

# *First Presbyterian Church of Dryden*

*Established 1808*

*Sunday, April 16, 2023*



*We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,  
feed the hungry, welcome the stranger,  
and love our neighbors as ourselves.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Processional" by François Couperin

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & GATHERING PRAYER

GATHERING SCRIPTURE from 1 Peter 1:3-9

Call: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Response:** *God has given us a new birth into a living hope.*

Call: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Response:** *We have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.*

Call: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Response:** *We believe and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.*

Call: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**Response:** *We adore Thee, Lord God.*

HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" #1

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Giver of Peace, you unfold your love in all the twists and turns of our lives. Yet, we miss the signs of your Presence and see only the bends and wrinkles of living. How we yearn to dwell in your blanket of peace and how we long for justice and peace to flow in every corner of the world. Forgive us for letting fear build walls of separation. Forgive us for hesitating to speak when our words could right a wrong. Set a reminder in our midst to call us to be peacemakers. Send your Spirit to wrap us in courage and dissolve our fears. Pour out your love so we may be filled with compassion and persistence. Let us live in the way Christ taught that all may enjoy the life of Shalom, your peace for all. Amen.*

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God, who gives us mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

HYMN OF PRAYER "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #259

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

WELCOME FRIENDS AT HOME

TALKING WITH THE YOUTH Breath of God

CHORAL ANTHEM "I Will Rejoice and Be Glad" by Joseph M. Martin

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-23 NRSV

MESSAGE Gifts of the Resurrection

HYMN OF RESPONSE "He Lives!" #220

GIVING OUR GIFTS

GLORIA PATRI		#622
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION		
HYMN TO SEND OUT THE LIGHT	“We Are God’s People”	#283, vs. 1, 2
BLESSING		
CHORAL BENEDICTION	“A Blessing”	by Martin Shaw, arr. by Maurice
Jacobson		
POSTLUDE	“Voluntary”	by William Sherwin

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Credits

Gathering Prayer from *Feasting on the Word – Worship Companion*, Year 1. Trans. Prayer of Confession from Homiletics Online. Prayer for Illumination from Christian Aid website. All other liturgy from *Book of Common Worship*, PCUSA.

## **Welcome to our Church Today!**

Thank you for worshiping with us. If you are a visitor, we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card, which you will find in the pew rack. You can place the card in the offering plate. Let us know if we can assist you.

### **Church Calendar**

Sun. Apr. 16	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour
Mon. Apr. 17	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Tues. Apr. 18	6:15 p.m.	Deacons
	7:00 p.m.	Session
Wed. Apr. 19	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Thurs. Apr. 20	1:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawls
		Newsletter deadline
Fri. Apr. 21	11:00 a.m.	Kitchen Cupboard
Sun. Apr. 23	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Choir Practice

Spring Cleanup is scheduled **for Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.** Please bring rakes, tarps etc. for outside work and cleaning supplies for washing windows etc. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and goodies will be provided.

### **For Prayer**

Dave Gross, Bob Watros, Patsy Thornton  
Tim Grossman & Joyce Kalk (Fran's sister and nephew)

**WEB Snack for April:** Canned chicken

### **Sunday Servants**

<u>Ushering:</u>	The Carpenters	<u>AV System:</u>	Tim & Dave Parsons
<u>Music Director:</u>	Scott Miller	<u>Organist</u>	Michael Singbusch
<u>Preacher:</u>	Nancy Didway	<u>Flowers:</u>	Flower Committee

*All for the glory of God.*

# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

## Verse 1:

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before  
Thee,  
Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.

## Verse 2:

All Thy works with joy surround  
Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

## Verse 3:

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother  
—  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

## Verse 4:

Mortals, join the happy chorus  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.  
Amen.

Text: Henry van Dyke  
Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven; melody from  
*Ninth Symphony*;  
adapted by Edward Hodges

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Verse 1:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Verse 2:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until my will is one with Thine,  
To do and to endure.

Verse 3:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with Thy fire divine.

Verse 4:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

Amen.

# He Lives

## Verse 1:

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him He's always near.

## Refrain:

He lives, (He lives,) 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,) He lives, (He lives,) salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

## Verse 2:

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And tho' my heart grows weary, I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last.

## Refrain

## Verse 3:

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

## Refrain

## Gloria Patri

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.

Text: *Gloria Patri*; Traditional, 2<sup>nd</sup> century  
Music: *Meineke*, Christoph Meineke



# We Are God's People

## Verse 1:

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;  
Our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
And strong in Him we stand:  
O let us live transparently,  
And walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

## Verse 2:

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;  
Now let us learn how to return  
The gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
And live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

Text: Bryan Jeffery leech  
Music: *Symphony*, Johannes Brahms, arr. Fred Bock  
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