

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday
Liturgical Color: White

April 5, 2026

Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Embracing God. Extending Welcome. Celebrating All.



April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

--Order of Worship--

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation

Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the Peace Candle and Centering Prayer

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed!

Leader: God is alive.

People: New birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive.

People: A new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive.

People: Redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive.

People: Death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive.

People: New life is within us.

Leader: The stone has been rolled away,

People: the tomb is empty.

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Hymn #232 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*In Unison*)

Guiding God, hear the echoes of our locked hearts. We cross borders into temptation and often struggle to find our way back. We add to others' sorrows with our hurtful words and harmful deeds. We see those you would give us to serve but believe we lack the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, God whose Breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand among us, offering us that grace which can heal us, that

hope which can revive us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (moment for silent prayer) Amen.

*Kyrie #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*Words of Assurance

*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.

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Psalm 118:1,2, 14-24

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Festive Praise"

Allen Pote

Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:1-10

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. David Bowman

"Alleluia! Now Go Home"

*Affirmation of Faith "*The Apostles' Creed*"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People.

Call for Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (#606)

**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**

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" HALLE, HALLE

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise....

(Prayer continues)

Leader: Therefore, we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sung Liturgy #552

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

(Prayer continues)

Leader: Remembering your goodness and grace,
we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this
joyful feast.

Sung Liturgy #553

**Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died, Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Prayer continues)

Leader: Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the
Spirit, we bless you, God of glory now and forever.

Sung Liturgy #554

Amen, amen, amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

*(Please hold the elements till all partake together at the
instruction of the officiant.)*

Prayer after the Meal

*Hymn #238 "Thine Is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Benediction Response

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

(sing through twice)

DEPART TO SERVE

**Those who are able may stand.*

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

Musicians: Patrick Robbins, Trumpet

Oliver Valentino, Clarinet

Liturgist:

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are
visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome and that you will
complete one of the Welcome cards found in the pew rack and
place it in the offering plate.

Announcements

Pastor Bowman's contact information:

Email: dfbsbv@gmail.com or Telephone: 732.547.3480

Flowers on the chancel are given by:

Carol and Carl Belles in memory of loved ones

David Bowman in celebration of Slackwood church

Beth and Tom Clark in memory of loved ones

Robin Garzoni in memory of loved ones

Susan Gibbs in memory of loved ones

Emma Moore in celebration of Easter

Kim, Craig, Patrick and Matthew Robbins in memory of loved ones

The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. The Zoom link is in the Saturday announcements email.

Choir rehearses on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Communications Committee** will meet on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Community Care Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Truth, Justice & Reconciliation Committee** will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet following worship on Sunday, April 12.

Please continue to support the **Deacons food drive** to benefit Arm in Arm and the **diaper drive for HomeFront**. There are bins in fellowship hall for your donations.

This morning the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** will be received. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and

opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope. There is a special envelope in the bulletin or you can write a check to Slackwood Church and put OGHS on the memo line.

Those people remembered in last week's prayers of the people were: Yohance, Adeline, Elizabeth, Carrie, Mary, Carol, Pat, Doris, Fran, Carol, Annette, C.A.T. Foundation, Israel, Lahshawn & family, Diane & family, Michael & family, Jonathan, Samantha & family, Josh, Sharon, Jack, BobbyJoe, Jeff, Hailey, Tina and Scott.

Slackwood's Mission Statement

Slackwood Presbyterian Church is a diverse, caring Christian community guided by scripture, committed to loving God, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves, and sharing Christ's love with all people.

Slackwood's Vision Statement

We envision glorifying and serving God by being an example to each other, the community, and the world through:

Meaningful Worship

Faithful Prayer

Relevant Study

Joyful Fellowship

Compassionate Service

We strive to build a safe community that embraces:

All Ages

People of color

The LGBTQIA+ community

People with disabilities

Other Marginalized people