

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSTOWN, NJ

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Apr. 12, 2026

* Please stand if you are able; **bold text spoken** and *bold/italic sung* by all.

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE: *"Dansa Brasileira" by Jorge Morel, Jason Vieaux* (2:40)

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, &

AFFIRMATION OF OUR MISSION STATEMENT: Robin Kasprenski

As disciples of Jesus Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, we experience God's unconditional love, and we witness to others by discovering and sharing our gifts.

CHORAL INTROIT: Chancel Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP: *adapted from Psalm 111:1-5*

Praise the Lord!

Give thanks to the Lord!

Praise the Lord and give thanks to the Lord.

Especially in the company of the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty, renowned are God's deeds.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, providing food for all who fear him.

With praise on our lips and joy in our hearts, we praise the Lord!

* HYMN OF PRAISE: *No. 267 All Things Bright Beautiful*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *in silence and in unison*

Almighty and forgiving God, who revealed the fullness of your power by raising Jesus from the dead: forgive us when we ask you to bless what we do rather than strive to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions rather than asking for your guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes what we want rather than what you will. Meet us here, we pray, that our doubts may be filled with declarations, and that hesitations may be replaced with courage, our doubts rekindled with hope, and our disbelief renewed by faith in your risen Son; in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, who died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is made alive in Christ and is a new creation.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, OF THE PEOPLE, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

DEPARTING IN GOD'S NAME

* HYMN: *No. 108* *Christ Is Alive!* *vv. 1, 4, 5*

* CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Por Una Cabeza" by Carlos Gardel*

Our Worship has ended — our Christian Witness begins!

ASSISTING THIS SUNDAY

Greeter: Gary Albrecht

Ushers: Mandy Burke, Chester Topolski

Worship Leader: Robin Kasprenski

Pastor: Rev. David Harvey

Ministers: The Congregation

Choir Director: Maggie Morokutti

Sound System: Theo Padavano

MIDI: Frank Wilson

DLP: Jennifer Plut

Children & Worship: Joan Cameron; *Jesus is risen and
appears to Mary Magdalene*

Faith Works: Deb Albrecht; *Jesus Lives; John 21: 1-19*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

The Human Family: individuals who struggle with food insecurity and homelessness, the people in the Ukraine and the Middle East; families and communities impacted by gun violence; by severe weather; and those affected by airline disaster

Men & Women Serving in the Armed Forces & America's Veterans
Those in elected office: The President, the Congress, State Assembly, Municipality officials

Healing for Friends & Families:

Cancer: Angela Balogach, Judy Dales, Gordon Dugan, Samantha Elwell, Julie Harvey, Olivia Hollis, Adam Hubble, Tracy Lance, Trisha Lenarze-Garmoe, Brad Gross, Ed Jones, Troy Lutz, Caitlyn McMorrow & her family, Henry Parsons, Andrew Shan, Robert Talmadge, Molly Young, Audrey, Eva, Liza, Joan

Illness & Injuries: George Burke, Derek Cameron, Elaine Canonico, Kyle Canonico, Lucy Cuipa, Christine Hengel, Michael Kelly, Jan Smith, Jan Swift, Judy Trigg, Jim Walsh, Ben Weber, Betty Ann Weir, Ann, Annie, Carter, Dave, David, Evelyn, Mia, Tracy, Valerie

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Easter Sun., Apr. 12

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM M&F Meeting/FH

Mon., Apr. 13 *Office Closed*

6:30 PM BEC/OC

7:00 PM WGS/Sanctuary

Tue., Apr. 14

10:00 AM Bible Study/OC

Fri., Apr. 17

6:30 PM Cub Scouts/FH

Sat., Apr. 18

9:30 AM Food Pantry/OC

Sun., Apr. 19

Special 1st Responder Service

8:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship

10:15 AM Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

M&F Meeting: Today following worship.

Worship Helpers Needed: You are invited to sign up online through Sign-Up Genius — pick a date that works for you! Visit fpcb-nj.org for the sign-up link or sign up in Fellowship Hall or speak with Deb Albrecht.

Special Services: Sign-ups for coffee hour are available.

- Sunday, Apr. 19: Recognition of 1st Responders in our community
- Sunday, Apr. 26: Blessings of Bikers w/Christian Motorcyclists Assoc.

For more information on these special services, visit <https://fpcb-nj.org/worship/specialworshippervices/>

Johnsonburg Summer Campships: PW supports children from our church who are interested in attending Johnsonburg summer camp. Any child interested in attending write a letter to PW indicating their reason for wanting to attend camp. Letters should be submitted to the church office by Apr. 30. More information about Johnsonburg summer camp may be found at <https://fpcb-nj.org/summer-campships/>.

Altar Flowers: Do you have a special occasion you would like to commemorate with altar flowers? Flowers can be cut or potted; from your garden, a store, or even delivered from a local florist! Please let the church office know if you'd like to provide flowers! You may sign up in Fellowship Hall or even sign up electronically through SignUpGenius which can be accessed through our website at <https://fpcb-nj.org/altar-flowers/>.

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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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When Thomas Heard from Jesus

1. When Thom-as heard from Je - sus, "Now come and fol - low me," he
 2. When Je - sus spoke of heav - en, bold Thom-as dared to say, "We
 3. When crowds be - gan to mur - mur and lead - ers raised their cry, brave
 4. What joy on Eas - ter eve - ning when man - y saw the Lord! Yet
 5. That man of faith saw Je - sus at break-fast by the sea; at

sure - ly went with glad - ness, for there was much to see. He
 don't know where you're go - ing! How can we know the way?" He
 Thom - as spoke out firm - ly, "Let's go with him and die." He
 Thom - as was not with them and would not trust their word. When
 Pen - te - cost he wit - nessed so oth - ers would be - lieve. O

wit-nessed Je - sus' teach - ing and saw his heal - ing touch; he
 want - ed un - der - stand - ing of what he could not see. Then
 ate at Je - sus' ta - ble, par - tak - ing wine and bread; yet
 Christ ap - peared be - fore him, his doubts were quick - ly gone; he
 Lord, may we, like Thom - as, keep grow - ing day by day; in -

found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.
 Je - sus re - as - sured him, "The way is here, through me."
 lat - er with the oth - ers, he saw the cross and fled.
 glad - ly knew that eve - ning the joy of Eas - ter dawn.
 crease our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

WORDS: Carolyn Winfrey Gilleette, 2012. Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16;
 John 11:11-16; 14:1-7; 20:19-29; 21:1-7; Acts 1:12-14
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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*Upcoming Special Worship Services
at First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown*
visit: fpcb-nj.org/specialworshipservices



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FIRST RESPONDER
— WORSHIP SERVICE —
April 19th 2026 10AM

— JOIN US FOR A —
Special Recognition Service
★ OF OUR LOCAL HEROES ★

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First Presbyterian Church • 1 Main St., Blairstown, NJ
10 AM Worship | April 26, 2026

Blessing of Bikers

Whether you ride or simply wish to support those who do, come share in prayer, community, and God's grace. All are welcome!



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