

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 5, 2026 – 11:15 am

\* Those that are able and comfortable standing please stand.

**Prelude: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee from Beethoven's  
Ninth Symphony (D. Bish)**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news — the grave is empty; Christ is risen.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never put it out.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Once we were no people; now we are God's people.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Leader: Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace we now share with each other.

**People: Hallelujah! Let us worship the living God!**

\*Hymn                      **Christ the Lord is Risen Today**                      **#367**

### Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

*Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to earth. We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. In his name we pray, Amen.*

### Time of Silent Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.**

\*Gloria Patri                      **Glory Be to the Father**                      **#813**

### Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: As God has greeted us with his peace, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.

### Children's Sermon

## Scripture Reading:

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**John 20: 1-18**

## Sermon:

"Resurrection"

**Rev. Diane Flynn**

\*Hymn                      **He Lives**                      **#368**

## Affirmation of Faith:

*This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.*

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Leader: We praise you, O God,

**People: for your mercy is great!**

\*Hymn                      **Doxology**                      **#815**

### \*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering

*Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.*

\*Hymn                      **Because He Lives**                      **#358**

## Benediction

**Postlude:                      Thine Is the Glory (G.F. Handel)**



**Serving This Sunday, 4/5**

**Guest Musician:** Ann Marie Robinson

**Liturgist:** Carol Floyd; **Sound Room:** Becky Mahon

**Serving Next Sunday, 4/12**

**Liturgist:** Keith Hare; **Sound Room:** Becky Mahon

**Coffee Fellowship:** Gaye Gibson

## **This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

### **SUNDAY, April 5 – Easter Sunday**

11:15 a.m. – Worship Service (Please note the time change.)

### **THURSDAY, April 9**

10:00 a.m. – Good Morning Bible Study

### **SUNDAY, April 12**

9:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

10:15 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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- Thank you to Ann Marie Robinson for serving as our guest musician today. We appreciate your willingness to serve us on this holy day as we celebrate our Risen Christ. Your servant's heart is a blessing.
  - If you purchased an Easter lily or mum for today's service, please remember to take them home with you to enjoy.
  - Today is SCRIP Sunday. If you would like to purchase Scrip gift cards this month, please see Gaye Gibson.
  - We are seeking volunteers for the PCP Garage Sale on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please see the flyers in the sanctuary for details.

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**Starting Strong Apartment Supplies:** We are collecting supplies to provide for foster youth transitioning into adult life. Place your donations in the laundry basket in the sanctuary. We will be delivering at the end of April. If you are out shopping, consider blessing foster youth in this way.



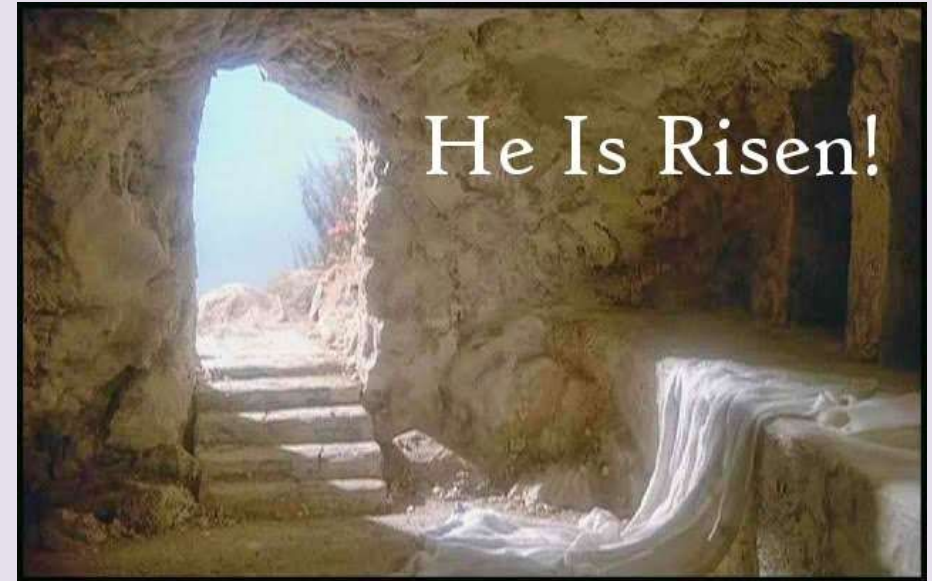
**Cleaning Supplies:** Clorox Wipes, Multipurpose Cleaners, Toilet Brush/Bowl Cleaner, Sponge, Broom/Dustpan, Trash Can, Dish Soap, Bucket, Dish Towels

**Paper Supplies:** Trash Bags, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues

**Laundry Supplies:** Basket/Laundry Bag, Detergent, Dryer Sheets

**Household Items:** Plastic Cups/Bowls/Plates, Cooking Utensils, Can Opener, 2 or 3 Qt. Saucepan, Non-Stick Skillet, Baking Sheet, Strainer, Measuring Cups, Bath Towels, Pillows  
**Hygiene Items:** Toothbrush/Paste, Comb, Hairbrush, Body Wash, Shower Puff, Shampoo/Conditioner, Razors, Lotion, Hand Soap, Deodorant, Band-Aids, Tylenol/Advil

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Resurrection

Rev. Diane C. Flynn

April 5, 2026

11:15 a.m.

65 N. Third St.

Newark, OH 43055

Chris Rainey, Worship Elder