

March 31, 2024                      Morning Worship                      10:30 a.m.  
*Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday*  
*Slackwood Presbyterian Church*  
*2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648*

## GATHER TO 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

## 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*)

**God who rolled away the stone, on this morning of  
alleluias, we must confess how human we are. We haven't  
done any great evil, but we have failed to do good when we  
had the chance. We haven't intentionally hurt anyone, nor  
have we offered healing to the broken. We easily accept**

**the witness of the angel in the tomb but find it difficult to  
share this good news with our friends and neighbors.  
Bring us new life, God of the resurrection. Where we are  
tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve you and your  
creation; where the stone still holds us back from life, open  
us to your transforming grace; forgive us of all the damage  
we have done, and fill us with the joy of your Spirit.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, we  
pray. (moment for silent prayer). Amen.**

\*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.

*(Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10  
may leave for a time of lesson and activity.)*

## HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – Isaiah 65:17-25

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem                      “Antiphonal Alleluia”                      John Leavitt

Gospel Reading – Mark 16:1-8

The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon                      The Rev. David Bowman

“The Blessing of the Rolling Stones”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Book of Common Worship*)

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we  
stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that  
Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he  
was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that  
he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the  
Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the God. Jesus Christ is  
the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our  
Lord and our God. Amen.**

\*Hymn #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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.**

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 #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.*

**Welcome** to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome.

## Announcements

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

**Interim Pastor:** The Rev. David Bowman

**Director of Music:** Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman

**Director of Family Ministries:** Starr Alleyne

**Liturgist:** Sandy Murray

**Trumpeter:** Patrick Robbins

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**The Peace Candle in the Chancel is lit to remind us of the gift of Christ's peace and our call to be peacemakers.**

The **flowers on the cancel** are given by:

Carol and Carl Belles in memory of loved ones

David Bowman in memory of loved ones

David Bowman in celebration of the Slackwood church family

Beth and Tom Clark in memory of loved ones

Jack Gortatowski in memory of his mother and dad

Terrie and Bill Mansmann in memory of loved ones

Kate, JD and Emma Moore in honor of the youth of Slackwood

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

This morning's service includes receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering to benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People. There is an envelope in your box of offering envelopes for this special offering, or you can write a check to Slackwood Presbyterian Church and put OGHS on the memo line.

The **Christian Education Committee** will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The **Adult Forum** will meet next Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link to the meeting will be in the Saturday announcements email.

The **youth** will meet next Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

The **choir** will practice next Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Bi-monthly **Bible study** will resume April 18th at 7:00 pm via zoom. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month to discuss the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please let Pastor David know if you would like to participate.

**Save the Date:** Saturday, April 20 – 11:00 a.m. Celebration of the life of Todd Mansmann – Slackwood Church sanctuary.

The Membership & Outreach Committee is seeking donations of baby diapers and wipes to support **Homefront's Diaper Challenge**. You can bring your contributions to the church anytime up to May 12. Honor your mother this year on Mother's Day, by donating to Homefront so that all babies in the community can have clean diapers.

**Those people remembered in the prayers of the people last week are:** Karla, Aaron & Ava, Julie & Ava, Ben, Carrie, Mary, Mike, Amanda, Scott, Samantha, Jonathan, Michael & family, those impacted by violence, those affected by natural disasters, the marginalized, people without shelter, the unemployed and under-employed, Colette, Caydon, Shaun, Jill, Ebbie, Laura, Nona, Cindy, Audrey, Cory, Joann, Bill, Kyle & family, Kaufman family, Hernandez family, Brittany & family, Marci & family, Marilyn, Mylan, Gwen, Jan, the Filson family, Francine & Troy, Gavin, Joan, Peggy, MJ, Jim, Jaq, Kim, Tia & family, Elaine, Pepper, Mohamed, Gene & Anne and Mary.