April 14, 2024. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Slackwood Presbyterian Church
2020 Brunswick Avenue, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

GATHER TO WORSHIP

As a consideration to all who seek to worship this morning, please turn off or mute cell phones and other electronic devices.

Bell of Invitation Welcome & Announcements

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Call to Worship

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

People: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, and fill us with your presence as we offer you our worship and praise.

*Hymn #234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN *Call to Confession

Companion on the journey, we find ourselves running down the street after lies, rather than walking with you. We find it easy to love other people, as long as they don't annoy or bother us. We hunger for love and search for affirmation yet find it difficult to let others love us for who we are. Forgive us, Compassionate Friend. You listen to the whispers of our hearts, and then sing of the promises of hope. You grace us with peace, so our hearts can rest in you. You continue to transform us into Easter people, sisters and brothers of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (moment for silent prayer). Amen.

*Words of Assurance

*Gloria Patri (#581)

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.

(Following the time of confession, young people ages 3 to 10 may leave for a time of lesson and activity.)

HEARING OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading – I John 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Because You Live, O Christ" Shirley Erena Murray Gospel Reading – Luke 24:36b-48

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. David Bowman

"How to Practice Resurrection"

*Affirmation of Faith ((Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #252

"Day of Arising"

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's 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,

^{*}Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Call for Offering Offertory

*Doxology (#606)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise God above, ye neavenly nost;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #296

WONDROUS LIGHT

"Go in Grace and Make Disciples"

*Charge and Benediction

*Sung Benediction Response

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

(sing through twice)

DEPART TO SERVE

*Those who are able may stand.

Christ's Ministers in the World: All members of the church

Interim Pastor: The Rev. David Bowman

Director of Music: Dr. Shelley Sanders Zuckerman **Director of Family Ministries:** Starr Alleyne

Liturgist: Maureen Rickman

Welcome to everyone who is worshipping this morning. If you are visiting, we hope you will feel very welcome and that you will stay for refreshments and conversation.

Pastor Bowman's contact information:

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The Scripture readings for April 21 are John 10: 11-18/Psalm 23.

Announcements

The **Adult Forum** meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom. The link to the meeting is sent in the Saturday announcements email.

The **youth** met today and will meet next Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

The **choir** practices each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The **Property & Finance Committee** will meet following this morning's service of worship.

The **Session** will meet on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Bi-monthly **Bible study** will meet on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month to discuss the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please let Pastor David know if you would like to participate.

Saturday, April 20 – 11:00 a.m. Celebration of the life of Todd Mansmann – Slackwood Church sanctuary.

The **Board of Deacons** will meet following worship on Sunday, April 21.

The Membership & Outreach Committee is seeking donations of baby diapers and wipes to support **Homefront's Diaper Challenge**. You can bring your contributions to the church anytime up to May 12.

Those people remembered in the prayers of the people last week are: Martina, Ava Rose, Ava Harper, Lorna & Clement, Ann, Neil, Amanda, Scott, Ben, Carrie, Mary, Jillian, Taiwan, Rachel's family, Linda, Jill, Ebbie, Laura, Nona, Cindy, Audrey, Cory, Joann, Bill, Jim, Jaq, Kim, Joan & Dennis, Tia & family, Elaine, Bosse family & friends, MJ, Marilyn, Mylan, Francine & Troy, Gwen, Jan, Rich, Holly, Rob, Joan, and Jim.