



Sunday Worship
April 6, 2025
Draw near to God
for God is waiting for
you.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are hungering and thirsting for hope and peace.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: Our hearts long for the nourishing presence of God.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Leader: Give to us the living bread of your peace that we may hunger no more.

People: Open our hearts to joyfully receive your life-sustaining love. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things going on in our lives. Some of these things are wonderful and cause us to rejoice. However, there are far too many things that cause us fear and anxiety. Humbly we wait for your presence with us. We need your healing touch. Feed us with the bread of life, that we may hunger no more. Strengthen us to do your will, for it is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

***HYMN # 401 Here in This Place**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENNESS

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;

we do not strive for peace.

**Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, as forgiven and renewed people,
we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ
into our world.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

...Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN # 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON- Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON- John 6:35, 41-51

SERMON- What Kind of Bread is Jesus?

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

**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.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Loving God, we have so many reasons to say “thank You” to You. Your generosity, grace,
and mercy are astounding and we pray that the gifts we offer in worship and throughout
the week might be used in Your name. Help us to be generous with our money, but also
with our talents and time. Strengthen us to recognize Your blessings, to be grateful, and to
respond accordingly. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

***HYMN #542 God Be With You Til We Meet Again**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, April 6, 2025

This week, the carillon is in memory of Edith Elliott. Matriarch of the Elliott Family and a faithful member of the church.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Donations continued to be received throughout the season of Lent. The final offering will be on Easter Sunday.

EASTER FLOWERS: As you leave today, Easter Flower donation forms can be found in Fellowship Hall. Purchase a flower or two in memory or honor of someone special. Complete the form and return to the church office no later than April 13. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

EASTER BREAKFAST: A tradition at Forest Grove is to all gather at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall while we enjoy breakfast together on Easter morning. Sign-up sheets can be found in Fellowship Hall.

CPR CLASSES- It's a win-win! Want to learn CPR, and donate to church at the same time? In April two CPR classes, with optional First Aid training, will be offered. You only need attend on one date; on *Saturday April 12th 9AM, OR on Thursday April 24th 6PM.* The CPR class is 2 hours, but those who would also like First Aid training may opt to stay for a 3rd hour. Whether renewing certification (this expires after 2 years) or taking a class for the first time, this basic class is low key and encouraging. The training offers preparation for emergencies that may occur at home, school, work, during worship or upstairs in the nursery. The cost is \$45/person. After material costs of \$25 are covered (for the book & certification by American Heart), the remaining \$20 will be donated to church for each attendee. Sign-up sheets are on the Fellowship Hall table. Thanks!

FGPC BOOK CLUB: will meet next on April 27th after service, starting at 11:30 - 12:30. We will be reading a wonderful book called *The Shack*. It is an unconventional portrayal of the Trinity, which, in the end, I found drawing me closer to God's love.

APPORTIONMENT SUNDAY: Each year all PCUSA congregations are assessed a per capita amount based on membership. This amount is \$37/member. All members can help by making this donation so that it doesn't have to be taken from our operating budget. While it can be given to the church at any time, including on our website, April 13th is designated by Session as Apportionment Sunday. Apportionment money will be taken with the offering. Please indicate on your check or envelope "Apportionment."

FOREST GROVE CHURCH GOES TO THE IRON PIGS BALL GAME: Following worship on **July 27** all are invited to carpool to the game in Allentown, PA. The game starts at 1:35 but lunch can be purchased at the ball park prior to the game. Tickets cost is \$13. As reservations need to be made ASAP, deadline for purchase is April 21. Friends and family are welcome to join the fun. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office. Please indicate if you are interested in carpooling.

OUR NEXT DINE AND DONATE FUNDRAISER: Will be held, April 28 at The Wyck (formerly known as The Candlewyck). From 5-8:00 you can dine at the restaurant and 20% of your bill will be donated to the church for the Church Bell Project. Flyers for the event are available on the table in Fellowship Hall. These are needed in order for the donation to be made.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week, we are asking for Potatoes, Yams and Onions. Donations should be placed in the wagon in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

April	6	10:00 am	Worship followed by Fellowship
		1:00 pm	Welcome Church (meet in parking lot to carpool)
		4:00 pm	Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
April	7	10:00 am	Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
April	8	10:00 am	Worship and Music Meeting
		7:00 pm	Beekeepers Meeting
April	9	11:30 am	Mid-week Service
		12:00 pm	Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship
April	12	9:00 am	CPR Training Class

Elder of the month: Ruth Squillace

Deacon of the month: Maggie Realley

Ushers: Gerry and Louise Stemplewicz **Coffee hour:** Penny Kipe

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Marge & Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Gail Shaffer, Doris Daniels, Evin Kimbel, Ray Curran, Dick Wright



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