

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS SHEET

# EASTER SUNDAY

**5 April 2026**

**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to our guests, and invite you to sign the guest book at the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to remain for coffee and fellowship, downstairs in the Church Hall, following the service. We thank **Margaret McNutt-Reichelt** for hosting today.

We thank **Raymond Reichelt**, who is leading our service today.

Welcome & Announcements - **Margaret Dunn**.

The Greeter this morning is **Mardine Garnham**.

The Reader today is **Philip Dunn**.

**Scripture Readings** - The readings for today's service are

Acts 10.34-43 - You will be rebuilt

Psalm 118.1-2, 14-24 - Give thanks to the Lord

Colossians 3.1-4 - Raised with Christ

John 20.1-18 - Resurrection

**Bible Study** - the Bible Study will not resume on April 6, as planned, since the study books (on the book of Philippians) are back-ordered. Stay tuned for the next starting date!

**Prayer Calendars** - Copies of the Prayer Calendar for April are ready to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. Don't forget your copy!

**Our Daily Bread** - Copies of the **Our Daily Bread** devotional booklet have been placed on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one home with you, to use in your daily devotional reading.

### Mission Moment

In Malawi, Debora was raised by her grandparents after her father died and her mother left due to mental health struggles. Unsure how to afford secondary school, she received support to fund her studies and to pay for meals and accommodations at university. "What I've learned is to be kind—to be kind not just to people so close to you, because you guys never knew about me. You never knew I existed, but you still had a heart to give," Debora shares. She hopes her experience motivates girls in her village: "And me, being a girl, when they look at me, they get inspired and some are even going back to school." *Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D)* supports the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian's Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program in Malawi in this initiative.

**The Christian Year** - Today is **Easter Sunday**, the joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. Easter is the third of the four major festivals of the Christian Year (the others being Christmas, Epiphany, and Pentecost). Easter Sunday is also the first day of the Easter **Season**, which is 50 days (7 weeks) in length, concluding at Pentecost. The 50 joyful days of Easter stand in sharp contrast to the 40 subdued days of Lent.

At **Easter**, we celebrate God's triumph over the powers of evil and death in raising Jesus up from death. Luke 24 (as well as the parallel passages in the other three Gospels) tells of how Jesus' disciples first learned of his resurrection two days after he had been put to death on the cross; and also describes some of the appearances of the risen Jesus to his disciples between his resurrection and his ascension (his return to heaven). At Easter, we also affirm and celebrate the biblical promise that all who believe in Jesus will be raised to new, eternal life in the kingdom of God after they die, just as Jesus himself was raised from death. We affirm as well God's power to make good come out of bad in smaller ways, too, in everyday life.

The seasonal color for Easter is **white**, symbolizing joy and celebration.  
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**Food Bank** - The supplies are low. The items most needed are spaghetti sauce, soup, stew, canned meat, beans and peanut butter. Let's see how we can help!