



Joy Comes in the Morning:  
*Easter Sunday*

7:00 AM • April 5, 2026

*Blair Lake (Blair Academy Campus)*

*Rev. David Harvey*

*Assisted by Elder Bill Olivier*

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

## Easter Sunrise Service at Blair Lake

7:00 AM

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2026

**Bold text spoken and *bold/italic sung* by all.**

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Christ is Risen! From the depths of Death Valley to Mount Everest's summit: Shout!

**Christ is risen!**

From the jagged walls of the Grand Canyon to the falling, majestic waters of Niagara Falls: Rejoice!

**Christ is risen!**

From the empty tomb of Jerusalem to the Great Wall of China: Exclaim!

**Christ is risen!**

From the outer reaches of the cosmos above to the inner cells of our souls: Declare!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

With grateful hearts and joyful praise on our lips, let us worship God.

HYMN:

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

***Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!***

***Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!***

***Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!***

***Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***

***But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!***

***Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!***

***Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!***

***Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!***

***Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!***

***Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!***

***Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *(with silent contemplation and in unison)*

**God of great grace and abundant goodness, for the glorious and life-giving resurrection of your Son Jesus, we give you thanks and praise. Forgive us of our sins, O God, especially when we grow cranky, live joylessly, and speak negatively of the many blessings of life we receive throughout the day and the year.**

**Awaken us to the promise of Jesus' resurrection that we may experience the awesome aliveness and the wonder of Jesus' presence and the transformative power of his salvation—even as we wait patiently for the day when we inherit the heavenly prize of your eternal Kingdom; in the name the risen Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF CHRIST'S FORGIVENESS:

Friends — hear, believe, and claim the good news of God's powerful, life transforming, joy-generating love!

**Christ is risen! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Let us forgive one another.**

## **DECLARATION OF GOD'S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-44, 51-58

*St. Paul explains the resurrection.*

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 1-10

*Mary Magdalene experiences the living Lord.*

EASTER MESSAGE: *Rockin' Resurrection!* Pastor David Harvey

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-6, Colossians 1: 19-20

This is the good news that we have received, in which we stand, and through which we are being saved, if we hold firmly to the message proclaimed:

**That Christ Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. In him all the**

fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

EATING FISH

EASTER PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(using debts and debtors)*

SONG OF PRAISE: *Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!* (vv. 1 & 3)

***Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.***

***In the desert all surrounding, see a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.***

***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.***

## DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

BENEDICTION

*Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!*

*Alleluia!*

***Special appreciation to our worship assistants. All are welcome to join us for Easter Worship at 10 AM in the Church Sanctuary.***

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