

# Traditional Worship

April 12, 2026  
8:45 am



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church



Eastertide

## Worship Notes

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meaningful & understandable*

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## God Gathers Us

### Prelude

Easter Fanfare and Chorale - Thomas Chesterton

### Welcome

Call to Worship - from Psalm 27

### Invocation

### Gathering Hymn

#82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

### Gloria Patri no. 734

## We Respond to God's Presence

### Anthem

To Behold Thee - Forrest

### Worship Through Giving

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Lord's Prayer

### Doxology with Alleluias

### Greeting

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## God Reveals His Word to Us

### Song of Illumination

Invocation of the Light - Peters Branch

**Sermon** Marc Ragusin, CCPC Sr. High Director

Scripture: John 14:1-6; Revelation 21:1-5 (pages 1070 & 1233 in pew Bible)

Series: A Christian Guide to Eternity

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## We Feast at God's Table

### Holy Communion

### Communion Music

Panis Angelicus (from *Sacris Solemnis*) - Music: Cesar Franck; Words: St. Thomas Aquinas

## We Go Forth in Joy

### Hymn of Response

#59 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### Benediction

### Postlude

Fanfare - Jacques Lemmens

### Prayer for the Week

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (from the Book of Common Prayer)

over to death for our sins *and was raised to life for our justification*' (Rom 4:25). Cross and resurrection are distinguished but should never be separated in the faith and life of the church. Unfortunately, in the history of the Western church, and typically in modern evangelical churches, at the table the death of Christ is remembered, but with only a muted recollection of Christ's victory over death, and a largely absent sense of his actual, continuing spiritual presence with the church." (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 146-147)

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**Assisting in Worship** Sanctuary Choir; Justin Schwaiger, reader; Luna & Rhodes Cunningham, readers; Erin Holmes, soloist; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

**Giving** In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or here: <https://cherrycreekpres.org/give>



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# Convergent Worship

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Holy Forever - Bethel

What a Beautiful Name - Hillsong

You've Already Won - Shane and Shane

Gloria Patri

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Jesus, Bread of Life - Assad-Ortega

He Has Done Great Things - Bethel

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Your Will Be Done - CityAlight

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