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# Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.

*Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.*

Quote for Meditation: *"If grace depends upon our cooperation then it is no longer grace."*

*- Martin Luther*

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Deacon Darcy Taylor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

**"Christ Is Alive"**

Jubilee Ringers, Chris Arnold, Trumpet

*arr. Cathy Moglebust*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118

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One: I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**All: *The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.***

One: This is the LORD'S doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**All: *This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

\* Opening Hymn: #232 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Deacon Darcy Taylor

***Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.  
Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Deacon Darcy Taylor

\*Sung response: #246 "Christ Is Alive" vs. 1

***Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.***

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Chris Scrivens

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

**Prophets:**

**Jeremiah 31:1-6** (OT pg. 689)

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**Gospel:**

**Matthew 28:1-10** (NT pg. 32)

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### Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### EASTER REFLECTION

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\*HYMN: #233

**"The Day of Resurrection!"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### EASTER PRAYER

One: O Christ, in your resurrection,  
the heavens and the earth rejoice. Alleluia!  
By your resurrection you broke open the gates of hell,  
and destroyed sin and death.

**All: Keep us victorious over sin.**

One: By your resurrection you raised the dead,  
and brought us from death to life.

**All: Guide us in the way of eternal life.**

One: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners,  
and filled the disciples with joy.

**All: Give us joy in your service.**

One: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles,  
and brought salvation to the whole world.

**All: Direct our lives as your new creation.**

One: God of mercy,  
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,  
for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.  
From the waters of death you raise us with him  
and renew your gift of life within us.  
Increase in our minds and hearts  
the risen life we share with Christ,  
and help us to grow as your people  
toward the fullness of eternal life with you,  
through Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING –**

Deacon Darcy Taylor

**OFFERTORY:**

**“Christ Is Alive”**

*Joel Raney*

Senior Choir, Vicki Kopacka, Organ; Chris Arnold, Trumpet

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” verse 3**

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Deacon Darcy Taylor

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts)**

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*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.*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #238**

**“Thine Is the Glory”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

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**\*RESPONSE:**

**“Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah**

*G. F. Handel*

Choir joined by singers from the Congregation ~ music provided

*\*please rise in body or in Spirit*

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**Participating in today’s Worship and Fellowship are . . .**

Guest Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant	Deacon Darcy Taylor
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Instrumentalists:	Chris Arnold, Trumpet; Matt McConnell, Trumpet; Andy Smith, Wind Synthesizer
Ushers:	Nancy and Norm Thaiss, Nancy Quam

Welcome to our Easter Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don’t know and then introduce them to the congregation.



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***Our flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God by:***



*In loving memory of Dave, Jeannie and Hope; anonymously given*

*Bart and Nancy Case in loving memory of our parents and Ginger*

*Sue and Art D'Angelo in loving memory of Mary Stacey*

*Harry and Karen Hager in memory of Karen's parents Richard and Lucille Lamborn*

*The Kopacka family in memory of Albert Kopacka, Sr. and in honor of Helen Kopacka*

*Vince and Terri Kramer in loving memory of Vincent and Barbara Kramer and James and Phyllis McCrea*

*Donna and Sy LaBrunda in memory of Robert and Helene Shawger*

*In memory of Thomas Marks from your loving family*

*Barbara and Steven Misar in loving memory of Robert and Virginia Misar; Joseph and Jean Kowalczyk and Emily and Eileen Specchio.*

*Memories of our family passed by Mike and Sarah Jane Noll*

*Ann Marie O'Connor in honor of and in memory of loved ones*

*The Perry Family in memory of Rachel Lynn Perry*

*Tom and Jeanne Perry in memory of loved ones*

*John and Beth Pfaff in loving memory of Wade and Opal Johnson and John and Ruth Pfaff*

*Jacki Spinelli in memory of my dearest sisters-in-law, Pam and Karen*

*Mark and Joan Stephens in memory of Betty and Ed Stephens and Ann, Hap and David Bean*

*Judy Treutlein in loving memory of loved ones*

*The Young ladies in memory of Patricia Savage*



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