



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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April 24, 2022 - Second Sunday In Easter Sunday

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

~ John 15:5



Free Minds and Hearts at Work

Jackie Robinson - New York, NY - 1952



In 1947, Jackie Robinson pioneered the integration of American professional athletics by becoming the first black player in Major League Baseball. From a This I Believe essay recorded in 1952, he discusses his fight against prejudice.

At the beginning of the World Series of 1947, I experienced a completely new emotion, when the National Anthem was played. This time, I thought, it is being played for me, as much as for anyone else. This is organized major league baseball, and I am standing here with all the others; and everything that takes place includes me.

About a year later, I went to Atlanta, Georgia, to play in an exhibition game. On the field, for the first time in Atlanta, there were Negroes and whites. Other Negroes, besides me. And I thought: What I have always believed has come to be.

And what is it that I have always believed? First, that imperfections are human. But that wherever human beings were given room to breathe and time to think, those imperfections would disappear, no matter how slowly.

I do not believe that we have found or even approached perfection. That is not necessarily in the scheme of human events. Handicaps, stumbling blocks, prejudices—all of these are imperfect. Yet, they have to be reckoned with because they are in the scheme of human events.

Whatever obstacles I found made me fight all the harder. But it would have been impossible for me to fight at all, except that I was sustained by the personal and deep-rooted belief that my fight had a chance. It had a chance because it took place in a free society. Not once was I forced to face and fight an immovable object. Not once was the situation so cast-iron rigid that I had no chance at all. Free minds and human hearts were at work all around me; and so there was the probability of improvement. I look at my children now, and know that I must still prepare them to meet obstacles and prejudices.

But I can tell them, too, that they will never face some of these prejudices because other people have gone before them. And to myself I can say that, because progress is unalterable, many of today's dogmas will have vanished by the time they grow into adults. I can say to my children: There is a chance for you. No guarantee, but a chance.

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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

- For continued prayers for Wendy Kasper, Jack Harkins & Eleanor Hathaway
- For Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris & Jean Miller
- For Barb & Dave Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Polly's son-in-law, Donald
- For Jim Shanley's Father-In-Law Carl and Ginny's cousin Isabell
- For Maritza Chambers, Aiden Witte, Carol Shore's Husband, Steve
- For Faye Eckert, her daughters Terry & Laurie and their spouses for multiple health issues.
- For Marleigh and her family

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For Krista coping with addiction
- For the People of Ukraine

For God's guidance & understanding:

- For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

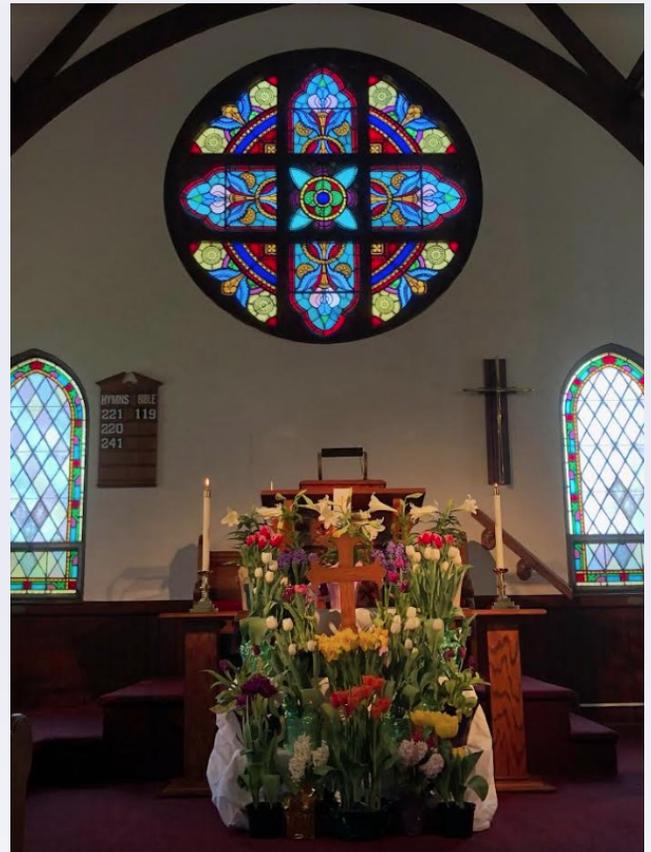
In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For celebrating the joy of Easter with family & with our church

For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.



Providence Presbyterian Church
The Easter Celebration!
Sunday April 17, 2022



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Margo Mattis - **April 27**

Aaron Olsen - **April 28**

**Coffee and Light Refreshments
will be served after Service on
Sunday, April 24th.**

**Come and meet and greet our
Guest Pastor Inna Nikolyukin**



are displaying some hand crafted
Easter and Spring crafts,
including beautiful spring
wreaths , in the CE Building. Stop
by and take a look, and check
them out.



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Free Minds And Hearts ...Continued

And this chance has come to be, because there is nothing static with free people. There is no Middle Ages logic so strong that it can stop the human tide from flowing forward. I do not believe that every person, in every walk of life, can succeed in spite of any handicap. That would be perfection. But I do believe—and with every fiber in me—that what I was able to attain came to be because we put behind us (no matter how slowly) the dogmas of the past: to discover the truth of today; and perhaps find the greatness of tomorrow.

I believe in the human race. I believe in the warm heart. I believe in man's integrity. I believe in the goodness of a free society. And I believe that the society can remain good only as long as we are willing to fight for it—and to fight against whatever imperfections may exist.

My fight was against the barriers that kept Negroes out of baseball. This was the area where I found imperfection, and where I was best able to fight. And I fought because I knew it was not doomed to be a losing fight. It couldn't be a losing fight—not when it took place in a free society.

And; in the largest sense, I believe that what I did was done for me—that it was my faith in God that sustained me in my fight. And that what was done for me must and will be done for others.

Seventy-five years ago, on April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson pioneered the integration of American professional athletics by becoming the first black player in Major League Baseball. During his 10 seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers, he played on six World Series teams and was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1949.



Thank you!
To Wayside Florist in Florence for
providing palms for our
Palm Sunday Service.
We appreciate their generosity
and caring for our congregation.





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PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol'
Charlie Brown"
by Schulz

A POP FLY! I GOT IT! IT'S ALL MINE!

IF I CATCH THIS BALL, WE'LL WIN OUR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON...

PLEASE LET ME CATCH IT! PLEASE LET ME BE THE HERO! PLEASE LET ME CATCH IT! PLEASE!

ON THE OTHER HAND, DO I THINK I DESERVE TO BE THE HERO?

THE KID WHO HIT IT DOESN'T WANT TO BE THE GOAT...

IS A BASEBALL GAME REALLY THIS IMPORTANT?

LOTS OF KIDS ALL OVER THE WORLD NEVER EVEN HEARD OF BASEBALL...

LOTS OF KIDS DON'T GET TO PLAY AT ALL, OR HAVE A PLACE TO SLEEP, OR...

BONK!

CHARLIE BROWN, HOW COULD YOU MISS SUCH AN EASY POP FLY? I PRAYED MYSELF OUT OF IT...

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PTOO!

BLAT

WAP

THOK

BONK!

POOM

NUNK

NICE DOUBLE PLAY, WHO'S OUT?

IT DEPENDS, ARE YOU ON MY TEAM, OR AM I ON YOUR TEAM?

STOP SWINGING!! HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA FALL FOR THAT 'PRETENDING TO THROW THE BALL' TRICK?!

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AND THE LORD GAVE MOSES A BASEBALL SAYING, "THOU SHALT NOT SWING ON A 3-0 PITCH."

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