

The Presbyterian Church of  
**Llanerch**

*Doing Justly • Loving Mercy • Walking Humbly with God*



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Service for the Lord's Day

April 21, 2024 • Fourth Sunday of Easter • 11:00 AM

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# Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Through the Spirit of Christ, we are brought together and joined as one community in the worship of God. Whoever you are, from wherever you have come, you are welcome here.

## Our Mission

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve."

To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

## If You Are New Here

We are especially glad to welcome you if you are visiting with us this morning. We invite you to the Fellowship Hall following the worship service, where there are coffee and snacks served alongside friendly conversation.

## Children in Worship

Children (and their wiggles) are always welcome in worship. A Wiggle Room is available in the Chapel—to the left of the pulpit.

## Prepare for Worship

As you come to worship, you are invited to take a few moments to bring yourself before God, to prepare yourself in heart, mind, soul and strength. Please be considerate and silence all electronic devices.

The \* indicates parts of the service where the congregation is invited to stand; *italicized portions* are spoken by a worship leader, **bolded portions** indicate congregational responses.

## Connect with Us

Get connected with our weekly announcements in your email inbox! Visit [llanerchpres.org/connect](http://llanerchpres.org/connect)

### Session

Donna Helms, *clerk*  
Paul Gibson  
Katherine Hiebert  
Gabrielle Vivanco  
Craig Kane  
Joan Sheppard

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# Gathered as a Community

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## Welcome

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

## Voluntary    **You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim**

HANOVER

setting by David Cherwien

### \* Litany for Easter

*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

*This is the good news we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:*

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

*That Christ died for our sins, and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day.*

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

*He appeared to Peter, and to the twelve,  
and to many faithful witnesses.*

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

*At last he came to us, that we might come to believe  
and proclaim this good news to the world.*

**Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

### \* Gathering Prayer

### \* Hymn 320

### **The Church of Christ in Every Age**

WAREHAM

verses 1 - 3

## Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.

Here we speak about love,

but keep silent when we witness justice denied.

Here we speak about love,

but hold our tongue at the inequity around us.

Here we speak about love,

but fall to a whisper when your love seems embarrassing.

Lord, have mercy on us.

*(Please offer in silence your personal confession.)*

*Forgive us, we pray.*

Send into our lives your Holy Spirit

that every day, in every place,

our lives may show your love in Jesus Christ,

for it is in his name that we seek your grace. Amen.

## Promise of Restoration

*Friends, believe the good news:*

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## \* Sung Response 226 verse 6

SHADES MOUNTAIN

♪ All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it; take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master! ♪

## \* Sharing in Peace

*The peace of Christ be with you!*  
**And also with you!**

## \* Life of the Community

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# Listening to the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Children's Moment

The Beginner's Bible – The First Church [pages 480-483]

Scripture Reading      *Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 6:1-6*      [NT pages 118-119, 123-124]

*Holy wisdom, holy Word.*

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. William H. Searight

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# Responding in Faith

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\* Hymn 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

## Gathering of Intercessions and Thanksgivings

All who have gathered for worship are welcome to share in the collection of prayers. If you have a prayer request you would like to share, please offer it when called upon by the Worship Leader.

## Prayers of the People

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

During the prayer: *God of mercy,*  
**hear our prayer.**

## 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,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power,**

**and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Offering

As those who have been claimed and set free by the grace of Jesus Christ, we respond with gratitude, offering him our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods.

Plates are passed during the Offering for those who wish to give monetary donations by check or cash. You can give online at [llanerchpres.org/giving](http://llanerchpres.org/giving)

## Offertory

### Jesus, Still Lead On

SEELENBRÄUTIGAM

setting by David Cherwien

## Dedication of Offering

*Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,  
and of your own we give to you.*

## \* Dedicatory Response 232 verse 4

EASTER HYMN

♪ Sing we to our God above,  
Alleluia!

Praise eternal as God's love.  
Alleluia!

Praise our God, ye heavenly host,  
Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! ♪

## \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

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# Sent into the World

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\* Hymn 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

\* Charge and Blessing

*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you,  
this day and forevermore.*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

Voluntary

Postlude from Service Sonata

Robert J. Powell



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## Worship Notes

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### This Morning's Worship Leaders

Rev. William Searight

Georgia Marshall Schrom

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## Announcements

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### Bible for Beginners – Every Sunday after Worship

Our weekly Bible discussion returns today following the Friendship Hour. Everyone is invited to join the discussion.

Current Series: *The Letters of Paul, One At a Time.*

April 21 – Second Thessalonians.

April 28 – Galatians.

### Pastor Bill's Book Club

Let's talk about hope this month. Everyone is invited to a discussion of *The Book of Hope*, by Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams, and Gail Hudson. Sunday, April 28 at 9:30am.

### Get in Touch

If you need to connect with us, here are the best ways.

**Pastor's email:** pastor@llanerchpres.org

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The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 12 noon – 5 PM.

Visit Pastor Bill at Panera Wednesday from 11:00am – 1:00pm.

### It's almost time!

We will be celebrating the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Presbyterian Church of Llanerch on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> during worship. Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Rosencrans will be our special guest. Catered luncheon to follow. More information will be coming soon.

### Children's Sabbath Next Week

Next week is our Children's Sabbath Service, held on the final Sunday of most months. Elements of the liturgy are specially tuned to allow children to help lead as much as they want. The children will be invited to a lesson and activities during the sermon time.

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All Members of the Congregation

## This Week's Activities

### Today, 04/21

- 9:30 AM Handbell Choir rehearsal  
11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
*Rev. William Searight will be preaching*  
12:00 PM Friendship Hour, Fellowship Room  
12:15 PM Children's Choir rehearsal  
1:00 PM Bible for Beginners, Social Hall

### Friday, 04/26

- 8:00 PM AA Meeting, Social Hall

### Next Sunday, 04/28

- 9:30 AM Handbell Choir rehearsal  
11:00 AM **Service for the Lord's Day**  
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