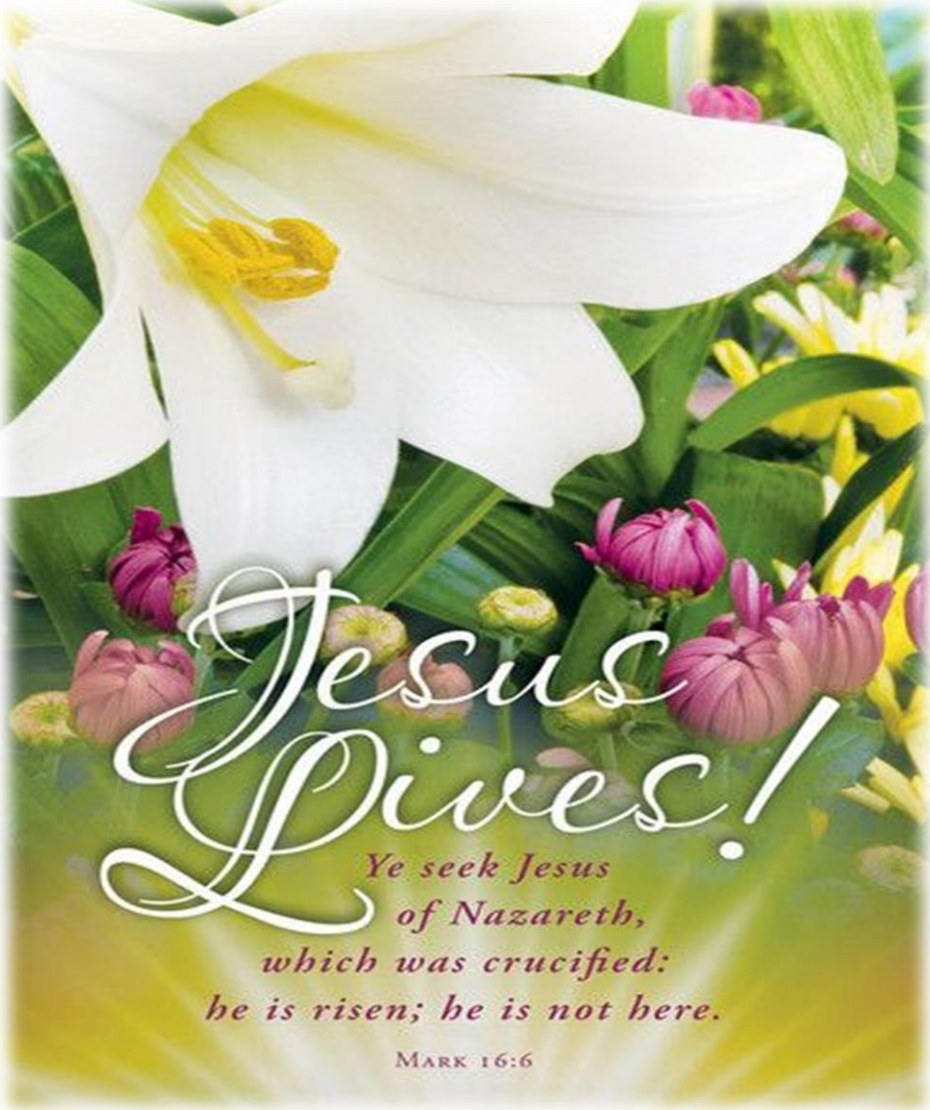


Welcome to Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church
130 Haverford Road
Wynnewood, PA 19096



*Jesus
Lives!*

*Ye seek Jesus
of Nazareth,
which was crucified:
he is risen; he is not here.*

MARK 16:6

First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26
Second Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12
Sermon: "He Is Risen"

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

LEADER: The tomb, death's stone-cold womb, could not contain him.
God's offspring, life's child.

PEOPLE: The tomb, Easter's empty surprise, brimmed full of meaning as death itself passed away.

LEADER: The women, Easter's unlikely reporters, told of a gaping void within the gravestone that filled their emptiness with joy.

PEOPLE: The women, discoverers afraid and amazed, proclaimed, "He is Risen!" and were told by slow believers to hush their idle chatter.

LEADER: The event, God's Son-rise, enlightened a dark earth as Jesus's return brought dawn to a new day.

PEOPLE: The event, impossibility made possible, dazzles our eyes yet clears our vision.

ALL: We see the empty cross, the tomb, and we toss back our heads and laugh for joy. We gather to worship the God who gives us Easter.

***Opening Song:** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*

Responsive Reading *Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-29 (NIV)*

LEADER: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PEOPLE: Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

LEADER: The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

PEOPLE: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

LEADER: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

PEOPLE: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

LEADER: The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

PEOPLE: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

LEADER: This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

PEOPLE: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

LEADER: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

PEOPLE: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

LEADER: The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

***Song of Confession** "Because He Lives"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, as pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to the calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant give in in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession Reprise

Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Children's Sermon:

Sermon: "He Is Risen!"

Rev. Loisann Furges-Oler

Litany Response to Sermon:

LEADER: Trembling, the women approached the tomb. The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting. Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ. Trembling.

PEOPLE: Trembling, we approach the edge where death and life meet. Death, the unknown, meets life, new life. New life faces us with its possibilities and uncertainties. Trembling, we approach.

LEADER: Easter morning: the women came face to face with Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ. They doubted, they feared, they wondered as life returned to them from death.

PEOPLE: From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter. Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.

LEADER: The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails. Life knows death, joy knows sorrow. Yet it is life which triumphs over all the love which conquers all threats.

PEOPLE: Death is shattered. Face to face, the disciples saw death had lost its power.

LEADER: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. We receive new life.

PEOPLE: Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God is with us. Alleluia!

Song of Praise *"Happy Day"*

***Affirmation of Faith**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Sharing of the Peace

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer 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.

Offering

***Doxology** (Hymn #625)

*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.*

***Closing Song:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

***Benediction**

***Song Reprise**

**Congregation is invited to stand.*

Today's preacher is: Rev. LoisAnn Furgess-Oler

Pastor LoisAnn is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing and holds a BSN and MS. from the University of Maryland and an M.Div from Wesley Theological Seminary. She was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament by the Baltimore Presbytery.

LoisAnn describes herself as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament with nursing roots. Following her ordination as Associate Pastor at First and Franklin Street Presbyterian, LoisAnn served a few years as Chaplain of an Adult community in Towson, Maryland and more than a decade as Interim Pastor for the United Church of Christ. After relocating to Narberth, she found a spiritual home at Penn Wynne Presbyterian and is our Parish Associate. She is available for spiritual counsel and support, and provides pulpit supply as needed.

NEXT SUNDAY'S TEAM (April 27):

Preacher – Heather Cronan

Worship Assistant – Anne Gollings

Audio/Visual – Judy Maurer

Coffee Hour:

Opening the Building – Charlie Petersen

Weekly Announcements:

Weekly Prayer Group

We will be starting a weekly, virtual prayer group in May! With everything that is going on in the world and in our lives, this will be a great way to continue supporting one another throughout the week. If you are interested, please reach out to Blessing.

Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will need additional support in May. Special thanks to Linda Patterson for hosting for the rest of April. If you are interested in or able to sponsor a coffee hour on Sunday, please sign up using the SignUp Genius in the weekly newsletter. You can also reach out to Beth.

Earth Week at PWPS!



We are excited to partner with Penn Wynne Presbyterian School to celebrate Earth Week for the second year in a row! This initiative is led by Blessing and School Director, Kimberly Porsch. The kids will have the opportunity to engage in various environmental activities throughout the week, including a presentation with live animals from our very own Heather!

We welcome all visitors to our service today. We are delighted to have you. Penn Wynne is a loving and inclusive congregation. We welcome people from all backgrounds and all nations. We are committed to seeking justice in the world and in our nation, to caring for the poor and advocating on behalf of the powerless. Our congregation includes people from many different backgrounds, people in 12 step recovery as well as members of the LGBTQIA community. We are both a neighborhood church and a gathered congregation. Wherever you come from and whoever you are—you are welcome here!

Love,

The Session of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church

Penn Wynne's Mission Statement

We are loving Christians who welcome all of God's children as they are. We serve our neighbors with kindness and compassion. We are an inclusive congregation that strives for justice. We each seek to nurture our own faith and the faith of others in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

At Penn Wynne, we: Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, Welcome and support LGBTQ+ people, Welcome and support people of all races and nations, Welcome and support people who are suffering, Educate ourselves and others about anti-racism, environmental justice, and other social justice issues, and Support initiatives working to make this a better world for all.

We serve by: Educating children and adults, and Providing space for community programs (for example, 12-step programs and Girl Scouts).



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