

# PROVIDENCE FORGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**Clerk of Session:** Chuck Hasbrouck (2026)

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### Gathering to Worship

If you are new to PFPC or new to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), welcome!

*Reformed worship is centered around the Word, both the Word of scripture and Christ as the Word Incarnate. In worship we gather around the Word, engage with the Word, and respond to the Word.*

### Confessing to God's Mercy

*In the presence of a holy God, we turn from communal praise to corporate confession, established on the promise of God's grace, is one of the hallmarks of the Reformed tradition. Being aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, we turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.*

*Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Let us share this peace with our neighbors.*

Sunday, April 19, 2026

## Easter Series: Building Blocks of Faith

We say the words printed in **bold** together. |⊕ Indicates that we stand as we are able.

**Prelude**

Melody Raef

**Welcome**

Lisa Ballou

**Introit**

“Seek Ye First”

Choir

⊕ **Call to Worship**

When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us;  
**our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.**  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
**when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.**  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain.  
**Blessing and honor and glory to God!**

⊕ **Hymn of Praise**

#341 Blessed Assurance

⊕ **Call to Confession**

The proof of God's amazing love is this:  
While we were sinners Christ died for us.  
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

⊕ **Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

⊕ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be a peace. **Amen.**

⊕ **Response to God's Forgiving Love**

#579 Gloria Patri

⊕ **Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Anthem** "Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)" Choir

**Prayer for Illumination** Ellen Davis

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:13-16  
Pew Bible p. 860-861, Deep Blue Kids' Bible p. 1175

**Hymn** #324 Open My Eyes, That I May See  
**1** Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.  
**Refrain:**  
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:17-24

**Hymn** #123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today  
**1** Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:25-31

**Hymn** #419 Let Us Break Bread Together  
**1** Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees;)  
Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)  
When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

**Scripture Reading** Luke 24:32-35

The Word of God for the people God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Notes**

**BUILDING BLOCKS OF FAITH: RECOGNIZING JESUS**  
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**Proclaiming God's Word**  
This prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, Proclaiming, and living of God's word. This sense of utter reliance on the Spirit is an important and distinctive mark of our Reformed tradition.

**Helping Kids Learn to Worship**  
1. Sit near the front. Kids participate more when they can see.  
2. Save worship kits for the scripture & sermon.  
3. Help them follow along in the bulletin, hymnal, and Bible.

If your infant, toddler or preschooler cannot make it through the service, know there is a nursery available staffed by background-checked volunteers.

✚ **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.**

✚ **Hymn of Response** #372 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian  
**1** Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

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



**We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**  
<https://bit.ly/PFPCGIVING>  
Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plate or given electronically (scan QR code or go to link).

**Offertory**  
✚ **Response of Praise** #592 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!**  
✚ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

✚ **Hymn of Sending** #442 The Church's One Foundation  
**1** The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation by water and the word.  
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.  
**2** Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

**Departing to Serve**  
Our worship does not end with the postlude, but continues as we go into the world. We are sent to love and care for God's creation and people.

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude** Melody Raef