

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

April 5, 2026  
Easter Sunday!



*Knowing that all community is a gift of God,  
we affirm there can be no exclusiveness about the body of Christ.  
We welcome into our community and membership all people of God,  
regardless of ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender,  
marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing;  
and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.  
Adopted by the session, March 9, 1995*

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*“The Church of the Open Door”, where  
All Are Welcome  
– We seek to live out the truth of God’s love  
- Worship is inclusive and inventive  
- Joy is found in nurturing one another  
- We seek to bring comfort to all people*

## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ekama Eni

CHORAL INTROIT *“Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”*

Donald Fishel

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dianne Waterman

One: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

One: Celebrate this day of days!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna!**

One: Let all creation be amazed!

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!**

\*OPENING HYMN 113 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The joy of this Easter Sunday reminds us of God’s resurrecting power. Let us confess all that turns us toward death, so we can know the grace of new life through Christ.

### CONFESSION

**Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

\*RESPONSIVE HYMN *Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the risen Christ be with you all

**All: And also with you!**



“The Church of the Open Door” makes every effort to use inclusive language. Realizing that words have power, we encourage substitution of words/images that are most comfortable for you during this time of worship.

***THE 2026 PER CAPITA amount is \$41.31. This is the amount that our church must send to the Presbytery and National Church, per member, for their support. You may pay your per capita however you normally donate to the church, with the designation “per capita 2026”.***



Please note our new QR code: a direct way to donate to the church, pay your pledge, or make any other church-related payments. Thank you for contributing to our church and surrounding community!

***THIS WEEK:***

***Monday, April 6***

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 6:00 pm  
Inner Work of Age Book Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library  
Joining Forces Group Meeting, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, library*

***Tuesday, April 7***

*Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 4:00 pm  
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
AA Women’s Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library*

***Wednesday, April 8***

*Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom  
Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, back classroom*

***Thursday, April 9***

*Yoga Class, 6:30 – 7:30 pm, social hall*

***Friday, April 10***

*Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm*

***Saturday, April 11***

*Food Pantry 8:30 – 10:00 am*

***PRAYER CHAIN for 2026 - Email [prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com](mailto:prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com) with a prayer request or to be part of the prayer chain to receive prayer requests.***

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***We gratefully acknowledge their stewardship of this land, past and present.***