

**Brooklyn Presbyterian Church**  
160 N. Main Street, Brooklyn, MI 49230  
Order of Worship • 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

10:00 am

*At this sign (\*) you are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*  
**Bold text** is spoken aloud in unison.

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE     *As we listen to the Prelude, please take these moments to  
prepare your hearts and minds for worship*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(From Revelation 1:4-6)*

Grace and peace to you...from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,  
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests  
to serve his God and Father –  
to him be glory and power for ever and ever!**

Come, let us worship God.

\*HYMN

*“Christ Is Alive!”*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of  
the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We  
confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but  
remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not  
sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more  
comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and  
encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O  
God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration, and peace. In the  
name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*By Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, and posted on her Rev-o-lution blog.*

*Here is a time for individual silent prayers of confession.*

KYRIE *(sung)*

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy.  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy.  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy.**

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David N. Johnson, Setting One

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ comes into every shadowed crevice in our lives  
with the light of Easter.

**Christ comes into the locked chambers of our faults  
and gifts us with mercy and grace.**

Christ comes to fill us with peace,  
so that we may proclaim the good news of the gospel to all –  
In Christ our sins are forgiven.

\*RESPONSE                      *“Gloria Patri”*                      #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

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Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

HANDBELL CHOIR                      *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*Children are dismissed to Sunday School as the Blessing is sung*

## CHILDREN’S BLESSING

**Father, Lord of little children, would thy blessing now bestow  
on these lives, so freely given, lent from thee to us below.**

*Text by Fanny Crosby*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION                      Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READING                      *John 20:19-31 (p. 883)*

*Response:* This is the Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON                      *“That You May Believe”*                      Pastor Dave

MOMENT FOR MISSION                      *Sneaker Project*                      Linda Spycher

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

## \*DOXOLOGY

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

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Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551

## BLESSING OVER GIFTS

PASTORAL PRAYER (*Joys & Concerns*)

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.**

\*HYMN & HUNGER OFFERING RECEIVED                      “*Thine Is the Glory*”                      #238

*Half of this monthly “Hunger Offering” goes to the Brooklyn Food Pantry.*

*The other half goes to PCUSA World Hunger.*

*If you feel moved to give, you may follow your neighbors up to the front of the Sanctuary during the closing hymn and place your gift in the cheese box.*

*Donate online by visiting <https://www.brooklynpres.org/giving.html>*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

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**NURSERY SPACE** is available from 9:45-11:15 am. The ushers will assist you if you need help finding the location.

**CHILDREN** may go downstairs to Sunday School following the Children’s Message; they are also welcome to return to their seats and stay for worship.

**BUSY BAGS** with coloring materials and books are available at the back of the Sanctuary.

**HEARING ASSIST RECEIVERS** are available. Contact an usher if you need assistance.

## **SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**Leading Worship:** Pastor Dave Weber

**Accompanist:** Wayne Widmann

**Liturgist:** Tina Ronders

**Ushers:** Wendy and Chuck Sirola

**Handbell Choir Director:** Bev Blasiman

**Special Music:** Leslie Weiss

**A/V Volunteer:** Russ Waluck

**Deacon of the Month:** Debi Hale

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*Thank you to all who make worship online and in the sanctuary possible.*

*Adult Offering Last Week – Budgeted: \$5,930.61 | Received: \$3,783.33*

## **FLOWERS**

*Beneath the Cross* are given in loving memory of Ellen's father and mother, Carl and Ruth Fisher, from Dean and Ellen McGormley.

*On the Chancel Stand* are given in loving memory of Barry Brooks, from Carlton and Sally Brooks.

*On the Chancel Stand* are given in loving memory of Trooper Chad P. Dermeyer, from his family.

*On the Organ* are given in honor of Phil and Lois Beery, 40-year church members, with appreciation from their friends and family.

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

28	Ron Dickerson	1	Lauren Terakedis
29	Shirley Elrod	2	Linda Boland
30	Elizabeth Smilowski	2	Leslie Weiss
1	Lou Ann Randis	2	Russ Waluck
1	Joy Butler	3	Mia Taylor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sneaker Project** – *Sneakers (with receipt and paper shoe) due by May 18*

Our annual tennis shoe project is underfoot! The tennis shoes donated by the congregation will be sent to children in the Columbia, Napoleon and Onsted elementary schools. We usually have around 75 children in need of tennis shoes to have more fun. Over the +30 years we've been doing this project, we have helped so many kids in our area and hope that you can help this year!

### **Vacation Bible School Training**

All who volunteer at VBS must receive training and should plan to attend:

*Youth – May 18 after worship in the Fellowship Hall*

*Adults – June 1 after worship in the Fellowship Hall*

### **Mission Study Overview & Discussion** – *Sunday, May 18, 9:00 am*

Our Session continues to make progress as we complete the tasks required to establish a Pastor Nominating Committee. One of the tasks was to complete a Mission Study. We've done so, and it's been approved by the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery. The purpose of a Mission Study is to describe the congregation as it is today and provide historical information as well as plans and aspirations for our future. Session is offering an open meeting to review the document (which you can find in the weekly e-blast and May Newsletter) and to have a question and answer time with Session Councils for areas you'd like to discuss. Please join us at 9am on Sunday, May 18 in the Fellowship Hall for a brief overview of the Mission Study, some coffee and donuts, and open discussion time!

## **OUR CHURCH DAY-BY-DAY**

*The office is open Mon-Thu 9 am-3:30 pm & Fri 9 am-12 pm*

### **Sunday, April 27**

- 10:00 am Worship, Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 am Children's Choir (Library)
- 11:00 am Worship Council Meeting (Conference Room)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour (Gathering Area)

### **Monday, April 28**

- 5:00 pm Building and Grounds Council (Fellowship Hall)

### **Tuesday, April 29**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 2:00 pm Business Admin. & Personnel Council (Conference Room)

### **Thursday, May 1**

- 10:00 am Sleeping Mats (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

### **Saturday, May 3**

- 2-6:00 pm Leslie Weiss's Birthday Party (Fellowship Hall)

*PASTOR DAVE WILL BE AWAY on study leave Thursday, May 1 through Sunday, May 4. If you have an emergency requiring pastoral care, please contact the office by phone, email, or Facebook Messenger and staff will help make arrangements for pastoral care.*



### **Vacation Bible School: True North**

*June 23-26, 8:30 AM – 12 PM*

Sign up to attend or to volunteer by visiting  
[brooklynpres.org/children.html](http://brooklynpres.org/children.html)