



**FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**April 12, 2026**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Scout Sunday**



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*“A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor”*

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Worship at 11:00 a.m.

April 12, 2026

As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones and maintain a reverential quiet as you prepare your heart and mind to worship God. If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastor, please fill out a prayer card and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it during the first hymn.

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Karen Miller

## PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Troop 256

## PRELUDE

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

arr. M. Helman

## WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come to the risen Christ - you who are fallen.

**All: We come with our sins, our fears, our doubts, and our sorrows.**

One: Come to the risen Christ - you who are wounded.

**All: We come with emptiness, our mourning, our anger, our loneliness.**

One: Come to the risen Christ - you who are rejoicing.

**All: We come with our hopes, our faith, our pride, and our joy.**

One: We are welcome in the Alleluia!

**All: All are risen in God’s great Amen! Alleluia!**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

### **\* HYMN**

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

#248

### **\* CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **\* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy, hear the whispers in our locked hearts. We cross over into choosing the wrong things, giving into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would have us help, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them or are afraid others will make fun of us for caring. Have mercy on us, God. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst. You offer us grace which can heal us, hope which can help us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### **\* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

### **\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One: God raised Jesus from the dead. God forgives our sins and helps us mend our mistakes. Because of God, we can have a fresh start.**

**All: Thanks be to God, because of Jesus, we are free. Alleluia, amen!**

### **\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

### **\* PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Jesus is All the World to Me”

arr. A.T. Williams

Christyan Seay

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-31

New Testament Pg. #114

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.****TIME OF DISCOVERY****SERMON**

“Just Ask”

The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery

**\* HYMN**

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

#623

**WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD****\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I 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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY**

“They Could Not”

Words &amp; Music by R. Harris and C. Cloniger

Christyan Seay

## \* DOXOLOGY

#606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**May the gifts we offer be used to open doors closed to strangers, open hands that find it hard to help others, and open hearts frozen by fears of the unknown. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.**

## DEDICATION OF LITTLE LIBRARY

One: This Little Free Library is offered to the community as a gift from the troop, and will be installed near the playground so children can have the blessing of books to read, and have a place to share books with others.

All: **For the work of the hands that made this library and will put it in place, for the generosity of those giving books for others to enjoy, and for the wellbeing of those who will read those books, we pray. We dedicate this Little Free Library to your glory and to be a blessing. Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS' PRAYER

### WE GO TO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S OWN

\* HYMN "I Danced in the Morning" #157

## \* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Amen" #601

\* POSTLUDE "Postlude on Easter Hymns" arr. F. Friebel

\* *Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

**A WARM WELCOME** to all who are worshiping with us this morning. It is our hope that you feel the friendliness of our congregation and the grace of the Spirit as you worship with us today.

**WE ALSO WELCOME** Christyan Seay as our special guest musician and the leaders and scouts of Troop 256 and Pack 256 as we celebrate Scout Sunday today.

**REMINDER:** Please, silence mobile phones.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be emailed to the church office by Wednesday at 12pm for Sunday service. If you have a joy or concern to share for this morning's service, you may fill out a blue prayer card and pass it to the usher during the first hymn.

**OUR SERVICES ARE RECORDED ON CDS.** If you or someone you know would like to hear these CDs, please contact the church office at (717) 545-4631.

**SANITIZED HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, AND BIBLES** are available from ushers. Shawls are also available to borrow from ushers.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE** for restrooms, including an accessible restroom, and worship service Family Quiet Room is posted in the Gathering Area. Please, ask ushers for assistance.

**WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED.** You may appear on camera. Services are recorded on YouTube.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Lay Reader:** Ruth Hope Woodlen

**Ushers:** Bub Manning & Leafie Phillips

*The flowers are presented today by Carrie Barnes in loving memory of Mom, Dad and Brother.*

**UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL  
APRIL 12 THROUGH APRIL 18**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - SCOUT SUNDAY**

- 9:30am     **SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Zarfoss Library
- 9:45am     **DEACONS' MEETING** - Nevada Room
- 11:00am    **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
- 12:45pm    **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH** - Sanctuary
- 4:00pm     **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 14071** - Shaffer Hall

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

- 12:30am    **POTLUCK** - Shaffer Hall
- 3:30pm     **VOCAL CHOIR** - Music Room
- 5:45pm     **BELL CHOIR** - Music Room
- 6:30pm     **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE** - Zarfoss Library

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

- 10:45am    **FIPC BOOK CLUB** - Zarfoss Library

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

- 6:30pm     **CUB SCOUT PACK 256 COMMITTEE** - Nevada Room
- 6:30pm     **SESSION MEETING** - Zarfoss Library

**UPCOMING WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- APRIL 19    **BELL CHOIR/COMMUNION  
CONCERTS ON COLONIAL 3pm**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL WOMEN'S CELEBRATION DINNER** - The Congregational Life Committee is hosting the "Annual Women's Celebration Dinner" on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 6:00pm. The menu includes: Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert and drinks. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket. Bingo is back, following dinner. The sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Area. Please submit payment to the church office. Make checks payable to FIPC, with Women's Dinner in the memo. Hope you can join us for a fun-filled social evening!

**APRIL MISSION A MONTH EASTER OFFERINGS (DDB)** - Our April Mission a Month is the collection of funds from your special Easter Offering envelopes. These funds have been designated for Downtown Daily Bread for all they do to assist our local homeless individuals. They provide meals as well as day time and overnight shelters and various other support and assistance programs. If you do not have the special Easter Offering envelope, please just make your check payable to the church and indicate Downtown Daily Bread (DDB) on the memo line or give online using QR code. Special offering envelopes are available at each pew or at the Mission Committee table in the gathering area. Thank you for your continued support of Downtown Daily Bread. God bless you for caring!

**CONCERTS ON COLONIAL PRESENTS** - Join us for our next concert performance on Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 PM. This special concert will feature John Maurer on trumpet and flugelhorn, accompanied by Nate Petley. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful and inspiring music in our sanctuary. All are welcome—invite friends and neighbors to attend this wonderful time of fellowship and music.

**FIPC BOOK CLUB** - We will be discussing *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* by Heather Gaynor at our meeting this Wednesday, April 15. It is a historical novel inspired by the true story of Grace Darling, a 19th century lighthouse keeper's daughter who became a national heroine in England. They have chosen *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan for the May 20th meeting. This novel has themes of family, love, secrets, and the long lasting effects of war. The meetings are held at 10:45am in the Zarfoss Library. All are welcome! If you have questions contact Bonnie Hack at (717) 521-3626 or Sue Skelly at (717) 234-8035.

## ONLINE GIVING

As believers, we know that giving is an act of worship that reflects our love for God and our trust in His provision. You can give to the ministry here at FIPC:

- Online: [faithimmanuelpc.org](http://faithimmanuelpc.org) and click the “Give” button
- In person during our regular worship services.
- By mail: 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112
- Scan the QR Code



Your donations support FIPC’s mission of spreading the love of God and serving our community. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jane Robinson	04/12
Ruth Bailey	04/15
Sherri Linn	04/18
Tracee Olver	04/19
Michelle Beck	04/21
Jack Andren	04/23
Emily Sopen	04/26
Ashley Sopen	04/29

**PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERNS  
AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH**

*Prayer of Joy and Concerns:*

*Thank you, Lord for Rod Tunno's successful ablation.*

*Stewart Robinson is in Rehab.*

*John Mosser cancer treatment begins 4/6.*

*Wayne Himes (brother to Claire Hetzel's sister-in-law) diagnosed with bladder cancer and beginning treatments.*

*The family and friends of Pete Henning who passed away 4/6/2026.*

*Ongoing Prayers for:*

*Robert Crawshaw, Monica DeFriese, Sharon Bikle, Jim Milbrand, Fred & Jean Muncert, Bridget Kilgus, Cindy, Jim, Barbara Townsend, Bruce McLaren, Pat Lebo's Family (multiple family members suffering with health issues), Bob Finkle, Sarah Finkle, Larry Klaboe, Stewart Robinson, Marge Barner, Kathy, Claire Hetzel, Irene, Curt, Renee, Nancy B., Elaine Bauer Shatto, Gina Cirillo-Deiter.*

*Blessings and prayers for our church members who are currently undergoing physical therapy and/or are awaiting an operation/procedure.*

*Please contact the church office to make any changes/corrections to the ongoing prayers.*

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## **OUR STAFF:**

Pastor: The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Bradley J. Hull

Custodian: Jim Devor

Office Administrator/Finance Secretary: Heather Ruoss

Communications Manager: Carolyn Simpson

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

9 am - 1 pm Monday - Friday

Other times by appointment.

## **PASTOR CAROLINE'S OFFICE HOURS**

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Monday

11 am - 2 pm Tuesday and Thursday

## **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

[www.faithimmanuelpc.org/events](http://www.faithimmanuelpc.org/events)

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