



Sunday, April 20, 2025 ~ Resurrection of the Lord
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (*Cemetery Cross*)

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Opening Sentences

Rev. Stuart Spencer

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Amen.

Opening Song*

Rev. Wes Allen

Because He Lives

Chris Tomlin

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One

I believe I overcome, by the power of His blood

Chorus: Amen. Amen. I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives. Amen. Amen.

Let my song join the one that never ends (Because He Lives)

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away

Because He lives I can face tomorrow. Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone.

I know He holds my life, my future in His hand. Because He Lives.

Ending: Because He Lives

Scripture Reading

Rev. Spencer

Luke 24: 33-49

Meditation

Rev. Spencer

"Getting Out of the House"

Sermon Series: Walking the Way of Jesus

Affirmation of Faith* (by Brian Miller)

We believe in God the Father, who created the world, was faithful when we were not, and who continuously seeks to redeem the world.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ, who humbled himself by becoming human and moving into our neighborhood; was sent by the Father to give us life; embodied and taught the righteous love of God; and who, though he knew no sin, became sin and was put to death on a cross.

We believe that three days later, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by the power of God; was seen in bodily form by his disciples.

We believe that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over any form of sin and brokenness and allows us to know the full love of God for the world.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who actively works in our lives, giving us grace to be like Jesus, and sends us to show God's love for the world. May it be so! Amen.

Work of God's People and Offering

Rev. Spencer

Way of the Week

- 3. LISTEN GENEROUSLY.** Be quick to listen and do so with your undivided attention. Minimize the distractions and let go of the need to agree or disagree. Suspend your judgment and be curious to know more rather than jumping to conclusions. Above all, listen to understand.

Collect

Prayer: Lord, thank You for listening generously to us. Please teach us to listen for understanding and with discernment, both to others and to You. We want to leave a legacy of being a loving listener. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allen

Let us draw near to the throne of grace with humble hearts, offering our prayers of intercession on this glorious Easter Sunday.

We pray for Your Church throughout the world ...

We intercede for those who do not yet know the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ...

We remember before You those who are suffering, grieving, or facing trials ...

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We lift up our communities, our nation, and all the nations of the earth ...
Finally, Heavenly Father, we pray that the power of Christ's resurrection may transform our own lives ...

Closing Song*

Rev. Wes Allen

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Easter Hymn)

Charles Wesley, Samuel Arnold

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Lives again, our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

Benediction

Rev. Spencer

6:30 a.m. Worship Ministry

Pastors:	Rev. Stuart Spencer, Rev. Wes Allen
Musician:	Wes Allen
Ushers:	John Miller and Jack Terry

Easter Flowers are given by members of the congregation to the glory of God and in honor and loving memory of those held dear in our hearts. ***See insert***

The church office is closed on Easter Monday, April 21. Our Pastors and staff wish you a blessed Easter!

Work of God's People (See [Connections](#), eblast, website and Church Center app for details)



Easter Schedule: Easter Worship Sunday, April 20: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise, 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship. **Easter offerings** may be placed in the offering plate using special pew envelopes, by using the QR code in your pews to give from your device, or given online. We celebrate our Risen Lord!

Flower Deliveries -- The Deacons are looking for a few drivers to help deliver Easter flowers to our less mobile members, contact Gail Sorin or Bobbi Voglesong.

Congregational Meeting -- Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation **Sunday, April 27** to elect officers to begin terms June 1, 2025. The meeting will immediately follow the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship.



Calling 2025 Graduates -- Parents: Please submit names of 2025 high school, college and post-graduates to Jan Martin in the church office by **April 29th** ([see online form](#)). We will recognize outgoing Youth Director Dave Fauvell and his ministry on Sunday, May 4th (Graduate Recognition Sunday), where we will collect notes of appreciation for him at both Sunday worship services.

Spring Cleaning With Meaning – Imagine seeking medical treatment and upon leaving the ER you're not properly dressed to go back into the world. Pennsylvania Hospital has a donation room for those in need but is in desperate need of clothing. Sami Fauvell works in the ER and is collecting clothes. As you change out seasonal wardrobes please put aside items for this clothing drive. *Look for the bin outside Youth Director Dave's office.* Items of special need: women's and men's pants, jackets and sweatshirts, sneakers, shoes.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, May 7 from 01:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Miller Commons. Sign up online or at the Welcome Desk with Debbie Heller. You can save a life with your donation.

NEW: Celebrate the 66th Strawberry Festival in style with a vintage-inspired Strawberry Festival T-shirt! Fundraiser supports the FPC General Operating Fund so back the berries! See link to our [First Presbyterian Church Web Store](#) on our [event page](#), website and Friday eblast. Sale ends May 18.



ALPHA, an 11-week Wednesday evening discussion series, begins **April 30**. [Sign up online](#) or with Jim Cole.

Pastor Spencer Sabbatical -- Pastor Stuart will be on sabbatical from **May 12-August 20**. See event page for more information. He will be away at a CREDO Pastor's Retreat April 28-May 5.

Save The Date: Membership Ice Cream Social Sunday, May 25; combined 9:30 am worship; we will honor this year's Inquirers Classes, CREDO Confirmants and 50+ Year Members; [RSVP online](#) so we can estimate our needs.

Women's Morning Prayer Event -- Save The Date: **Saturday, May 31** (8:00 a.m.-Noon); sign up online. Come pray with your sisters in Christ. Beverages provided, bring your Bible, journal and a snack if you like.

Vacation Bible School June 23-27, 2025 – Registration is OPEN! Get ready for an exciting adventure at *True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* We will point kids to Jesus, our faithful friend whom we can always trust — He's our *True North!*