

**First Presbyterian Church  
19 Seminary Street  
Barre, Vermont**

***Welcomes You to Worship***



**"Christ Is Risen!"**

**April 5, 2026**

**Sunday Worship  
Year A, Easter Sunday**

***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. This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.*

### Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

**Prelude** "Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual arranged by David Haas

### Call to Worship

**Leader:** This is the day

**Congregation:** angels bring light into our shadows,  
and gardeners harvest good news.

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord

**Congregation:** awakens us with unexpected grace,  
and the sun breaks out in song.

**Leader:** This is the day the Lord has made!

**Congregation:** The day when life triumphs over death,  
when love pushes aside fear, when hope walks with us in  
every moment.

★ **Opening Hymn No. 232** 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!**
- 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!!**

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

### PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

#### Call to Confession

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

We think this story is so old, Imaginative God, that we cannot hear the astonishing news of triumph over death. We are so afraid of our own shadows, that we cannot see the Light of life which is streaming all around us. Convinced that there is nothing beyond these days we call life, we cannot sense your resurrection hope which is calling to us by our names.

On this day of new wonders and everlasting grace, God of our lives, may we be glad that you have not forgotten us. May we rejoice in the ancient promises which are proclaimed afresh this morning. May we turn with our questions, our doubts, our hearts towards Jesus, the Gardener of grace, who call us by name and pours resurrection love into us.

*Silent confession of individual sins*

Leader: Amen



## RESPONDING

★ Hymn No. 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.  
*Refrain*
3. We have been crucified with Christ, Now we shall live forever. *Refrain*
4. Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

**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](http://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 to you, God of this morning, may we rejoice in our communities, even as we pray you would use our gifts to bring healing and new hope to them. May we delight in those around us, even as we pray you would fill them with the grace, the peace, the life for which they are longing. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

### ★ Closing Hymn No. 246 Christ is Alive!

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## SENDING

### Benediction

Leader: We could just return to our homes and go back to life,

**Congregation: but we will go to rebuild neighbors, and share the light we have received.**

Leader: We could just stand around and wonder where Jesus has gone,

**Congregation: but we will turn and, as he calls us by name, follow to bring hope and healing to our world.**

Leader: We could just keep quiet and not whisper a word to anyone,

**Congregation: but we will go to tell others of the Good News that Jesus is alive and in our midst.**

### Postlude

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

Thanks to Diane Nichols-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 Phyllis & Thomas Wiggins 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 what challenges may arise.

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 First Presbyterian Church (Old South), Newburyport, MA. and Rev. Laurel Cockrill.

### UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Jordan Blondin

6<sup>th</sup> - Peggy Hood

8<sup>th</sup> - Leslie Broun

8<sup>th</sup> - Debbie Nichols

### NO UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

**Deacons**, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m.

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

**Book Group**, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Meditation Group**, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

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