

The PRESbyterian

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Prayer Concerns

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Graduates Wanted!

We will have an anticipated Graduation Sunday celebration on May 17 in service. If you have a family member graduating high school or college and wish for them to be recognized please contact the church office!



Construction Parking

Construction on our new parking lot has begun and is ongoing. We will update members on its progress as construction proceeds. In the meantime, all people can park on the existing gravel lot or along E High Ave.

Tables of Eight

Join us Saturday, May 23rd in the fellowship hall—RSVP required, \$10 per person, all are welcome! The meal will be ham loaf, sweet potatoes, bbq lima beans, rolls, dessert. RSVP to Carolyn or in the office!



Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project

Thank you to everyone who has helped to support the Jack's House of Hope Project! Our church has done so much to support this project, including the donation of land and raising over \$3935.00!

Now that the new building is finished let us help to support its use by contributing to their general operations budget through your gifts! Contributions can be made through church offering, or by visiting the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (www.fohtusc.org).



Pastor's Corner

The Resurrection is one of the most monumental events in human history, the sign of a new age we are currently living in with the teachings and guidance of Jesus Christ. The first disciples, and the Church by extension, has been charged to go out and announce this good news to all the world. But there in comes the challenge, because the world often asks for proof that this has actually happened. Living 2026 years after the fact, and possibly not having strong physical evidence even in that day, what do we show the world that such a thing has happened? I believe we do not necessarily need physical or archeological evidence, because even the most hard-hearted skeptics will find ways to explain those away and not believe. We are not charged with making people believe, only the LORD can do that, but demonstrate something has indeed changed because of this event.

One of the biggest proofs by far is the fact that many still gather on a regular basis as a faith community, still regularly hear the teachings of Christ, the story of the LORD, and seek to understand the world and life through that lens. Many use those words as inspiration for their actions and accomplishments. Many hospitals, schools, and other community organizations have been founded in the name of Christ and still call upon him as the gold standard for action. If this was an event, a man, which did not happen or happened so underwhelmingly then why has there been so much effort to preserve, act out, and exemplify it in the public realm? If it was all so inconsequential, why not just leave it all as a historical event and move on? Maybe because there is a power within many do not understand but are drawn too. An answer for life and fear that no one else in creation has been able to replicate. A mystery that cannot be explained but entices belief.

Jesus and the disciples demonstrated the reality of resurrection by their actions, what they were willing to do, and how they were willing to live now after hearing the words of the divine through one who gave up everything to honor them. Many have depended on those words that promise, and went to great lengths to pass it on and keep it living for those who would not have the benefit of seeing the physical Jesus. We do not believe in a mere story or legend, but a real being who taught that forgiveness and new life are possible within the human condition. That no one is too far gone to have love pull them back from the edge. That the way things are and not what they always have to be, and that suffering can be ended. Our willingness to live differently, to trust what Jesus says, is a proof that something has happened to bring all to this point. And perhaps in going out to places and people unknown you become the proof some need to see, to know this life is possible and not just a theory. That there is a place they can belong to after losing everything. That life is still worth it because it has been created purposefully, with consideration, and tailored so all might find their purpose from it and understand love like never before. **-Rev. Joe**

Memorial Day

Please note that the church offices will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



Sunday Study Group

Join us **Sunday Mornings at 9:15am** for our study group! Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join! Details are available through Rev. Joe!



“First Celebration” Sunday

Join us on **May 3rd** we celebrate Holy Communion during service. There will be NO church brunch following service this month due to Easter.

Cookies for Sundays!

What’s your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn’t matter! Sign up in the church office!



Friends of the Homeless Meal

Due to Mother’s Day on **May 10** we will not be hosting the Friends of the Homeless for dinner, and instead will deliver a meal to the shelter that day. If you wish to contribute, please mark any donations toward ‘Homeless Shelter Meal’.

Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor’s messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website (www.newphilapc.org). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

Session Members:

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Class of 2028: Pat Laporte, Craig Stewart

Deacon Members:

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

Class of 2028: Ruth Joyce Zimmerly

Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed: Friday

Church Email and Phone:

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330-343-7114

Our Church:

Sunday School: 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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3 Communion All-Church Brunch	4	5	6 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	7	8 Office Closed	9
10	11	12 6pm-Jack's House of Hope Committee Mtg	13 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	14	15 Office Closed	16
17 Graduation Sunday	18	19 7pm- Session Mtg	20 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	21	22 Office Closed	23 6:00pm- Tables of Eight Meal- All are welcome! Please RSVP
24	25 6pm- Friends of the Homeless Board Mtg	26 7pm Finance Mtg	27 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Mtg	28	29 Office Closed	30
31	<p>May Birthdays: 4th- Alison Laughlin; 31st- Errol Jacobs</p> <p>May Anniversaries: 10th- Gene & Ruth Joyce Zimmerly</p> <p>We'd like to announce your birthday and wedding anniversary in the newsletter! Please help us to make sure we have your special day by calling the church office to let us know!</p>					