



The Protestant Community Church

“Cathedral of the Woods”

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An inclusive, ecumenical faith community purposefully seeking to be caring, faithful disciples of Jesus Christ through worship, study, prayer, and Christian service.

APRIL 20, 2025 † EASTER SUNDAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Members, friends, and visitors are invited to sign the pew pad found at the end of the pew.

We also invite you to share any concerns or joys, noting them on the prayer cards which will be collected during the offering.

Prelude

“Worthy Is the Lamb”

Handel

Brass: Len Nicholas, Mike Hecker, Doug Barber, Ed Lynd

Introit

“Alleluia, He Lives”

Raney

Call to Worship

(Liturgist/Congregation)

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Life has conquered death!

Christ is Risen that we might have life!

Let us follow the risen Christ as our way, our truth, our life!

AMEN!

*Hymn

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

#194

*Invocation

God of resurrection, raise us up, to new life today, as you raised our Lord! Empower us, to do good works today, as you empowered our Lord! Guide us, to walk in your paths today, as you guided our Lord! These things we pray, in the name of our Lord, who taught us to pray saying...

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.

***Assurance**

Beloved, the life to which God raised our Lord, is also the life God calls and empowers us to live! Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #705**

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.

Responsive Reading - (Based on Psalm 118:21-24)

(Liturgist/Congregation)

Lord, I thank you that you have answered me.

You have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected.

This has become the chief cornerstone!

This is the Lord's doing.

It is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

AMEN!

Anthem	"He Is Not Here!"	Nagy
Gospel Lesson	Mark 16:1-8	
*Hymn	"Thine Is the Glory"	#222
Sermon	Dr. Morgan	
Offertory	"How Great Thou Art"	Forrest

***Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #625**

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.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn	"Jesus Shall Reign"	#158
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	"Hallelujah Chorus"	Handel
*Postlude	"Postlude on 'Easter Hymn'"	McDonald

*The congregation may stand.

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

THOSE PLACED ON THE PRAYER LIST WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR ONE MONTH UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE SECURE PERMISSION PRIOR TO CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE OR EMAILING IN TO
KAYLA@PROTESTANTCOMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG

Adam	George G	Rich
Anderson family	Evelyn Herzog	Rese Ritter
Lee Bealuk	John Hoffman	Scott
Tom Bockmann and family	Nora Hofman	Smith & Miller family
Lorrie Breslin	Warren Idsal	Susan
Casey	Mary Kocis	Ed Tucker
Chris	Mier family	Lorie Truitt
Kimmie Copeland	Floss Mikle	Val
Doris Davis	Muhlberger/Bennett family	Jimmie and Sara Wardell
Don Dudek	Sarah Niemcewicz-Caslow	
Catherine Flade	Mary Parrish	

Please remember in your prayers those serving in our military services and their families. Please pray for the families separated, recovering from disasters, or faced with life altering decisions, and pray for peace, hope, and healing in the world.

*** EASTER FLOWERS ***

Following the **11:00am** service, the Easter flowers will be taken down and handed out for loved ones and those unable to make the service, please wait at the steps to receive any flowers.

† VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS SUNDAY †

Ushers: Lynda Miller & Lee Bealuk

Reader: Manny Estacio

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE - 4/13/25

8:00 Worship Service - 18

10:00 Worship Service - 170

Sunday school - 26

Online - 14

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

Please use the following link or QR code if you would like to send an offering electronically:
<https://www.zeffy.com/donation-form/protestant-community-church>



† ANNOUNCEMENTS †

To submit an announcement, please contact the church office by phone to (609) 654-4220 or by email to kayla@protestantcommunitychurch.org

PRAYER SHAWLS NEEDED

Calling all knitters / crocheters! There is a need for new prayer shawls to be made. Those who are grieving or sick always appreciate the warm feeling that comes from wrapping themselves in a blessed prayer shawl from the PCC family. For more information, please contact the office by phone, (609) 654 - 4220, or using the above email.



SINGLE AGAIN: APRIL GATHERING

The Single Again group will be dining at Casa Nostra on April 24th, at 6:00pm. Join fellow widowed and divorced members for good food, companionship, support, discussion, laughter, and sometimes tears. Bring a friend. Church membership is not necessary. All are welcome! Call (609) 645 - 7593 to reserve your spot ahead of time.



SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

The children will go to Sunday school with me for the Easter Sunday school lesson. Following that, the children will be divided into 3 different groups (for the 3 different areas where they will be looking for the hidden Easter eggs!). The groups will be brought downstairs and taken to their designated areas! The Easter Egg hunt will probably be finished by the time you leave the worship service! Although, you might still see a few children still in search for another Easter egg! Every Easter Egg hunt, I'm always amazed at how fast they are able to find all of the hidden eggs! Blessings to you all.

Each 10:00 a.m. Sunday service will be streaming live on Facebook, as well as on YouTube. Youtube link and QR code are below for access.

<https://www.youtube.com/@protestantcommunitychurcho5206>

All past services are available on Youtube and on Facebook.

