



First Presbyterian Church
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April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

* = Please stand in body or in spirit

WELCOME! We are glad you can join us for worship here and online. Visitors, please sign the guest book located in the narthex. Prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Ushers will collect them during the second hymn. Please *remember to turn off all devices as we turn towards God.*

GREETINGS TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

PRELUDE

"Aria"

Craig Phillips

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

One: We gather together to worship our risen Lord...

All: eager to see Jesus, eager for His healing touch.

One: We gather together to worship our risen Lord...

All: eager to see Jesus, awaiting His greeting, "Peace be with you."

One: We gather together to worship our risen Lord...

All: eager to see Jesus, eager to spread His teaching, praying and healing throughout this world.

* PRAYER OF CONNECTION: (In unison)

O God, morning by morning you awaken us; day-by-day you show us your wondrous love. You surround us with countless acts that tell of our majesty; we are struck by your goodness, as we are refreshed in your Spirit. Come, dwell among us, and through Christ let us praise you. Amen.

* HYMN # Blue 116

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!"
vv. 1-4

French tune, 15th century

INVITATION TO SEEK GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER SEEKING GOD'S GRACE: (In unison)

Precious Lord, we praise you for your victory over sin and death. Thank you for your love, mercy and grace upon us. Please forgive us for those many times when we put our own desires ahead of your wish that we follow your will. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Guide us, Oh God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in Your light we may see light, in Your truth find freedom, and in Your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOD'S WORD TO US

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 133:1-3

p. 575

SERMON

“Even the Resurrection Has Doubters”

Elder, Don Kearney

A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION

(A quiet time for contemplation on the preached scripture.)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

* HYMN # Blue 119

“The Strife is O’er”

Giovanni P. da Palestrina

(At this time, ushers will receive any written prayer requests. Blank prayer request cards are available in the racks within each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and give it to an usher or email office@fpcboonton.org)

TIME FOR MISSION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER: (In unison) **“forgive us our sins, as...sin against us”**

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

arr. Jack Schrader

(Please remain silent during this time of worship, dedication and prayer)

* PRESENTATION / DOXOLOGY: (In unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD’S PEOPLE GO INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN # Blue 138

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Reginald Heber

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Stand Up For Jesus”

arr. Dennis Johnson

Pastor: The Rev. Carie Morgan

Organist/Choir Director: Sarah Jane Zollner

Guest Speaker: Elder, Don Kearney

Lay Reader: Lynn Ware

Deacons at the Firemen’s Home: The Storas and Marion Gingery

Ministers: All the People of the Church

Announcements

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

HEARING AIDS/RECEIVERS – We have hearing aid receivers available during the worship service. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one. **PEW PILLOWS** – are available during worship for those of you who would like additional back support. Feel free to pick one up or have an usher bring one to you!

GUEST SPEAKER Don Kearney and his wife Diane have been members of FPCB since 1990. Don became very active in the Presbytery as the Vice Moderator of the Permanent Judicial Commission and as the Secretary of the Committee on Ministry. He met Rev. Carie when she served as interim Pastor at the Morris Plains Presbyterian Church about 13 years ago. Don has served two terms on the Deacons and was part of the Chancel Choir as well.

LAY READER – Lynn Ware has been attending the Church since 2013, and was received into membership in 2020. She enjoys her choir membership, seasonal mission activities, and working in Loaves and Fishes along with her husband John. Their son John married Eryn in January 2024, they continue to live in Lynn's hometown of NYC. Lynn sings in the chorale of the local branch of the American Association of University Women, along with Kathy Pizar and Nell Troiani, directed by our FPCB guest organist, Christina Jonas.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Lynn Ware in honor of her husband John's birthday, April 3.

WORSHIP FLOWERS NEEDED You can sign up on the chart by the Sanctuary doors. One or both of these arrangements are delivered to the sick and homebound each week and bring connection and cheer. The office will contact you regarding the \$40 flower donation and bulletin dedication

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS have been given by the Beatty's in memory of John Middleton and by Daniel Latner, Harold Johnson and Boonton PBA Local 212 Civic Association in memory of A. Lloyd Charlton.

MISSIONS - We are always accepting Mission Donations through Breeze or they can be mailed to or dropped off at the office.

MEAL TRAIN is an opportunity to provide a meal for a person or a family in their time of need. Please email Martel Roberts at martelroberts@gmail.com or call or text 973-216-0787 if you would like to volunteer to provide a meal or if you are in need of a meal.

COFFEE HOUR – Leftover Sunday! Join us in the library for leftovers and a great time of fellowship! *Please consider **sponsoring or hosting** coffee hour. You can sign up on the board next to the office (or consider donating to the jar in the library). Congregational Life will provide coffee.

SECOND THURSDAY adult group will meet Thursday **April 11** at 1:15pm in the Library.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – Our theme for 2024 was **Lift High the Cross** and **the goal was \$2024**. Thanks to your support, we have surpassed our goal and reached **\$3751.60 and counting!**

PW MOVIE NIGHT - Friday, April 12th @ 7pm - *An American Pickle* (2020) starring Seth Rogan. The film provides a witty perspective on American culture and the vast changes in attitudes that have occurred in the last century. There is insight on the roles of faith and family in making life and moral choices presented through the lens of a Jewish family in New York. Are the changes in society good, bad or a little of both? Come and watch the movie and join the post-movie discussion with your PW friends!

PW SPRING GATHERING – Saturday, April 13th 9:30am – 2pm at Parish House – PC-65 South Street, Morristown, NJ. TOPIC – A Christian Perspective on Immigration. \$5 for lunch RSVP to: dorischristians64@gmail.com

PASTOR CARIE'S VACATION will be April 1-April 7th. For pastoral emergencies please contact office@fpcboonton.org or 973-334-3535 x100 which will be forwarded to Sandy's cell.

2024 PER CAPITA

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member — per capita apportionment — to their respective presbyteries. It is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together, by sharing the benefits of the system of government and operational expenses.

The per capita amount is a combined total of requests from the presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective annual budgets.

We ask all those who are able to consider covering your per capita charges for 2024. The Presbytery Per Capita fee is \$42.50 per member. This includes youth who have been confirmed. Ex: For a couple, the per capita amount is \$85 and for family (where 1 youth is also a member) the per capita would be \$127.50.

As a connectional church, we are obligated to pay this to the Presbytery of the Highlands early each year, to cover operational expenses. A small portion (a total of 10%) also gets allocated for General Assembly and Synod expenses.

We ask that you prayerfully consider making your per capita contribution. Every per capita cost that is not paid comes out of the overall endowment (or savings) of the church. By paying your per capita will allow us to allocate all of our donations to the missions of this church. You may use the special envelopes in your offering boxes or you can simply mark your contribution with the words “Per Capita.” *-Mission Interpretation & Stewardship Committee*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 7 – April 13 ~ *Second Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Worship (Sanctuary and online)
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour – Leftover Sunday! (Library)
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	7:00 pm	AA (Reighart Hall)
Monday	7:30 pm	NA - Lost and Found Group (Reighart Hall)
Tuesday	4:00 pm	NJ Conservatory (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Session (Library)
Wednesday	10:30 am	Easter Bible Study (Library)
	3:00 pm	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	4:00 pm	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	6:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Thursday	1:15 pm	Second Thursday (Library)
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts (Reighart Hall)
Friday	7:00 pm	PW Movie Night (Library)
Saturday	8:00 am	Coffee & Services (Gateway)
	9:00 am	Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
	9:30 am	PW Event in Morristown

April 14 – April 20 ~ *Third Sunday of Easter*

Sunday	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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*The calendar can also be found on our website under news and events