



Hamburg Presbyterian Church

Hamburg Presbyterian Church is striving to become a spiritually passionate congregation that lives out Christ's teachings; through love-filled relationship building, we prayerfully seek to share our lives and resources with the community and the world.

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April 14th, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter
10:00AM

* Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Music Jesse Bonaventura
Chimes
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Rachel Brown

Prelude Jesse B.

***Unison Call to Worship** (Please stand.) Chris Burns

The people of God were made for worship:
To sing and to praise, to laugh and to dance.
The people of God were made for God's presence:
For pleasure and praise, for joy and for song.
Come, holy people, God's chosen disciples:
Gather for worship, come from all places!
We have come to God's temple, gathered together,
We have come to praise God and enjoy him forever.

***Opening Hymn #267** *Come, Christians Join to Sing*

***Passing the Peace** Chris B.
The Peace of Christ be with you
And Also with you
Let us pass the peace to one another

Unison Prayer of Confession (Please be seated.) Chris B.
Gracious Father, You sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness Rev. Brown
Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. We are forgiven and we have the promise of eternal life. Feel that forgiveness in your heart. **Amen.**

Response Hymn #250 *In the Bulb, there is a Flower*

First Reading

Psalm 4

Chris B.

1 Answer me when I call to you,
O God who declares me innocent.

Free me from my troubles.

Have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 How long will you people ruin my reputation?
How long will you make groundless accusations?
How long will you continue your lies?

3 You can be sure of this:

The Lord set apart the godly for himself.

The Lord will answer when I call to him.

4 Don't sin by letting anger control you.

Think about it overnight and remain silent.

5 Offer sacrifices in the right spirit,
and trust the Lord.

6 Many people say, "Who will show us better times?"

Let your face smile on us, Lord.

7 You have given me greater joy

than those who have abundant harvests of grain and new wine.

8 In peace I will lie down and sleep,

for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe.

Special Music I

Jesse B.

Second Reading

Acts 3:1-19

Rev. Brown

1 Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. 2 As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money.

4 Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!"

7 Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. 8 He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

9 All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. 10 When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! 11 They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

12 Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel,” he said, “what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? 13 For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate’s decision to release him. 14 You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!

16 “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.

17 “Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. 18 But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things. 19 Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

Sermon “Healing ” Rev. Brown

Special Music II

Joys & Concerns Rev. Brown
The Lord's Prayer (debts and debtors)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sending Announcement Chris B.

*Closing Hymn #254 *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

Benediction Rev. Brown

Postlude Jesse B.

Sending Music Jesse B.

The flowers on the alter are from Linda Ryder and Hollis Bahruth in memory of their mother, Dorothy Rickey

Thank You Volunteers!

Liturgist: Chris Burns

Head Usher: Diane Buzy

In Our Prayers

Joys: Kevin and Julie Mills running the Boston Marathon; Community members committed to filling the blessing box and little free food pantry in addition to church members; Beautiful Easter church services; Cheryl Weyand's family visiting

Concerns: A friend who had a miscarriage; Connie recent cancer diagnosis; crisis in Haiti; death of friends and loved ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour: Meet in the lounge after the service for a time of fellowship. Schedule can be found in the church kitchen.

**April 21 Building & Grounds
28 Session**

The Blessing Box located on Main St. lawn. We need canned soups/stews/pasta, peanut butter and packaged dry goods. Your donations feed our community! Thank you. Please note, no expired/close to expiration date items can be accepted.

Personal Care Drive. SOCKS...all sizes for everyone in need! MEN's Bath & Body wash, any brand!

Front Door Fundraiser. This QR code will take you to the church's Venmo page, where you can make a donation to support the front door fundraiser and in collection basket.



Sanctuary Flowers 2024: There is a sign up sheet for Sanctuary Flowers on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up for memorial/ honorary flowers.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 15, 2024: [Psalm 150](#); [Jeremiah 30:1-11a](#); [1 John 3:10-16](#)

Tuesday, April 16, 2024: [Psalm 150](#); [Hosea 5:15-6:6](#); [2 John 1:1-6](#)

Wednesday, April 17, 2024: [Psalm 150](#); [Proverbs 9:1-6](#); [Mark 16:9-18](#)

Thursday, April 18, 2024: [Psalm 23](#); [Genesis 30:25-43](#); [Acts 3:17-26](#)

Friday, April 19, 2024: [Psalm 23](#); [Genesis 46:28-47:6](#); [Acts 4:1-4](#)

Saturday, April 20, 2024: [Psalm 23](#); [Genesis 48:8-19](#); [Mark 6:30-34](#)



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR APRIL 14TH

- Mon. Apr. 15** 7:30pm AlAnon (FH)
- Tues. Apr. 16** 11am Worship Planning
5pm Chancel Choir
6pm Bells of Praise
- Wed. Apr. 17** 7:30pm AA (FH)
- Thurs. Apr. 18** 7pm YogaFaith
- Fri. Apr. 19** 9am Home School Group (S)
10pm AA (FH)
- Sat. Apr. 20** 9:30am UCG (FH)

Liturgists

Apr. 21 - Shirley Hines

Apr. 28 - Lamont Beers

Ushers

Apr. 21 - Kris McGuire

Apr. 28 - Joanne Yoviene