

First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street
Barre, Vermont

Welcomes You to Worship



Jesus on the road to Emmaus

Sunday Worship Service - April 19, 2026
Year A, Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome!

***Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community
and by living God's love in word and deed.***

GATHERING

*Today's hymns are from the purple "Glory to God" hymnal.
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Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Lift your voices to God.

Congregation: **We call on the One who promises to hear us.**

Leader: In life, in death, in every moment, God deals graciously with us.

Congregation: **We rejoice in the One who saves us.**

Leader: We will break the Bread of life in thanksgiving to God.

Congregation: **We will lift up the Cup of salvation, drinking deeply from it.**

★Opening Hymn No.238 Thine Is the Glory

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away; kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. *(Refrain)*
2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fears and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. *(Refrain)*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
(Refrain)

PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

We cut you to the heart, Loving God, with the silly choices we make. We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence, but those around us can see how empty we are. We had hoped our words might bring healing, but they end up hurting those we love the most. We had hoped to find Jesus, but cannot see him in all those you send to us.

Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, Lord God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future.

Silent confession of individual sins

Leader: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This we know for certain - we are forgiven by our gracious God.
This good news never ceases to astound us!

Congregation: This promise is passed on to us, so we may share it with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen

★**Passing of the Peace** - Now is the time we pass the peace saying "Peace be with you," responding with "And also with you." When we pass the peace of Christ, we affirm that the nature of our faith is founded in the love, grace, and peace Christ continually extends to us.

LISTENING

Scripture Lessons **Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

Leader: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 24:13-35

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Sermon "Grief and Grace" Rev. Dwight

RESPONDING

★**Hymn No. 257** **The Risen Christ**

1. The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet from garden tomb through darkened city street, unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear, and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
2. The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side, breathers out his Spirit on them to abide whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe; new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.
3. The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand the bread for those who fail to understand, reveals himself, despite their lingering tears, enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

4. May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand with the oppressed in this and every land, till all are blessed and can a blessing be, restored in Christ to true humanity.

Call for the Offering (stewardship reminder)

(You may place your offering in the box just behind the last pew of the sanctuary or give online at fpcbarre.org. Click the green "Donate" button on the front page. You may also mail in your offering. Thank you for your generosity!)

Prayer of Dedication: (in unison)

As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their lives. Amen.

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother, 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 yours in the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

SENDING

★Closing Hymn No. 500 Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread

1. Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.
2. Here share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine be our immortal food.

Benediction

Postlude

★Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Thanks to James Nicols-Fleming who is leading us in worship.

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Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Michelle Dale, her children, Steve and Wendy Dale in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them. Hold them in the palm of your hand let them feel your love. Give them the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face each day.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries usually within the PNNE. This week our prayers are for the Nashua Presbyterian Church, NH. and Rev. Leah Rumsey.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Session, 2nd Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

April 25th - Marcus Casadonte

April 26th - Bruce Donovan

NO UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

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