

~ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~

**TODAY, serving in worship:**

**Reader:** Brenna Myers  
**Greeters/Ushers:** Jim Crum; Molly Shane  
**Fellowship Hosts:** Caroline Jardine & Jim King  
**Video Recorder:** Joe Shane  
**Audio Recorder:** Ray Thomas

**THIS WEEK, in our prayers:**

\* **in the presbytery:** Great Conewago (Gettysburg); Rev. Dr. Brand Eaton  
\* **in the community:** UPMC Carlisle Chaplaincy  
\* **in the congregation (at random):** Denise Kelly; Brian Carlson

**THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:**

~ **Monday, 6-9 PM:** Fellowship Hall in use  
~ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal  
~ **Thursday, 8 AM:** Men's Breakfast (Sunnyside, N. Hanover St.)

**NEXT SUNDAY.....THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.....APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>**

> **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary  
> **9:30 AM:** Education hour  
> **10:45 AM:** Worship  
> **After worship:** Fellowship Time (Celebrate April birthdays)  
> **After worship:** "Listening Sessions" (details below)

**NEW TOTAL** for the "One Great Hour of Sharing" PC-USA special offering is **\$1,592.**

**JUST ONE MORE THING....Holy Cow Listening Sessions!** After today's presentation by the Strategic Planning Team (SPT), we ask for your help one more time. Next Sunday (Apr. 19), after worship, the SPT will conduct listening sessions in order to dig deeper into your *Holy Cow* survey responses. Please come to Fellowship Hall where you will be divided randomly into three groups, which will discuss the priorities you gave us in the survey. Sessions should last no more than 45 minutes. Hope to see you there!

- **NOTE: Prayer Community** will meet after worship April 26<sup>th</sup> (rather than April 19<sup>th</sup>) so as not to conflict with the Listening Sessions.

**APRIL is "Child Abuse Prevention Month."** The Exchange Club of Carlisle has "planted" a Blue Pinwheel Community Garden along the church's fence line. A pinwheel is planted for each \$5 donation. All proceeds go to Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties' children's programs. For more info or to donate, go to:

[www.exchangeclubofcarlisle.org/pinwheels.htm](http://www.exchangeclubofcarlisle.org/pinwheels.htm).

First Presbyterian Church  
On-the-Square  
Carlisle, Pennsylvania



April 12, 2026

10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDES

*In His Presence* Denton  
*O Sons and Daughters* Held  
*The Russian Easter* Rimsky-Korsakov

~ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

*Lovely is the Dayspring* Simone

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.  
**Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.**

\* HYMN #481 – “Praise the Lord, God’s Glories Show”

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God,  
we confess that we look for the living  
among the dead.  
We are foolish and slow to believe  
the promise of the prophets.  
We are frightened and full of doubt,  
even when you stand among us.  
Forgive us, God of grace.  
Open our hearts to receive your word,  
and feed us with the bread of life,  
the life that death cannot destroy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**  
*(silent confession . . .)*

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE #579 – “Gloria Patri”

#### \* PASSING THE PEACE

Just as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus, let us also forgive one another and offer signs of peace and reconciliation. The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**  
*(Extend a word of peace with one another . . .)*

### PROCLAIMING

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God, with joy we celebrate  
the presence of your risen Word.  
Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit  
so that we may proclaim the good news  
of eternal and abundant life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Psalm 118:26-28 (O.T., p. 566)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “Lord of the Dance” Hart

SECOND LESSON John 20:19-31 (N.T., p. 115)  
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “Authentically New” Rev. Lorenz

\* HYMN #399 – “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

#### \* THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven  
and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth  
on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence  
he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the  
Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. AMEN**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (p. 16, blue hymnal)

### GIVING THANKS

#### OFFERING OURSELVES

Offertory *This Joyful Eastertide* Wood

\* RESPONSE #592 – “Praise God”

#### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Great God, to you we give our thanks;  
your steadfast love endures forever.  
With gratitude we bring our gifts to you.  
Bless us and our gifts,  
that our lives and our resources  
may be a source of healing and hope,  
of joy and justice in our world. AMEN**

### SENDING

\* HYMN #108 – “Christ is Alive!”

\* BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING RESPONSE #122 (*refrain*) – “Thine Is the Glory”

**“Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won.”**

\* POSTLUDE *Redemption Song* Gounod

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\* indicates please stand, if able  
BOLD indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you



WE BID ALL who have come to worship a warm welcome in the name of Jesus Christ! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of this community of faith and learn about what it means to follow Jesus Christ. Find more info at: [www.firstprescarlisle.org](http://www.firstprescarlisle.org).