

~ **ANNOUNCEMENTS** ~

TODAY, after worship, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for conversation and light refreshments. A birthday cake will mark our April birthdays.

TODAY, after worship – Holy Cow Listening Sessions! Please come to Fellowship Hall to participate in a listening session. Three teams will be assigned randomly by the Strategic Planning Team. At today’s sessions, we will dig deeper into our *Holy Cow* survey responses, and discuss the priorities highlighted in the survey. Sessions should last no more than 45 minutes.

TODAY, serving in worship:

- Reader:** Steve Walker
- Greeters/Ushers:** Bob Davis; Dan & Bonnie Deardorff
- Fellowship Hosts:** Parish Life Committee
- Video Recorder:** Joe Shane
- Audio Recorder:** Ray Thomas

THIS WEEK, in our prayers:

- * **in the presbytery:** Lower Marsh Creek (Gettysburg); Rev. Brian Moss
- * **in the community:** Cumberland County Nursing Home Chaplaincy
- * **in the congregation (at random):** Richard & Debbie Bressler; Linda Rydberg

THIS WEEK, in the life of the church:

- ~ **Monday, 7 PM:** Strategic Planning “Listening Sessions”
- ~ **Tuesday, 7 PM:** Session meeting
- ~ **Wednesday, 7 PM:** Choir rehearsal

NEXT SUNDAY.....FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.....APRIL 26th

- > **9:15 AM:** Prayer, in the sanctuary
- > **9:30 AM:** Education hour
- > **10:45 AM:** Worship; Sermon, “A New Perspective”;
Scripture: Psalm 30 & Revelation 7:9-17
- > **After worship:** Fellowship Time
- > **After worship:** Prayer Community meets



Are you interested in numbers? Do you keep your checkbook balanced? First Church is looking for someone to join our finance team to work with the Church Treasurer and the Finance Committee. This person would be responsible for producing monthly financial reports for the Session and year-end reports as well, in addition to investment updates. This person would not be responsible for day-to-day items such as paying bills or payroll. If interested, contact Pastor Tony (alorenz.fpcarl@pa.net; 717-243-4612).



Are you interested in becoming a member of First Church, or simply learning more? If so, a New Member Class will be forming soon. Please speak with Pastor Tony if you are interested (alorenz.fpcarl@pa.net); 717-243-4612.

Members of the Congregation, Ministers		<u>Church Officers</u>	
The Rev. Anthony D. Lorenz, Pastor		<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
The Rev. Jon A. Black, Pastor Emeritus		Deb Richcreek	Jim King
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<u>Our Mission Partners</u>	
<u>Local</u>	<u>International</u>
Project SHARE	Presbytery of Honduras Partnership
Community CARES	Honduras Scholarship Fund
Samaritan Fellowship	Kids Connection Haiti
SPY	Reach Out Lafond, Haiti
Maranatha–Carlisle	Friends of Presbyterian Educ. Board
Safe Harbour	
My Brothers' Table	
CV Habitat for Humanity	

First Presbyterian Church On-the-Square Carlisle, Pennsylvania



April 19, 2026

10:45 a.m.

The Third Sunday of Easter

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDES

*O Sons and Daughters
King of Glory, King of Peace*

Held
Martin

~ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Melody

Gawthrop

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the God who created us --

**The God who calls us, The God who equips us,
The God who loves us without end.**

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

* HYMN #482 – “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Father most gracious!
Rebuke us not in your anger,
nor chasten us in your wrath!
Heal us from our sin, for we are troubled.
Deliver us for the sake of your steadfast love.
Our sins trouble us, O God.
We are troubled by how they have hurt others.
We are troubled by how they have hurt us.
Your ways are right, O righteous God!
And whenever we have refused to follow them
we have found out how right they are.
Have mercy on us, O God. 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

**Risen Christ,
you show us the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy.
Speak to us now as the Scripture
is read and proclaimed,
that we may know your presence
and be filled with gladness in our hearts. AMEN**

FIRST LESSON Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12 (O.T., p. 505)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

CHOIR ANTHEM “Whisper to My Heart” Martin

SECOND LESSON John 21: 1-14 (N.T., p. 115)
(The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God!**)

SERMON “New Undercover” Rev. Lorenz

* HYMN #267(G) – “Will You Come and Follow Me”

* 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

Offertory

Gawthrop

* 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 #106 – “Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks”

* 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

The Strife Is Over

Smith

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* indicates please stand, if able
BOLD indicates ALL read

Children’s Worship Bulletins are available; an usher can assist you
(G) indicates use green songbook, “Sing! a new creation”



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.