

Service of Divine Worship – April 4, 2010  
Easter Sunday

Bible Memory Verse:

PRELUDE

*(Please take this time for quiet reflection and prayer.)*

*We Gather To Worship our God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST AND COLLECTION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

+ GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

*We Enter into God's Grace*

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "REJOICE, ALL PEOPLE ON EARTH REJOICE!"

ADULT CHOIR

PRAYER OF WELCOMING

REV. DR. PETER W. GREGORY

+ HYMN OF PRAISE #367 "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"

*Ministry of Prayer and Grace*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (SILENT)

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

+ HYMN #358 "BECAUSE HE LIVES"

BRINGING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

+ DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

"CHRIST ABOVE ALL"

BY: MARK BRYMER

(PLEASE SEE INSERT)

GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 24: 1-9

PASTOR: THE WORD OF THE LORD

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD

MESSAGE

"WORTHY IS THE LAMB, INDEED!"

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*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*This is an open table, for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, regardless of background, are welcome to partake of the Sacrament. Please retain all elements until all are served.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please retain all elements until all are served. Parents please exercise common sense and judgment in sharing the sacrament with younger children.*

*We Respond With Prayer and Thanksgiving*

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE #368 "HE LIVES"

WORDS OF BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

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+ Please Stand if you are Able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"He is risen! He has risen indeed!"*

**VISITORS:** We welcome you. If you would like a visit from Pastor Gregory, please fill out the card in the pew or the one in your visitor's bag and place in the offering plate. Thank you.

## ABOUT TODAY'S SERMON

If you are in need of pastoral care please call the church office (during office hours) 609-397-0650; 8 – 12 Tuesday through Friday. If it is after office hours please call one of the Elders on call for month of April: George Warner at 215-794-0160 or Bob Holland at 609-397-2688.

## OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### TODAY

**Greeting** today Tucker and Carol Griffiths

Tucker Griffiths is the **Deacon** on stair glide duty

**Nursery for church hour is provided** for infants and children up to five years old. Mrs. Heather McIntyre is the **nursery helper** this morning.

### No Coffee Hour after worship

7:00 PM, Famalia De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

### MONDAY

**7:00 PM, Session Prayer**

7:30 PM, Scouts

9:30 PM, Soccer

### TUESDAY

7:15 PM, Praise Band

9:00 PM, AA

### WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM, Women's Bible Study

9:30 Soccer

### THURSDAY

6:15 PM, Bell Choir

7:30 PM, Adult Choir Rehearsal

7 PM, Famalias De Hoy

9:30 PM Soccer

### FRIDAY

5:30 PM, AA

## NEXT SUNDAY

**9:00 AM, Sunday School, for all ages**

**10:30 AM, Morning Worship**

**Coffee Hour**

**7 PM, Famalias De Hoy**

**9:30 PM, Soccer**

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**This year's Shad Festival will take place on April 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will once again need your help for the fish pond and the Deacons table.**

**The Summer Season, June 20<sup>th</sup> to September 12, Pastor Gregory will once again preach on your requested themes and topics. The request form is in the April *Light*. Please return to the church office by May 15.**

**PRAYER CHAIN** If you have any prayer needs during the week that you want the prayer chain to pray for please call Karen Seymour at 215-862-9359 or e-mail the church office.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** our senior saints; our military at home and abroad; Naomi (daughter of Ursula Chirico) undergoing cancer treatment; Barbara Hendricks (sister-in-law of Grace Hendricks) recuperating after hip surgery; Marian Hartpence, Health issues; Rick Shaw, health issues now at home; Joyce Hayes, (mother of Pat Buchanan) health issues.

**HOME BOUND:** Mr. Lowell Hunter, at home; Theresa Castle, at home

**SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SUNDAY: April 11, 2010**

**Lay Leader:** Joanne DiBlasi

**Greeting:** Chris and Dana Garrenger

**Deacon scheduled for stairglide:** Tucker Griffiths

**Church Hour Nursery:** Karen and Angelo Armano

## *Hymn Tyme*

**What a glorious truth to ponder – Jesus is not the “Great I WAS” but rather the “Great I AM”. Jesus is not only a historical fact but a present day living reality. The whole system of Christianity rests upon the truth that Jesus rose from the grave and is now seated at the Father's right hand.**

**“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” has been one of the church's most popular Easter hymns since it was first written by Charles Wesley in 1738. Right after graduating from Oxford University in 1735, Charles decided to sail to America, He came to the New World to evangelize**

**the colonists in Georgia and the Indians. Charles soon became disillusioned with the situation and returned to England after only a short time.**

**As he crossed the Atlantic, Charles was impressed by a devout group of Moravians who seemed to have such spiritual depth and vitality, as well as a heart for lost souls. After returning to London, Charles met with some Moravians in 1738. Charles had a “heart warming experience”, realizing that even though he had been zealous in religious activity for most of his life, he had never personally know either God’s forgiveness or real joy. From that time on his ministry displayed a new dimension of spiritual power.**

**If all of our eternity is to be realized on this side of the grave, we are hopeless and to be pitied (I Corinthians 15:19). But for the Christian, the resurrection assures us of God’s tomorrow. This anticipation makes it possible to live joyfully today, regardless of life’s circumstances.**