

April 12, 2026



**First Presbyterian
Church**
of Pittsburgh

Welcome to Worship Service – 10:45 am

*Please stand as you are able

Prelude: “Resurrection Suite”
Arr. Mark Patterson

Alaine Fink, *piano*

Time of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Craig M. Walls
Senior Pastor

Gathering Before the Word

***Responsive Call to Worship**
(Psalm 16, John 20)

Paul Horne
Liturgist

Leader: You who have touched the wounds of the world,
You who have been wounded by the world,

All: Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God,

Leader: We have not seen you, Risen One.
We have not touched you,

All: but we believe you are our Lord and our God.

Leader: You are our refuge in hurt and pain. *You are the path of life.*

All: You are our Lord and our God! Alleluia!

***Hymn # 263: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”** (located in this bulletin)

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Paul Horne

Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, sometimes we are bold and sure that you are the Living One who defeated death and destruction for us all. We confess that our faith is weak. We admit that we do not always follow your ways, that we allow doubts to overcome us. Amid our doubts, bless us with your peace. Bless us with the joy and assurance of your presence, wherever we are in our journey of faith. In your compassionate name, we pray. **Amen.**

Time of Silent Prayer and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Paul Horne

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Walls

The Lord's Prayer

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; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Children's Message

Rev. Walls

***Hymn #76: "Do Not Be Afraid"** (located in this bulletin)

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:1-10

Paul Horne

¹After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem: "We Are Not Alone"

By Pepper Choplin

Torey Gricks, *soloist*

Sermon: "Greetings ... Don't Be Afraid"

Rev. Walls

Responding to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

We 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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

Call for the Offering (*Online giving available, scan code on back*)

Rev. Walls

Offertory: "*Because He Lives*"

Mary Caswell, *soloist*

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Walls

***Hymn #238:** "*Thine is the Glory*" (located in this bulletin)

***Invitation, Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: "*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*"
Arr. Peter Benjamin

Alaine Fink, *organ*



263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin-dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

Do Not Be Afraid 76

Refrain E B C#m G D/F# E B
All

Do not be a - afraid, for I am with you. Cho - sen and be -

C#m D Bm7 Dmaj7 E B C#m

loved, you are my own. Do not be a - afraid, for I have re -

E7 D Bm7 C Em Am7 Bm7 E *Last time*

deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

Leader or All D Bm7 E

1 ♪ Look up, a new thing I am do - ing;
 2 I am God, who blots out your trans - gres - sions;
 3 ♪ The Lord, the Ho - ly One of Is - rael

D Bm7 E

it springs forth; look and see it grow.
 for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
 has prom - ised to lead us on our way,

F G

Through wil - der - ness I'll make a lev - el high - way;
 On - ly this much I ask, that you love me
 and we who love and wor - ship God our Mak - er

F Dm7 Bsus B
to Refrain

through des - erts, make streams and riv - ers flow.
 and seek me and hon - or my name.
 will lis - ten to hear the Spir - it say:

Several verses from Isaiah 43 are paraphrased here: 1b (refrain), 19 (stanza 1), 25 (stanza 2). That prophetic oracle of salvation is rooted in the assurance of God's presence with the People of the Covenant. They, in turn, are called to seek God's will and proclaim God's power.

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Ongoing/Upcoming Opportunities . . .

Hospitality Hour

Join us after worship this morning for a time of refreshments and fellowship in the chapel. If you're visiting with us, we would especially like to get to know you!

Sunday School

The Cornerstone Class continues to explore the early Church through a study of the **Book of Acts**. The class meets from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** in **Room #17** (chapel area, next to the stage). If you'd like to join them for fellowship and learning, please contact **Charlie Claudon at 412-400-4868**. Children's Sunday School also continues in Room 4 downstairs. All children are invited.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Today! Sunday April 12, 2026



The annual congregational meeting will be held today immediately following worship. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation provides us an occasion to reflect upon how God guides us to be part of the Redemptive Work of Christ. We hope you will join us!

Next Sunday - Visit from Sojourner House – April 19 at 9:30 am



**SOJOURNER
HOUSE**

First Church is glad to welcome back our friend Elizabeth Wasel.

Liz will be joining us to share stories about the inspiring and hope-filled work of Sojourner House, a special residential recovery program for mothers seeking treatment for addiction. What makes Sojourner House truly unique is that women are able to keep their children with them during their recovery journey—removing a major barrier that often prevents mothers from getting the help they need.

By supporting both moms and their children, Sojourner House helps nurture healing, healthy relationships, and a strong foundation for the future. We hope you'll join us at 9:30 am to hear Liz's stories and learn more about FPCP's meaningful partnership with Sojourner House!

New Spring Sermon Series – The Seven NEXT Words of Christ

Beginning April 5 (that's today!), Pastor Craig will lead us through a series entitled: *"The NEXT Seven Words of Christ"*. Join us each Sunday in April and May as we explore the words of the resurrected Christ.

Marathon Sunday - **Volunteers are still Needed**

This year's marathon will take place on **Sunday, May 3**. Our building will be open that morning to provide restroom access for runners and visitors. We are seeking volunteers to serve as building monitors and individuals to join **Rev. Walls** in offering **prayer and spiritual support** to runners beginning at 5:00 a.m. If you can help, please contact the church office at **412-471-3436 x211** or **mcaswell@fpcp.org**

Looking Ahead . . .



New Member Class – May 17, 2026

Have you been visiting with us for a while and are perhaps considering joining First Church? Or would you like to learn more about our ministry? If so, we are planning a New Member class on May 17 at 9:30 am. Stay tuned for more details.

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