

THIS WEEK:

Today: Coffee Hour following worship

**Thursday: 7 pm Choir
8 pm AA**

PASTOR JENNI PHONE: For personal meetings, conversations, or Pastoral care. Call or text Pastor Jenni at 216-396-1491.

NEXT SUNDAY – DAYCARE CHILDREN LEAD WORSHIP: the Daycare children along with Pastor Anita have been working diligently on songs, fun, and a joyous program to celebrate worship with us. Pastor Jenni will deliver the message. Join us for this memorable service.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING: Today is the final collection for the One Great Hour of Sharing special offering. Envelopes and brochure are available on the Narthex table.

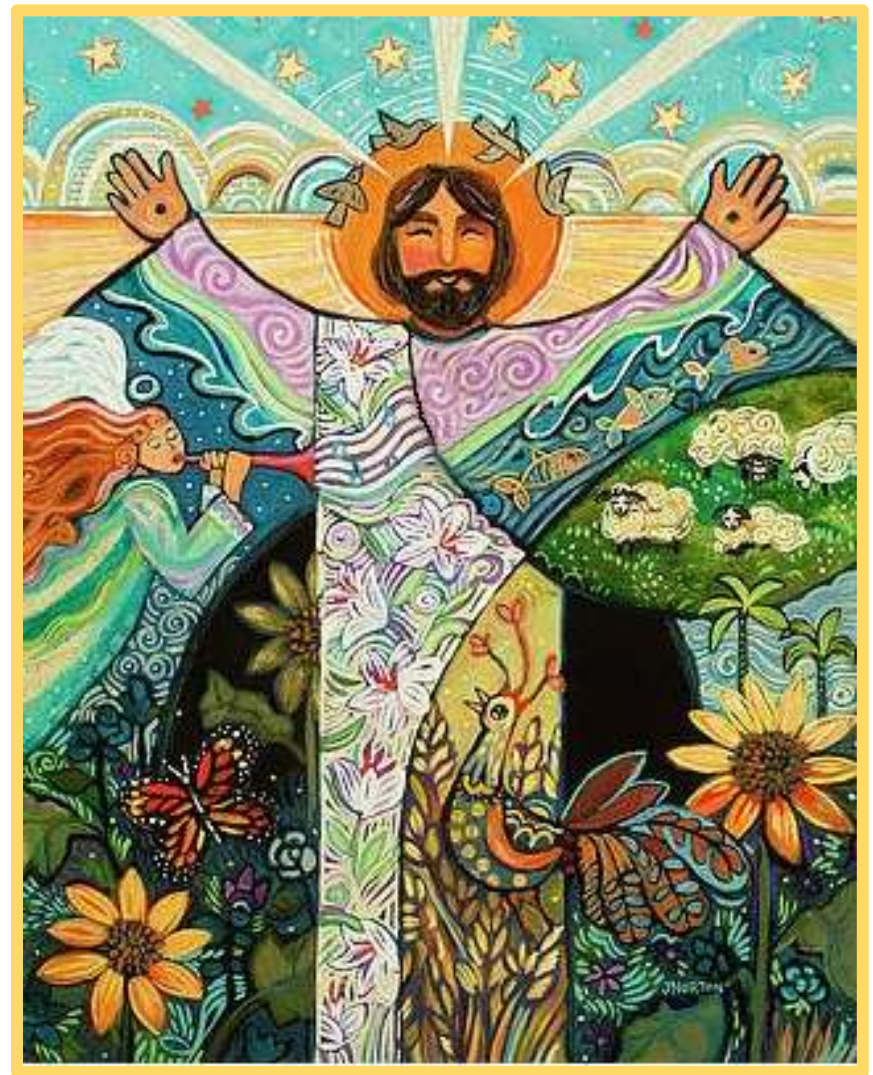
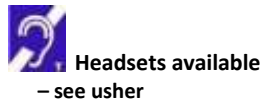
EASTER FLOWERS: If you are taking your Easter flowers home today after the service, please come up to the front of the church on the Pastor's side and exit on the piano side. The Deacons will distribute to you the flowers you have ordered. Thank you!

SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN! The NPC Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for awards for tuition assistance and student loan repayment. Email the church office for information or to request an application. Completed applications are due **April 30**.

COMFORTING WORDS WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB: Our upcoming discussion will be on the book: When Crickets Cry, A Novel of the Heart, by Charles Martin. We will discuss this book on Tuesday, April 14, 5:30 p.m. All women are welcome to join us, even if you haven't finished the book!

We welcome you to this time of worship at Northfield Presbyterian Church. It is good to be in God's house, to sing our praises, and offer thanksgiving. If you are visiting with us, we hope you feel welcome and that God's Spirit will be known to you in our worship and fellowship. Please speak to one of the ushers if you would like to learn more about our church.

VISITORS: If you're visiting us today, please sign the black fellowship pads at the end of each pew, feel free to leave a brief note and contact information. We're glad you joined us today!



*“So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy,
and ran to tell his disciples.” Matthew 28:8*

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**NORTHFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday Worship **10:15 a.m.** **April 5, 2026**

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR ANTHEM *What Kind of Love is This?*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Hosanna! Hosanna!

People: Celebrate this day of days!

Leader: Hosanna! Hosanna!

People: Let all creation be amazed!

Leader: Hosanna! Hosanna! Christ is Risen!

+ SINGING OUR PRAISES

Christ the Lord is Risen Today (Old Hymnal 217 v 1,2,3 and Insert)

+ CALL TO CONFESSION

+ UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our death-dealing sins, our habits that demean and degrade, our addiction to violent and destructive behavior. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

+ RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: "Jesus Christ is risen today. But the pains which he endured, our salvation have procured." In the name of Jesus Christ, know that your sins are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

+ SONG OF RESPONSE Gloria Patri (Insert)

+Congregation stands, if you are able

PRAYERS FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

CONCERNS:

Carolyn Glinski – recovering from hip replacement after an accident

Pauline Enczur – recovering from broken vertebrae

Barb Harbert (custodian) recovering at home from broken ankle

Geoffrey Calvert – (Cindy Kokenos' brother) diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis

Joe Toth and Daughter Fern – (Friends of Rick and Donna Patz) Serious Health Issues

Brian Meyer – diagnosed with Cancer

Alexis Becker (Firefighter with Valley Fire) Leukemia

Joyce Hunt and Family – David, Michael, Kelly, Sarah, Elise and also, for Joyce for peace, comfort and strength

John Wagner - (Sherry Pomeroy (former daycare Admin's husband)) Cancer treatment

George Hamed – ongoing health concerns

Walter Glatz - Jan Glatz (Daycare teacher) husband, hospice care

Kenna Foschia – Health Concerns

RAHAB Ministries

PRAISE:

John "Skip" Tracey – cancer in remission

Tim Cramer (Judy and Don Kovitch's son) in remission

Braylon Gallagher (John and Cindy Gallagher's grandson)

Cancer free, please keep him in prayers for improving health.

Joshua Sweatt -(Friend of Fran Merriam's family) –

Thanks for stable condition pray for continued health

PRAYER CHAIN: Prayer request? Please call or email information to the church office. Prayer updates appreciated.

HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE: Whenever you or a family member is admitted to a hospital or has emergency needs, please call the church office (330-467-4137) so Pastoral Care may be provided.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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+ PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

+ DOXOLOGY (Insert)

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Acts 10:34-43

CHOIR ANTHEM *Alleluia Canon*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:1-10

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON "Do Not Be Afraid"

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *from the Book of Common Worship*

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God.
Amen.**

+Congregation stands, as you are able

A SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: May the God of Resurrection joy be with you!

People: And also with you!

Pastor: This is the day to offer yourselves to God.

People: We open our hearts to the One who fills them with grace.

Pastor: Join in the glad songs of all creation this day.

People: Our voices praise God who opens wide the gates of life.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ **CLOSING HYMN** In Christ Alone (Insert)

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Celebrate this day of days!

People: Rejoice in God, your Savior!

Pastor: Know the new life gifted through Jesus Christ!

People: Shout your Alleluia's for all to hear!

Pastor: May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator,
Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

Participants in this morning's worship

Preaching: Rev. Jenni Walker Noyes

Assisting: Kathy Moore

Ushers & Greeters: Patty Fenn and Stacy Harber

Flutist: Sarah Kois

Music Director: Jennifer Abdo

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia! CCLI#15569

SONG OF RESPONSE

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.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.

²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.

⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”

⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”