

# Claremont-Lafayette United Presbyterian Church

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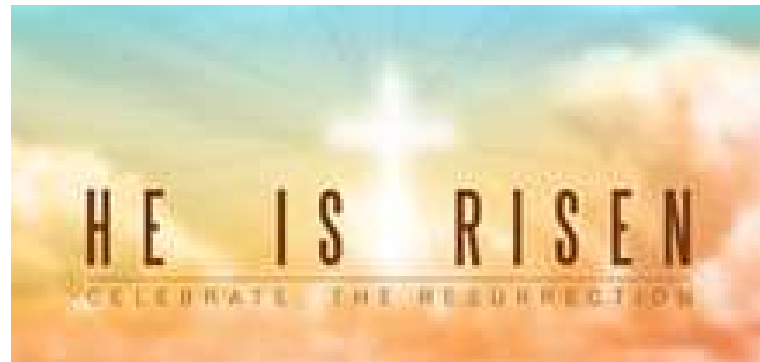
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“Serving the Lord Jesus by loving, comforting, nurturing, and teaching the Word which provides hope to all people.”

## *2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

11:00am  
April 12, 2026



### **Ruling Elders:**

Joyce Soto (Clerk of Session)

Vandora Fair, Elaine Foster, Cheryl Hayes, Carol Kelly, Bernadette Robinson, Yvonne White

### **Deacon Board:**

Pamela Brown (Moderator),  
Warren Tex Green, Beverly Torres

# ALL GOD'S CHILDREN ARE WELCOME

Enter, Praise, Worship and Glorify GOD, the Creator,  
Redeemer, and Sustainer of Our Lives

## Order of Worship

**Musical Prelude** ..... "Risen"  
..... Israel Houghton & Covenant Church

**\*Call to Worship** (Please stand; Read responsively)  
..... Elder Alice Taylor

Great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will  
come again.**

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death,  
is your sting?

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Christ is risen!**

**He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Opening Prayer** (Please stand and say in unison)

..... Elder Alice Taylor

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more

that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name.

**AMEN**

**\*Opening Hymn** (Please stand) ..... I've Got Joy"  
..... CeCe Winans

**\*Call to Confession** (Please stand)

..... Elder Sheila Myers

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Let us confess our sin before God and one another, trusting in God's gracious promise of forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

**\*Prayer of Confession** (Please stand and say in unison)

..... Elder Alice Taylor

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. **Amen.**

**Choral Response** ..... “This I Believe”

..... Hillsong Worship

## **(Time of Silence for Personal Confession)**

**\*Declaration of God's Forgiveness** (Please stand)

..... Elder Sheila Myers

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

**We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.**

**\*Exhortation** (Please stand) ..... Elder Sheila Myers

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **Ritual of Fellowship.....**

Greet your neighbor with the sign of Peace.

“The Peace of the Lord be with you.”

***Response*** “And also with you.”

## **Recognition of Visitors**

## **Announcements**

**Old Testament Scripture.....** Psalm 118:14-17  
(Pew Bible Pg. 534) ..... Elder Alice Taylor

(Please Stand)

**\*New Testament Scripture**..... John 20:19-31  
(Pew Bible Pgs. 108-109) ..... Elder Alice Taylor

**Musical Selection** ..... “Working for Me”  
..... Tamela Mann

**Sermon** ..... Elder Sheila Myers  
..... “Now What?”

**\*Call to Discipleship** (Please stand)  
..... Elder Sheila Myers

**Invitational Hymn** ..... “Yes”  
..... Shekinah Glory

## **\*The Apostle's Creed** (Ecumenical)...Hymnal Page 14

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (Please stand)

“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.**

**Worship God with Our Gifts:**

Tithes: Bring your tithes to the Lord...



Thank you for your faithful giving to the Ministry of Christ. Please bring your offering in person or send to the church: PO Box 4392; Jersey City, NJ 07304. You can also send electronically from your phone via Givelify.

**Offering – Weekly Giving** (General Operating)

**Doxology** (Please stand)

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below. Praise Him  
above ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

**Closing Remarks**

**Closing Hymn**.....“Jesus is Alive”  
..... Ron Kenoly

**\*The Charge** (Please stand)

..... Elder Sheila Myers

Christ is risen!

**He is risen, indeed!**

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**\*Benediction** (Please stand)

..... Elder Sheila Myers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. **AMEN**

**Please be seated**

**Postlude ...” For You I Am Praying” ...Congregation**

## **April 2026 Birthdays**

Geraldine Gaines, 4/1

Ellis Reid, III, 4/8

Tobias Ramos Nkulu Nchama, 4/10

April Venable, 4/10

## **April 2026 Anniversaries**

Mr. & Mrs. Kyle and Melinda, 4/26

## **Special Prayers For:**

LaShay Anderson, The family of Arianna and Felipe Aponte, Stephanie Arana, Patrick Atkinson, Amory James Barrett, Tyrone Brown, Helen Burke, Denise Campbell, Gabriella Carrasco, Jonathen

Cooper, Kebra Cooper, Keisha Cypress-Bryant, Elder Vandora Fair, Elder Elaine Foster, Deacon Warren (Tex) Green, Norma Holmes, Monica Jackson, Charlie & Craig Jones, Jackie Knights, Deacon Eva Minor, Cary Mitchell, Elder Sheila Myers, Angela D. Barber-Parker, Tamera Peterson, the family of Javon Pleasant, the family of Elder Nokeima Ramirez, Ramon, Willie Mae Robinson, Francis Rotondella and family, Charles Rutledge, June Burr Scott, Nydia Serrano, Charles Simmons, Ivan Smith, the families of Mahaley Stewart Bowles and Mary Taylor Stewart, Carol Turnerto, Ajene Washington, Barbara Washington, and Thelma K. Williams.

We ask that you keep Adam Ramirez in your thoughts and continue to pray for his strength and comfort as he navigates this difficult time.

## **Announcements**

- If you know of anyone who you'd like to add to our prayer list or have a praise report for someone who can be removed from the prayer list, please visit our website and complete the prayer request form. You may also share this information with Elders Alice Taylor or Melinda Hunt.

- **2026** Per Capita Apportionment is \$37.00 Per Person.
- The **Second Plate Collection** will be taken twice a month on first and third Sundays.
  - First Sunday – (Silver Plate) Deacon Board
  - Third Sunday – (Silver Plate) Kitchen Committee
- **Christian Education Sunday School**
  - . Confirmation classes for youth ages 12 to 17 will continue through Sunday, May 24, 2026.
  - . Youth will be Confirmed Sunday, May 31, 2026.
- **Seasoned Retirees** – Will meet Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 11:00am here at the church.

- **Power of Prayer** with Elder Sheila Myers will be 7pm Thursday, April 16, 2026. Please visit the church website [www.claremontlafayette.com](http://www.claremontlafayette.com) to access the Zoom link and enter the prayer meeting.
- **Saturday Sandwich and A Prayer** will be April 18, 2026, set-up begins at 10:00am; 12:00pm prayers and food distribution.
- We invite you back next week as we celebrate **Women's Day**
  - **Our speaker will be:** Rev. Dr. Tami Weaver Henry
  - **Worship Leader:** Elder Joyce Soto
  - Please invite your friends to come and celebrate this day with you and us.

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