

Covenant Presbyterian Church

April 2023 Newsletter

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A Message from Session

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Easter has always been one of my favorite holidays. There is so much to be joyful about on Easter morning. The weather is getting warmer, the spring flowers are beginning to bloom, birds are singing, and of course, Christ has risen! Spring feels like nature is waking up after a long winter's nap. For both us and nature, spring is a time of rebirth, rejuvenation, and new beginnings. The buds are on the trees, the grass is turning green, and the cold, dark days are becoming warmer and brighter. Waking up to receive an Easter basket full of chocolate, toys, spring outfits, and other goodies from the bunny is a favorite pastime of mine. The Easter morning routine my family has had since I was little has always been to wake up, open Easter baskets, go to church, and to come home for a large family gathering with brunch and an egg hunt. It has the makings of the perfect morning!

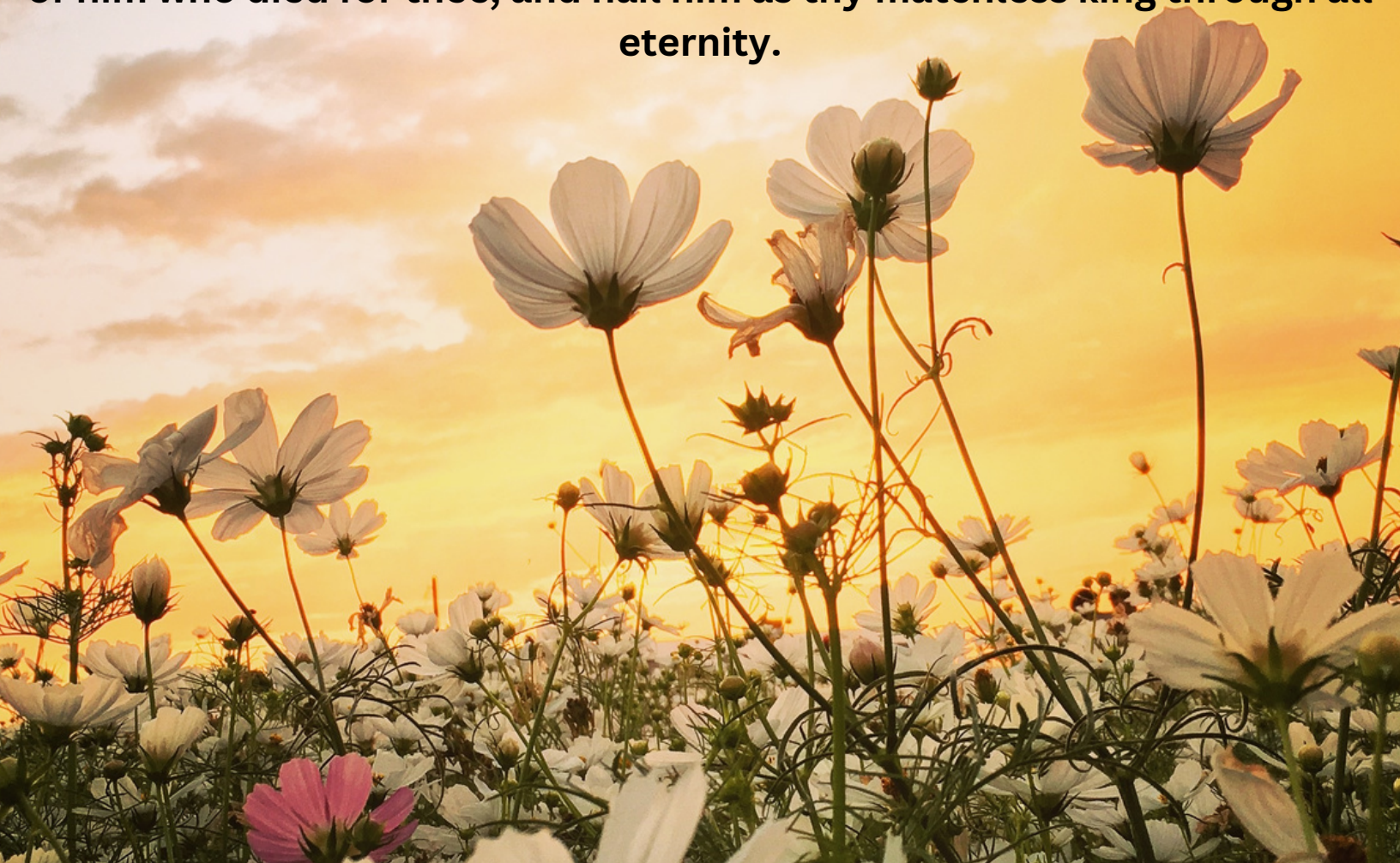


There is something about the Easter morning church service that has a way of invigorating the soul and lifting the spirit. The somber days of lent are over and the rejoicing can begin. What is better than joining in fellowship to sing praises? The Easter hymns are the best. The lyrics, the upbeat music, and the message they contain are a winning combination.

Easter morning brings so much happiness and celebration. I have included some of my favorite lyrics below. Wishing you a blessed and happy April!

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er His foes, He arose a Victor from the dark domain, And He lives forever, With His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.



**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth
reply, Alleluia!**

**He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today He walks with me and talks
with me Along life's narrow way He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.**

**I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the
voice I hear, falling on my ear The Son of God discloses, And He walks
with me And He talks with me And He tells me I am His own And the joy
we share as we tarry there None other has ever known
He speaks and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their
singing And the melody that He gave to me Within my heart is ringing.**



**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world
Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven Like
the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden Sprung
in completeness where His feet pass
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning Born of
the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning God's
recreation of the new day.**

Happy Easter!

**Amanda Rosica
Elder**



Birthdays



4/2: Cherie Raymond
4/6: Mark Hood
4/10: Helen DiPopolo
4/13: Kimberly Staub
4/15: Barb Hendrickson
4/16: Grace Hafner
4/18: Etna Kessler
4/18: Karen Staub
4/23: Dot Sakaguchi
4/24: Zack Rosica
4/24: Nick Minieri
4/30: Laurisa Duba
4/30: Stephen Mulville, Jr.



Anniversaries

4/5: Rosalie & Bill Belcher
4/5: Terri & Ken Bell
4/20: B. Ann & Dave DuBois
4/24: Nancy & Chuck Perritt
4/26: Beth & Marc Dudley
4/29: Sandi & Roy Pascone



Greeters/Ushers

4/2: Barbara and Paul VanTassel

4/9: Scott and Donna Scioli

4/16: Betty Herskovitz and Joan Samph

4/23: Karen Schwartz and Bonnie Cain

4/30: Amanda Rosica and Steve Salmon

Refreshments

4/2: Amanda Rosica

4/9: Mary Lou Newborg

4/16: Pat Rothenhofer

4/23: Barbara Seither

4/30: Janette Hutchinson





Guest Ministers

4/2: Cantata


4/9: Rev. Kundan

4/16: Rev. Zeidler

4/23: Rev. Seth B. Kajang

4/30: Rev. Seth B. Kajang





MUSIC



Covenant's Chancel Choir will be performing throughout April with anthems reflecting the season of Easter. All are welcome to sing! Rehearsals take place after worship services at 11 AM in the choir room.

Choral Anthems

4/2: Cantata: Who Do You Say That I Am? by Lloyd Lason

**4/9: Crown Him Lord This Easter Day, by Price and Besig
Because He Lives, by Gaither and Shrader**

4/16: Song of Praise R. A. Nichols

4/23: Jesus is the Living Stone, by Mary McDonald

4/30: Thank you for the Valley, by Cindy Berry





Music

**Covenant's Bell Choir
rehearses on Mondays
at 7:00 PM. All are
welcome to ring.**

**We welcome Kevin Hill,
who will be accompanying
the choir for their Easter
Cantata on April 2.**

**The Bells will be performing five pieces on Easter
Sunday:**

The Empty Tomb, arr. John A. Behnke

Easter Alleluia, arr. Susan T. Nelson

The Day of Resurrection, by Brenda E. Austin

Crown Him Lord of All, by Lloyd Larson

Easter Proclamation, by Lloyd Larson



Good Friday Service

Covenant will have Good Friday service on April 7 at 3:00 PM. Elder Betty Herskovitz will be assisting Rev. Leopold, who will lead the worship service.



Women's Bible Study

Bible study is located in the Lounge on Mondays at 11 AM. The group will be studying the book of Luke. We hope to see you there!



Christian Caring Center

Non-perishable food items may be brought the 1st Sunday of the month and placed in the narthex. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Sunday School

Children ages four and up are welcome to attend Sunday School during the worship service on April 9.

Your Participation is Needed:

Members are invited to participate in our services. Please contact Bonnie Cain or Greg DiBona if you are interested in reading scripture or leading our worship services. We are also in need of more volunteers to operate the camera and soundboard. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



Easter Baskets

For many years the Covenant Church Deacons have been making Easter baskets for the food pantry at Catholic Charities in Burlington, NJ. Lauren Rosica, Ann Rosica and Jeanne Martin assembled and delivered 20 baskets filled with Easter toys and treats. The volunteers at Catholic Charities were grateful to receive the donation for needy families in Burlington County.



One Great Hour of Sharing

Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. You can help sustain the important ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing. You can also use the One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes by stopping by the church office. Please make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church.



MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

Women's Bible Study - Mondays, 11:00 AM, Lounge

Choir Rehearsal - Sundays, 11:00 AM

Bell Rehearsal - Mondays, 7:00 PM

Christian Education (Bonnie Cain and Amanda Rosica) - as needed

Deacons - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM

Fellowship (Amanda Rosica) - 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Finance and Stewardship (Mike Martin) - 2nd Monday, 7:00 PM

Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays, 7:00 AM

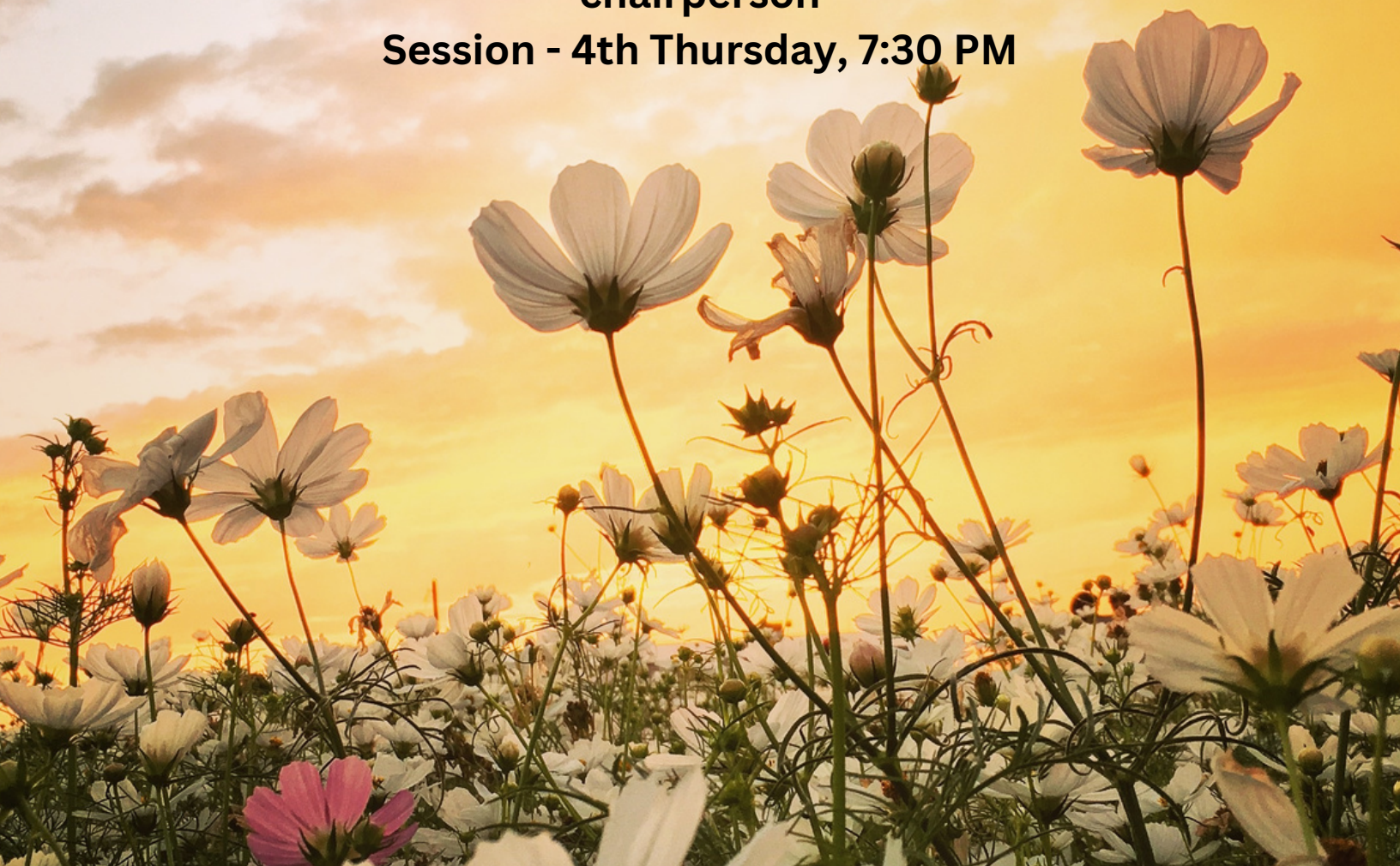
Membership (Nancy Perritt) - as needed

Mission (Dave Sutton) - as needed

Music and Worship (Leslie Todd) – Sunday April 16, after worship

**Property Care (Chuck Rosica and Bob Jeffries) - determined by
chairperson**

Session - 4th Thursday, 7:30 PM





LUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

TIME: 11:30 AM

ADMISSION: \$6, CHILDREN UNDER 2: FREE!

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PIANO CONCERT

Gregory DiBona and Diana Dohrmann

Four Hands Piano

Benefit Concert:

Sunday, April 30, 2023

3:00 PM

Music of Mozart,
Bernstein, Debussy,
Joplin, and John
Williams.

All proceeds will assist
in funding Covenant
and Calvary's Music
Department.

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