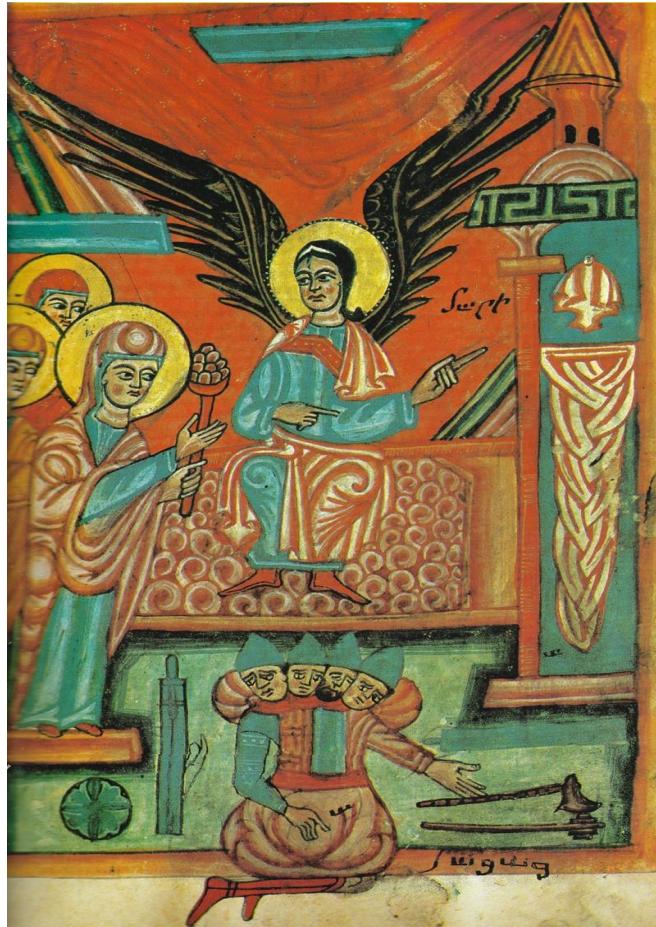


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday



The Three Marys at the Tomb by Karapet of Altama

“Remember Jesus of Nazareth, staggering on broken feet out of the tomb toward the Resurrection, bearing on his body the proud insignia of the defeat which is victory, the magnificent defeat of the human soul at the hands of God.”

— Frederick Buechner, *The Magnificent Defeat*

*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

"Rejouissance"

G. P. Telemann

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for God is good;

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Rev. Brian Merritt

*OPENING HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CHORAL INTROIT

"Early in the Morning on Easter Day"

Lloyd Larson

CALL TO CONFESSON

CONFESSON

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 a unifying Spirit bring you freedom.

People: May a unifying Spirit bring you freedom.

Leader: Let us reconcile with each other by passing peace.

ANTHEM

"I Will Not Leave You Comfortless"

Carlton Young



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 21

*CNS Resumes after Spring Recess
Greg Smith music lessons 3:15 – 6:00 pm*

Tuesday, April 22

*Inner Work of Age Book Group, 4:00 – 5:30 pm. library
Greg Smith music lessons 2:15 – 4:00 pm
Tom McCoy music lessons 3:00 – 6:00 pm*

Wednesday, April 23

*AA Women's Group Meeting, 7:30 pm, library
Prayer Group, 7:00 am, on zoom*

Thursday, April 24

*Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 pm, sanctuary
No Yoga Class
Food Pantry Setup 12:30 – 2:00 pm*

Friday, April 25

*Greg Smith music lessons 2:15 – 5:00 pm
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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