

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter



*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.*

PRELUDE

Robert Freimark, piano

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks "

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynn Brown, Worship Leader

Leader: Alleluia! Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*OPENING HYMN 473

For The Beauty of the Earth

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of our risen Christ be with you this and every day.

People: And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Love Is Come Again"

WE HEAR THE WORD PROCLAIMED

***WE LIMIT NOT THE TRUTH OF GOD**

Anglo-German Psalter 1556

We limit not the truth of God to our poor reach of mind,
by notions of our day and sect, crude, partial, and confined.
No, let a new and better hope within our hearts be stirred,
the Lord hath yet more light and truth to break forth from the word.

CHILDREN COME FORWARD

YOUTH BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

QUARTER COLLECTION *Every Sunday, our children collect quarters from the congregation and place them in a tube. When full, it equals the amount necessary to purchase a goat for a needy family through Heifer International. A second tube supports other mission outreach of our church.*

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIRST READING

John 20:19-31

Lynn Brown

SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 4-8

Lynn Brown

SERMON

Dianne Waterman

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***HYMN 2115 (STF)**

Christ Has Risen

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

***THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen

***PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN 2175**

Together We Serve

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*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.*



Our QR code is 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 28

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 29

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 4:00 pm

Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 30

AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library

Prayer Group, 7:00 am on zoom

Tom McCoy Music Lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 1

Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary

Bereavement Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm, library

No Yoga Class

Friday, May 2

Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Greg Smith Music Lessons 2:15 – 5:00 pm

Book Club, 7:00 pm, church

Saturday, May 3

Food Pantry 9:00 – 10:00 am

WANT TO DONATE FLOWERS FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE? Please email or call the church.

PRAYER CHAIN for 2025 - Email prayerchain1presbyterian@gmail.com with a prayer request or to be part of the prayer chain to receive prayer requests.

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