

*St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church*

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Sunday, May 4, 2025 2nd Sunday of Easter

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Music Director: Linda Giddens

Worship leader: Rev. Maryann Skinner

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude and Greeting

Responsive Call to Worship:

Sing praises to the Lord, you faithful;

We will give thanks to God's holy name.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comeYes there'ss with the morning.

We will give thanks to God's holy name.

God has turned our mourning into dancing! Let us praise and not be silent!

Lord our God, we will give thanks to your holy name, now and always!

Worship in Music:

I danced in the morning/Lord of the dance    NBP 250

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

God of the Risen Christ and the rising earth,

we come giving thanks for all the wonder in your creation: for the tiny perfection revealed in a baby’s fingers grasping ours, in each daffodil unzipping its jacket to greet the spring, and each rock face worn by wind and water, bearing its rugged beauty with your praise. These details lift our hearts to praise you, too.

So let the details of the story of the Risen Christ lift our hearts this day, that we may greet a new week as an occasion to discover him in our midst, making all things new with the springtime of your Spirit.

Receive our heartfelt worship, O God,

Creator, Christ and Spirit, ever Three and ever One,

now and evermore. Amen.

God of grace, we acknowledge ways in which we fall short of your hope and purposes for us. We confess we find it difficult to forgive others and ourselves. We carry grudges about things done by others long ago, and things we have done still haunt us. Forgive us and give us the grace to forgive others; amend who we are and set us free to begin again with you and one another

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Worship in Music: “Jesus Calls Us” BP 374

GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for understanding:

God, source of all wisdom, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out your spirit of understanding on us,

so that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 30

I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths  
    and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
**Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.**  
You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;  
    you spared me from going down to the pit.

**Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;  
    praise his holy name.**For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

**When I felt secure, I said,  “I will never be shaken.”**  
Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm%2030&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14327c)] stand firm; but when you hid your face,  
    I was dismayed.

**To you, Lord, I called;  to the Lord I cried for mercy:**“What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?  
**Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me;  Lord, be my help.”**

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy,  
**that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever.**

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-19 Pg769

Worship in Music: “Jesus Shall Reign” BP 385

Sermon: “For the Love of Losers”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed BP 616

Worship in Music:

Will you come and follow me    NBP 634

Benediction and Choral Amen

Postlude

Announcements:

May is Camp Geddie month

Mission Moments:

Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the Presbyterian Church in Canada supports many vital outreach ministries across Canada. One such ministry is Rivière des Prairies, a mission of the Presbytery of Montreal that plays a significant role in outreach within the city’s east end. This mission focuses on connecting with immigrants where there is a growing presence of new Canadians, mainly from Cameroon. Rivière des Prairies celebrates multilingualism in its church services and children’s programming, creating an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada. Through these efforts, the mission fosters a strong sense of community and supports individuals on their shared faith journey.

Worship leaders coming up:

May 11 – Bob Lyle -Mothers Day/Christian Family Sunday

May 18 – Brad Little -5th Sunday of Easter

May 25 – Maryann Skinner – Fellowship

June 1 -Bob Lyle 7th Sunday of Easter