



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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**Sunday, April 19**

**SUNDAY**

**Online Abbreviated**

**Worship Service**

**9:30 AM**

**Live on Facebook**

The Presbyterian Church at  
Woodbury

This will also be sent out through  
email afterwards and will be  
available on the church website:

[www.pcwoodbury.com](http://www.pcwoodbury.com)

**Although the church building is closed, the church staff members are still available by way of email, text, call or ZOOM meeting. Thank you for your patience and your perseverance in pray for our community, nation and world.**

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From the Pastor...

## HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

These are words that we typically hear on Easter Sunday, and then they disappear from our vocabulary until the next Easter, but that isn't the way the church has traditionally understood this theological statement of great joy! We need to realize that Easter isn't just a Sunday — it's a *season*. One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a "week of weeks"), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday and encompassing the festival of the Ascension of the Lord.

The season of Easter is intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church. There are some congregations that celebrate the Lord's Supper (a feast with the risen Lord) each week, the season of Easter is an excellent time to consider our ongoing walk with the risen Christ and how we might continue to share the joy of Easter in our daily life.

Of course, Easter really isn't just a *season* either. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life — in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11), called to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). Every year, for fifty days, the church celebrates and rehearses this new way of life in the Season of Easter — as we await its completion in the fullness of Christ's reign.

I hope that you will use the next 50 days to walk in a new way of life despite the fact that we are social distancing and quarantined for the foreseeable future. I hope that you will celebrate this new way of life as we are physically separated. I hope that you will work towards the fullness of Christ's reign by sharing God's love with others as you are able in this strange time of Covid 19.

Please know that I am praying for you and your family. I am hopeful that we will be able to worship, study and serve together in the near future. Finally, here is a prayer for the Eastertide: ***God of grace and peace, in Jesus Christ you stand among us as a sign of healing, hope, and joy in our fearful, wounded world. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may have faith and life through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.***

In Christ,  
Phil

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Chris Clancy and family upon the death of his father, Linda Mohring and family upon the death of her brother, Alex Jenei on his move to South Dakota, Janet Muhm, Florence Hillman, Meghan and Dave Orem, Emma Mustard, Amelia Exley, Judy Fetty, and Marie Batten. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for continuing to send in your offerings and donations! We are very grateful for your financial support during this difficult time.

Online Donations: We are currently in the process of setting up online giving through our website. Hopefully this will be available in the very near future. In the meantime, you can give online through your bank's Bill pay service. Just add the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury as a Payee with the church's address. If you need an account number, please use the church's phone number: 8451244. You can also continue to mail in your check made payable to the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury to the church or to Kathi Lynch, 1510 Manduit Street, Thorofare, NJ 08086.

## SESSION REPORT

At a meeting on Monday, March 30, the Session of the Presbyterian Church at Woodbury voted to continue the shuttering of the church facility, and the cancellation of all programming, events, and activities due to the current status of the COVID-19 virus. This policy will continue through the end of April at which time the Session will revisit this issue on or about Monday, April 27th. Because of our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, we believe that the maintenance of social distancing will help keep the virus from spreading and will assist in flattening the curve.

**UPCOMING ZOOM MEETING:** A Zoom meeting is being set up for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to provide a fellowship time for our members to connect and "visit" with each other. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, it is a video conferencing service where you can see and talk to many people at the same time. An email will be sent out Saturday or Sunday morning with more details. You will be able to click on the link in the email on using your computer, phone or iPad.

**BLUE HEARTS FOR HEROS:** As health care workers around the world continue to put their own health at risk to treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to express our immense gratitude. As such, Inspira Hospital is launching a campaign to recognize the bravery of front-line staff and their unwavering commitment to protecting the local community.

We are asking you to join them by hanging a blue heart in your window and share it on social media using the hashtag: [#BlueHeartsForHeros](#).

As we have many doctors, nurses, Emt's and health care workers in our congregation, we also ask for your continued prayers for them.



**CANCELLED:** The Spring Rummage Sale and the Red Cross Blood Drive have been cancelled.

**JOHNSONBURG WOMEN'S RETREAT:** The Spring Women's Retreat at Camp Johnsonburg has been rescheduled for October 23-25, 2020. If you would be interested, contact Kristen Franchetti, or the Camp Johnsonburg website:

<https://www.campjburg.org/camp/wp-content/uploads/Fall-Womens-Retreat-Flyer-2020.pdf>

