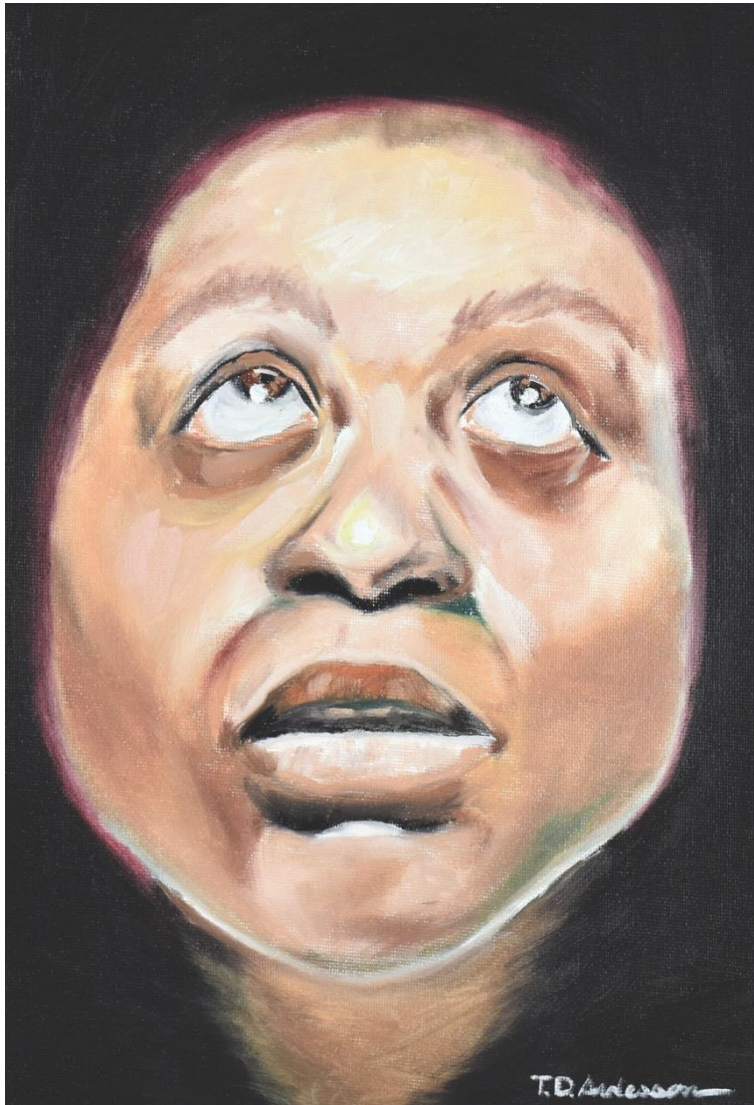




BREAD OF LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 5, 2026 Easter | Morning Worship 10:00 am



If You Are Worshipping...

Online – All the worship songs and words will be on your screen so that you can fully participate.

In The Sanctuary – If you are comfortably able, we invite you to stand during portions of worship marked with an asterisk (*). The congregation reads items listed in bold text. **Please note:** Our service is always live-streamed with multiple cameras in the sanctuary. You will likely be on camera at some point during your worship experience.

With Children – We are delighted with the presence of (and the sounds of) children in worship. Children are welcome to use any of the resources in our PrayGround (located behind the back pews). The back pews are for adults accompanying children using the PrayGround, and the rocking chairs are reserved especially for nursing mothers or adults whose children need a cuddle and some rocking. **Also, childcare is available in our nursery down the hall for children up to age 5.**

Prayer Requests – Each week, we encourage folks to share their joys and concerns with one another using the Prayer Cards in the pews. Please complete a Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate during worship. This will ensure your prayers are lifted up to God in worship and/or in private.

Special accommodations –

Assisted listening devices and **Large Print Bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Anyone with mobility issues is welcome to use the padded green chairs located strategically throughout the sanctuary. There are spaces within the pews for wheelchairs. Ushers are happy to assist you with these or other accommodations.

Wheelchairs are available to use for church or to get down to Fellowship Hall. Please ask an usher or greeter. They can assist you.

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION

On this Easter morning, who—or what—are you looking for?

Why have you come to the tomb?

What kind of Jesus are you looking for?

Who do we see in the living Christ?

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

arr. Robert Hobby

Brass Ensemble, Organ, Timpani

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

What are you looking for?

The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?

A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?

Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?

A place to belong.

What are you looking for?

We are looking for the Messiah.

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

Surely God is in this place.

***SONG OF PRAISE #246** *Christ is Alive!* (v. 1-2, 4-5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of resurrection,

We confess, like a dog with a bone, we run aimlessly.

We chase our tails, looking for things that provide answers

to the suffering of the world, looking for comfort to our longest nights.

You meet us in the darkness before dawn, but we mistake you for the gardener.

Forgive us for seeking after worldly things.

Forgive us for forgetting to seek you.

Speak to us. Call us by name, that we might recognize you in our midst.

With hope and gratitude we pray.

SILENT CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, no matter how many times we lose sight of God, God never loses sight of us.

We might spend our whole days seeking, but we are always found.

So, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,

the good news proclaimed in resurrection:

What once was lost is found.

We are held in God's loving embrace:

forgiven, claimed, and sent to serve.

Alleluia! Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*



****PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also, with you.

TIME WITH YOUNGER DISCIPLES

ANTHEM

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Hugo Distler

Vocal Ensemble

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Seeking: *"Who are you looking for?"*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

Who Are You Looking For?

***RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH+**

We believe in resurrection—
mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet,
like tulips after the snow: real.
We believe in Easter morning—
in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.
We believe in Jesus — who calls us by name and asks,
"Who are you looking for?"
So we look — for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.
And as we look, we sing, "Alleluia!" Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORDS PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All bread is gluten-free. Please hold the elements until all are served.



THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Handbell Choir

Rejoice Greatly!

by Susan Geschke

*DOXOLOGY #606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND DEDICATION

*SENDING HYMN #245

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

arr. Thomas

* Please rise in body or spirit.

**Please take a moment to extend the peace of Christ to one another by greeting those around you. Say "hello," wave, learn each other's names - whatever feels most comfortable to you.

+ by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We're so glad you're worshiping at Bread of Life Presbyterian Church today. Are you curious about who we are as a congregation, looking for ways to connect more deeply, or wondering what church membership might look like for you? Pastor Stephanie would be delighted to visit with you. Feel free to reach out by email at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com or by phone at (507) 227-8537.

ARTWORK NOTES: Today's bulletin cover art is "*Rabbouni!*" by T. Denise Anderson & based on John 20:1–18. This oil painting captures Mary Magdalene in the raw disorientation of grief before recognition dawns. Light breaks from above as Jesus speaks her name, cutting through sorrow with intimate knowing. Her posture reflects confusion giving way to revelation. In the simple calling of "Mary," resurrection becomes personal and relational. The piece invites viewers to listen for Christ's voice speaking their own name in moments of loss and longing.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER will be celebrated today during worship. This sacrament is a gift of God, for the people of God; we welcome you to **fully participate**. If you are worshipping online, please utilize food and drink that you have available; trusting the power of the Holy Spirit to be present in our community far and wide!

COMING SOON - AN EXCITING NEW FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY BEGINS APRIL 19TH:

Beginning on **Sunday, April 19th at 9:00am** please join us for the start of a 6-session adult faith formation Bible study entitled "Growing Faith." We will examine 6 Biblical Parables on cultivating creation care. The classes will be led by 5 ordained clergy members of our congregation. **If you plan to participate**, please pick up a Participants Guide at the Information Table.

KNOW A GRADUATE? We want to celebrate the amazing graduates in our lives! If you have a child, sibling, or someone close to you graduating high school or college this spring, please contact the church office with their information and a picture **by April 23rd, 2026** at communicationassistant@wpcdbq.org.

BUY SCRIP – GIVE MORE WITHOUT SPENDING MORE: There will be no SCRIP sales after worship today. If you need gift cards, please stop in the office during the week.

GREEN TEAM TIP – Spring is upon us and it is time to garden! Please consider helping out this year with our church's very own Mission Gardens. This wonderful green project provides nearly a ton of vegetables to local food pantries that feed the hungry every year. This project needs lots of helping hands from planting to harvest. Be a volunteer!

CARE CART: Next Sunday we fill the Care Cart for the **Opening Doors**. The women and families served through their services are often in need of: high-efficiency laundry detergent, tall trash bags, disinfecting wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, liquid hand soap, and personal items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Thanks.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

- For those folks navigating ongoing health concerns: **Joyce Bausman, Tom Boelk Jolene Kilcoyne, Angie Lockhart, Gene Myers, Lois and Doug Pearce, HannaRose Otting, Betty and Leon Thompson, Les Sonsken, Tom Stovall, and Arlys Williams.**
- For **Ed Blinks** as he deals with declining health.
- For **Sam Phipps** as he prepares for an upcoming surgery.
- For **Jean Sutherland**, sister of **Judy Schuster** and **Jim Donatsch**, who is now in hospice care in Cottonwood, AZ.
- For those **connected to education** (students, teachers, staff, families, etc) as the Spring approaches with the final stretch of the school year and all that entails; for strength and energy to finish strong.
- For the **people of Israel and Iran**, especially the families of the children that have died.
- For all those on the **Deacons Care List.**

HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN OR JOY TO SHARE? Folks on the ***Bread of Life Prayer Chain*** would be honored to pray for you. Simply email Pastor Stephanie at fpcdbq.pastor@gmail.com, and she will distribute your request. You may also join the ***Bread of Life Prayer Chain*** this way! ***For Pastoral Care*** please call ***(563) 279-4545*** or the church office.

*All activities will take place at Bread of Life's Hilltop Campus, unless otherwise noted. *

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5

8:00am – Easter Breakfast, FH
9:15 – Handbell Rehearsal
10:00am – **Sunday Worship**
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
11:00am -Coffee & Fellowship, NTX

Monday, April 6

OFFICE CLOSED

4:30pm – Friends Yoga, C
5:00pm – Worship Team, BR
6:00pm – Pack 20, HS

Tuesday, April 7

9:00am - Tai Chi, FH
3:00pm – August Presbytery Planning
5:00pm – Ping Pong Tuesdays, HS
5:50pm – People in Need, BR

Wednesday, April 8

8:00am – Men's Coffee, BR
9:15am – Staff Mtg, WR
5:30am – Handbell Choir Rehearsal, S
7:00pm – Keyway Lodge AA Group, HS

Thursday, April 9

11:00am – Adult Bible Study, CR
6:00pm – Property Mtg., BR

Sunday, April 12

9:00am – Christian Formation, ClassRms
10:00am – **Sunday Worship**
11:00am -Coffee & Fellowship, NTX
11:30am – Moms on Fire, CR
11:30am – Youth Group, FH, K, YR

CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

TODAY'S SERVICE

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Liturgist: Rev. Kaity Kemp
Musicians: Kristen Eby, Ed Raber, Mackenzi Young, Steve Peake, Brady Potts, Maddie Fast, Merrill Crawford, David Arnold, Sally Stulken, John Eby

Music Ensembles: Handbell Choir, Vocal Ensemble, Brass & Timpani
Greeters: Dan & Marilyn Emmert
Ushers: Alex Jack & Randy Roos
Hospitality Set Up: Pat Judge
Hospitality Clean Up: Alex Jac

CHURCH STAFF

Lead Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Ells
Associate Pastor: Rev. Kaity Kemp
Business Manager: Jeffrey T. Gladwin
Communications Assistant: Sam Fenstermacher

Director of Music: Kristen Eby
Care Coordinator: Sam Wu #563-279-4545
Band Director: Sally Stulken