the journey doesn't end with the blinding light on the road. For Peter, the journey doesn't end with breakfast on the beach. Conversion sets each of them, and each of us, on a path that continues for the rest of our life on earth—and leads us into life eternal.

These days the means and avenues for communication are many. Messages and information are shared via texts, tweets, broadcast programming, e-mails, phone calls, lectures, announcements, packaged, and repackaged. Yet when it comes to the person known as Jesus of Nazareth we are often left standing in the place of the Jewish people who gathered around Jesus at that portico (John 10:22-23). We long to ask, “Who are you, Jesus?” and like them we want to go deeper, asking, “What are you really about?” And we want him to “tell us plainly” (John 10:24).

As the church we have grown accustomed to the idea of Jesus seeking out the lost sheep and bringing them safely home—of knowing the sheep intimately by name. Who is searching for whom? Who is seeking after Jesus, and where does that seeking lead? Will we be satisfied with any answer? Will we share The Faith of Tabitha and the miracle-working Peter? The vision of saints and mythical beasts, and even Jesus' miraculous works all point to one who is in and of God. We welcome these opportunities in weakness and glory, in doubt and in faith, in simplicity and awe to seek and embrace Jesus right in front of us, in our midst.

This month we will see a community of Jewish Jesus-followers overcome fear and expand out into the much larger Gentile world. The church, like any other human organization, has always been filled with the challenges of what it means to live together deciding: Who is welcome? What rules do people need to follow? How do we care for one another?). In our imperfection we are welcomed and called to invite others. We offer, in a spirit of humility, signs of welcome and love to others, just as God in Christ has been revealed to us.

Into the midst of our anxiety and alarm we are offered a vision of a glorious future filled with promise—the promise that God will make a home with us. This is a promise of an ultimate future home—a New Jerusalem!—but also a promise of God's daily home-making presence in the hearts of all who believe.

We end our month considering some astoundingly good news: Jesus prays for you, and for the communities in which we find ourselves. Whether your cup is empty or full, whether your community is in crisis or experiencing joy, whether your future is foggy or clear, Jesus loves you deeply and your life is bound to the God who loved you before the foundations of the world. On the eve of his death, Jesus entrusted your life and the church's life and its entire future to the Father. What glorious good news that the future rests in the care of the Triune God, and that we, the church, are set free to make God known to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Andy

This essay is adapted from Sundays and Seasons

# Church Calendar May 2022

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The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.



The Church Building is open for in person gatherings at Full Occupancy in attendance while practicing physical distancing and all covid precautions.

| Sunday  | Monday           | Tuesday | Wednesday                       | Thursday                             | Friday                                 | Saturday   |
|---|------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship  | 2<br>AA Meeting  | 3       | 4                               | 5<br>11:00 Bible Study<br><br>GCFE*  | 6                                      | 7<br><br>5:00 Worship  |
| 8<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship  | 9<br>AA Meeting  | 10      | 11<br>Church Council<br>6:30 pm | 12<br>11:00 Bible Study              | 13<br>AA Meeting<br><br>Evening Prayer | 14<br>5:00 Worship<br><br><i>Wenonah Clean Communities Day</i> |
| 15<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship | 16<br>AA Meeting | 17      | 18                              | 19<br>11:00 Bible Study<br><br>GCFE* | 20<br>AA Meeting<br><br>Evening Prayer | 21<br>5:00 pm Worship<br><br>Porch Fest (mid-day to sunset)    |
| 22<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship | 23<br>AA Meeting | 24      | 25                              | 26<br>11:00 Bible Study              | 27<br>AA Meeting<br><br>Evening Prayer | 28<br>5:00 Worship   |
| 29<br>8:30 Worship<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:30 Worship | 30<br>AA Meeting | 31      |                                 |                                      |  |  |

\*Gloucester County Flute Ensemble rehearsal

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**PRAYER LIST**

*Beth Allen, Marie Begnaud, Bill Bartleson, Eileen Bartleson, Nicholas Baud, Bert Brown, Renee Bryant, The Family of John Byrne III, The family of Charlie Carroll as they mourn his death, Robert Carthew, The Christine Gamily, We Rejoice for the birth of Elaina Rose Condon, Granddaughter of Larry and Pat Baud, Shawnie Copes, Donna Cuevas, Phyllis Cullen, Rosemarie Daffin, The Family of Austin Dobleman, Jerry Duffy, JoAnn Eleanor, The Family of Michael Epstein, Barbara Facchine, Victoria Flynn, Keith Franchetti, Sr., Mark Gismondi, Pat Gismondi, Chuck Gordon, Doris Gordon, Pastor Andy, Randi Gordon, The Family of Ann Gray, Don Halterman, Marianne Halterman, Leaha Harris, Jim Heise, Catherine Hewitt, George Hobb, Joan Humphreys, The family of Ruth Hurlburt, Joan Jakubiak, The family of Jennifer Jeffers as they mourn her death, Marilyn Kaiser, Christopher Kane, Pat Kapus, David Kelleher, The family of Joseph Kelleher, David Kershaw, John Kleinstuber, The Lail Family, Troy Lail, Jr., Ella Lake, Lake's Granddaughter, Kristin Lamelas, Charlotte Langon, Sheila Lapham, Mark Leipert, William Leipert, The family of George Lofmark as they mourn his death, Joseph Lonia, Peter Lynskey, Jeff Lyons, Jessie MacGregor, Grant MacWilliam, Victoria McKelligott, Bill Mitchell, Harry Mirra, Donald Morrison, Jami Munyan, The Family of Florence Olsen, Joseph Ostrowski, Janet Ostrowski, Abby Owens, Cathy Patrick, Peggy Peake, Kathi Perlove, Fay Stafford Rambo, and all who mourn the loss of Jim Rambo, Harry Rees, Lindsey Reese, Mark Reidenauer, Janet Rust, Marie Sahns, Linda Smith, Marley Smith, Dorothy Stagg, Georgia Swain, Amanda Swanger, we join the Theriault family in celebrating the birth of their grandson Sol Henry, Gretchen Turner, Larry Wall, Betty Warner, James West, Lori Wotycka, Pastor Jeff Ziegler's health concerns, prayers for a neighbor with Cancer.*

**As of March 7, 2022, masks are no longer mandatory in NJ. Here at Holy Nativity, masks are optional. While we recognize that there are many different views on mask wearing, we appreciate your respect and consideration of everyone's viewpoint and hope that this will allow everyone to feel safe attending worship services.**

**DIRECTORY UPDATE**

**We are updating our directory. Forms were emailed several weeks ago. Please return the form for your family by April 17. Forms can be returned to the offering plate, the church office or the church email address.**

**PROPERTY UPKEEP**

**We are looking to beautify and maintain the church property. We have divided the property into "zones". If you are willing and able to help with one of these zones, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office. You can also call or email the church office. Thank you for your consideration!**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**At this time, the food pantry is in need of pancake mix, syrup, grape jelly and loaves of bread. Other items needed include: canned goods, non-perishable items, toiletries, laundry soap, etc.**

**CLEAN COMMUNITIES DAY**

**The next Wenonah Clean Communities Day is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to participate, please sign in at the train station at 8:30am. To be eligible for the church to receive funds for this event, we need to have at least 10 people in our group.**

**WENONAH PORCH FEST**

**Wenonah is hosting Porch Fest on May 21 (rain date May 22). Different homes throughout the community will be hosting musical groups and the event will run from mid-day through sunset. Watch for more information on locations, etc.**



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