Alleluia! As the Risen Jesus greeted Mary (John 20:16), so he greets us. Welcome to Easter worship!

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at https://bit.ly/FPClive

Worship Assistant: Art Horst
Ushers: Anne Laubach
Audio: Chas Shimer
Video: Mark Heimbach

Deacon Greeter: Doub Boyd

NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.



Order of Worship March 31, 2024

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE

PRELUDE "Fanfare on Victory"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Yesterday, we thought death had won.

Yesterday, we thought all was lost.

Yesterday we thought Christ was gone.

People: But not today! Today we know that love has won.

Today we know that hope is real.

Today we know that Christ is here.

Leader: We have a reason to hope.

People: We have a reason to sing!

Leader: Alleluia!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Christ is risen today.

***OPENING PRAYER**

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION





It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: ...Let us pray so that we can remember. Join me in the litany

prayer of confession.

Leader: The stone is rolled away!

People: We assume it is a mistake.

Leader: The angel's say, "He is not here."

People: We assume their news is fake.

Leader: The women tell their story,

People: but we do not want to hear it.

Leader: Peter runs to the tomb

People: but we do not understand.

Leader: Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb is nothing more

than a prank.

People: Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths and still holding

tight to death.

Leader: Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope when you are alive

and well in the world.

People: Teach us to see what you see.

Leader: Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayers.

(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***SHARING THE PEACE**

Leader: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #71 "Surely it is God"

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

(Refrain only. Sing twice.)

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me



THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to

appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. ⁸Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

 $^{17}\mathbf{I}$ shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

FOURTH SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

MESSAGE

"Here's My Heart"

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

254 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS THE LORD'S PRAYER

GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL - PG. 35 (Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"Jesus Lives"

Children's Anthem: An Easter Litany in Word & Song

At this time, we are not passing an offering plate.

Please find the plate by the door for in-person giving.

See the back page of the bulletin for additional info on how to give.

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hallelujah Chorus"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Gelobt sei Gott"

Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.

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Faith Life

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024





- **TODAY:** HAPPY EASTER! He Has Risen! Enjoy our Easter breakfast.
- April 7: Enjoy first Sunday of month luncheon with fellow members and friends.

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, following worship, we will gather together for our **Pot Luck Luncheon**. The Ministry to the Congregation Committee invites all to attend! The main course for April is **Turkey BBQ**. They ask church members to please bring the following. If your name begins with...



A-L please bring a side dish. M-Z please bring a dessert.

See the back of this page for a list of SMT's future Sunday and midweek events. Youth Group News is also on the next page!

Dog TAGS



Our workcampers will soon be reaching out, seeking dog tag sponsors before they head off to Dexter, ME in June. Sponsors are asked to contribute \$75 which will help defray costs of the trip. The dog tags and the Easter breakfast are the final fundraisers prior to their trip.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a camper.

DAYBREAK - APRIL 8

Needed: 3-4 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each



Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 1:30 to 4:30pm.

Daybreak is a drop-in center for people suffering from mental illness, who may or may not also be homeless. Can you find the time to bake a batch or two and drop them off by noon tomorrow?

- Drop cookies off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them. Sugar-free and gluten-free cookies are also appreciated.
- Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx.
 1:30 to 4:30pm. (Carpool leaves from the church!)

For more information, speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer. Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others."

EASTER FLOWERS

The plants beautifying the sanctuary this morning were purchased and placed by the following:

- Donald & Helen Louise Perry, in memory of loved ones.
- <u>Christina Godiska</u>, in memory of Pappy and Uncle Bobby.
- Bill & Linda Kennington
- <u>Charley & Helen Underwood</u>, in memory of Underwood and Duh families.
- <u>Shimer family</u>, in memory of Ernie & Margaret Shimer and James Fehr; in honor of Annamarie Fehr.
- <u>Dick & Lynda Scheirer</u>, in memory and in honor of our families
- Jim & Penny Pantano, for Mari Noster
- Bruce & Beth Kunkle, in memory and in honor of our families
- <u>Dennis & Gloria Arndt</u>, in memory of Gloria & Richard Martz and Walter & Mary Arndt
- <u>Barb & David Webb</u>, in memory of Julius & Marge McIntosh, Allie Shuemake, Michael Webb, and Maurice Webb
- Beth Folio, in memory of William & Gladys Stewart
- Paul & Cathy Wiese, in memory of Carol Zartman
- Phil & Pam Martin, in memory of Chad & Steve
- <u>Liz Kenny</u>, in memory of parents
- Ann Greenwood, in memory of brother, Robert Glass
- Anne Zayaitz, in memory of my parents
- Yvonne Stauffer, in memory of family
- <u>Luff family</u>, in memory of departed loved ones
- Larry & Kathy Hemberger, in honor of Graham, Ella and Max
- Ron & Sandy Gingrich
- <u>Deb and Peter Ferguson</u>, in memory of Barbara L. Ferguson, and in honor of Sue F. Greenough
- Steven Eck, in memory of Sally Eck, and in honor of Betsy Turner and Gail Corvaia
- Richard & Zona Farmer, in memory of loved ones.
- <u>Terry Eck</u>, in memory of Sally Eck, and in honor of my grandchildren
- John & Carolyn Baittinger, in memory of our parents

Plants may be picked up following worship this morning.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. Closed on Fridays.



Sunday Morning Together brings our church family together for fellowship and special activities. Most activities take place right after worship. Children of God of all ages are welcome!

4/14 Church Clean-up Day & Lunch

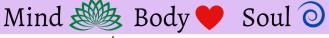
4/21 Earth Day Clean

4/28 Scavenger Hunt

5/5 First Sunday Luncheon

5/12 Fellowship

5/19 Pentecost- Confirmation Reception



Nurture Your Mind & Love Yourself

SATURDAY MAY 4TH 9AM - 2PM

AT FAITH PRESBYTERIAN OF EMMAUS

Look inward, center your body and soul through mindfulness, motion, meditation and education

Guided Meditation and Burning Ceremony

Learn about the power of therapy

Learn about Emotional Intelligence

Move with Belly Dance and Tai Chi

Take time for reflection

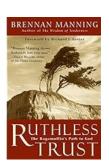
\$5 at the door Registration Required



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

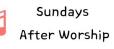
Our current study is <u>Ruthless Trust</u> by Brennan Manning.

This group meets Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in homes of our members for coffee, study, prayer and laughter.
Interested? Contact Anne Laubach or Deanna Robinson.





SUNDAY MORNING TOGETHER



Let the kiddos come and make a joyful noise!



WORD ON WEDNESDAY WINTER BIBLE STUDY Ezra/Nehemiah Meets Wednesdays at noon in the parlor. All are welcome.

led by Pastor Becki

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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Messages to be shared via the Prayer Chain may be emailed directly to prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org. Messages can also be sent through a form on the Prayer Requests page of the church website. If you wish to be included in our Prayer Chain distribution list (or if you don't think you are receiving messages), please contact the office.

PER CAPITA UPDATE

The per capita payment has portions sent to the Lehigh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly to help pay for the operation expenses of those organizations.



As of 3/18, we have received \$1,788 towards our total payment of \$9,936.00. The apportionment for 2024 is \$48.00 per member.

You can pay your per capita online, or by check made out to Faith Presbyterian Church. Thank you!

JOIN US FOR OUR **WORK CAMP 30-ISH** YEAR REUNION EVENT!

Work Camp Heroes and their families invited!

June 8, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

Faith Presbyterian Church, Emmaus

Evening includes Gathering, Dinner, Program, and Dessert.

RSVP by May 8 to Lynn Ingram 484-695-9073 or lingram@ptd.net

*Work Camp Heroes: Yes, we are inviting everyone who has ever attended work camp, but this invitation is also extended to members of Faith Church and The Barn. BUT...you must RSVP! Feel free to share this with any work campers you know!

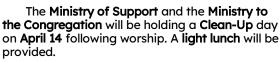


It'S TIME TO DIG IN THE DIRT!

There will be a Faith Feeds Garden meeting on Sunday, April 7 following worship. There is a Pot Luck luncheon that day. Grab some food and we can plan for the upcoming season. Contact Sally Heimbach for more info.

APRIL 14 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Light lunch provided





There will be a variety of jobs both on the inside and the outside of the building.

Please plan on participating. For additional information contact Sally Heimbach.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Assisting during worship is easier than you think! Spoon-fed instructions are provided, with all the necessary materials. Everything is prepared for you! Yet, as easy as it is, volunteers are always needed. Here are the dates where a worship assistant is needed:

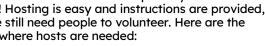
April 7, 21, 28

April 28

Contact Sally Heimbach, or use this link to the SignUpGenius: https://bit.ly/3FCW8iO Thank you.

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Everybody loves fellowship time following worship. It's a wonderful time to catch up with your church family! Hosting is easy and instructions are provided, but we still need people to volunteer. Here are the dates where hosts are needed:



Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex, or contact Heather Davis. Thank you.

THE NURSERY NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during the worship time. If you do not have your clearances, we can assist you in obtaining them. Here are the dates where volunteers are needed:



April 7, 14, 21, 28

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex, or see Sally Heimbach. Helpers will need their clearances. Thank you.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Scan this QR code to donate to aid disaster relief, or send a check with PDA in the memo line, mail to:

Presbyterian Disaster c/o Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) P.O. Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



WO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared on the Thursday prior to distribution. Please see the church website for the most up-to-date information.

Brick Room Fellowship Hall FH Music Room Parlor Sanctuary

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 31

<u>Easter</u>

8:00 a.m.— Easter Breakfast (FH) 10:00 a.m.— Worship Service

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

7:15 p.m.— Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, April 2

7:30 p.m.— Ministry of Support (P)

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)

9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

Noon— WOW Bible Study (P)

5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal (MR)

7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal (S)

Thursday, April 4

9:30 a.m.— Women's Study Group

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, April 5

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 6

10:00 a.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, April 7

10:00 a.m.- Worship Service

11:00 a.m.— Pot Luck Luncheon

Faith Feeds Garden Planning Meeting

11:30 a.m.— Confirmation Class Meeting (P)

5:00 p.m.— Middle School Youth Group

6:30 p.m.— High School Youth Group

Monday, April 8

1:30 p.m.— Daybreak Meal

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 p.m.— Session Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, April 10

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)

9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

Noon- WOW Bible Study (P)

5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal (MR)

7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal (S)

7:00 p.m.— EPNHN (P)

Thursday, April 11

9:30 a.m.— Women's Study Group

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, April 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 13

2024 Per Capita-\$48.00 Daybreak - April 8 Spring Flyer deadline—May 19

ARE YOU GETTING THE INFO YOU NEED?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

Weekly Announcements	Quarterly Newsletter
Prayer Chain	Emergency Alerts

Name & email:_

Looking Ahead

Mark Your Calendars!

Apr. 14..... Church Clean-Up Day

Apr. 18-23 Pastor's Vacation

Apr. 29..... Office Admin Vacation Week

May 4 Fellowship Event—Mind Body Soul

May 5 Pot Luck Luncheon

May 12..... Mother's Day

May 19 Pentecost

June 8...... Work Camp Reunion

June 16 Father's Day

July 4 Independence Day

Jun. 17-20..... Vacation Bible School Jun. 22-30 Work Camp at Dexter, ME

Sept. 28 Fellowship Event-Autumn Fest

Oct. 6...... World Communion

Nov. 3...... Daylight Savings Time Ends