

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday – April 19

**9:15 am** Prayer Group, Room 2  
**10:00 am** Worship, Sanctuary  
**11:15 am** PreK - 5th Grade Class, Room 2  
Social Concerns Class, Lower Ed  
Studies of the Bible Class, Room 4  
Youth Sunday School, Room 6, Lower Ed  
Gospel Choir Practice, Room 1  
**12:15 pm** Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
3:00 pm Still Waters Church, Upper Ed  
5:00 pm United Youth in Christ, Old Bridge UMC

Monday – April 20

**7:00 pm** A/V Team Training

Wednesday – April 22

**9:30 am** Women's Bible Study, Room 1  
7:00 pm Women's AA, Upper Ed

Thursday – April 23

**7:00 pm** Chancel Choir Practice, Sanctuary  
**7:00 pm** Bible Through the Year Group, Zoom

Friday – April 24- Church Office Closed

5:30 pm Dale City Swim Team, Gathering Space and Classrooms  
7:00 pm AA, Upper Ed

Saturday – April 25

10:00 am United Women in Faith, Room 1  
7:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Jesus Rey De Reyes, Sanctuary  
(IPUL) Bible Study, Upper Ed

### April 12, 2026

In-Person Worship - 114  
Online Worship - 64  
Sunday School/Small Groups - 42  
General Fund Giving - 4969.46



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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**We Are a Church for All God's Children**

**Our Mission:** To be a community where all can experience and share Christ's love.

**Our Vision:** To be a beacon of Christ's love and grace, offering hope through invitation, inspirational relationships, and effective partnerships.

**Our Values:** Faith, Fellowship, Diversity, Discipleship, Servanthood

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**Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
9 am-2 pm**

Hymnals and Bibles are available on the rolling carts near the entrance of the sanctuary. Feel free to take one for use during the service and then return it to the cart after worship.

Please complete a Weekly Connect Card found in the bulletin and place it in the offering bag when it is passed during the service.

Please be aware that photography and video recording/live streaming occur during our worship service and are used on social media. Our children and youth are often included. If you do not want your child in any photos or videos, please speak with one of the ushers.

**We love children!**

There are several opportunities for children to grow during worship.

**Our Family Worship Space** offers quiet resources and activity bags to help families engage children during worship. Children may take items to their seats or sit at the table when it's available.

Parents/caregivers are asked to be seated with children at the table or nearby to assist them in worship.

**Childcare is available for infants through age 5** during Worship and the Sunday School hour in the nursery at the end of the main hallway.

**Graduation Sunday – May 31**

Help us celebrate the graduates in our church family! Please let us know if you or a loved one in our congregation is graduating this spring from high school, trade school, college, graduate school, or another institution of higher learning. Please complete the graduate's information by using the link below, or contact Pastor MiRhang by April 30th so we can recognize them during our Graduation Sunday worship service on May 31st at 10 AM.

<https://forms.gle/wBjpigh6LaHmaUEJ6>

**Art Camp - July 13th - 17th:** Hands-on art activities paired with faith conversations, reminding campers they are created and loved by God. Led by Olivia Shepard-Llanos and volunteers, the week culminates in a family Art Showcase celebrating campers' creativity and growth. Register at: <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/8851d8>

**Basketball Camp - July 28th - 31st:** Learn, play, and grow in a fun, faith-filled environment! Campers enjoy indoor skill-building drills, outdoor gameplay, and guest speakers connecting teamwork and sportsmanship with faith. Led by Gar-Field High School coach Ginger Scott and volunteers. Register at: <https://goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com/form/goodshepherddalecity.breezechms.com>

Both camps are open to Rising 1st – 6th Graders.

Would you like to volunteer, be a guest speaker or have questions? Contact the camp leaders below:

- Basketball – Ginger Scott: 703-868-2777 | [scottgr@pwcs.edu](mailto:scottgr@pwcs.edu)
- Art – Olivia Shepard-Llanos: 703-946-1406 | [oliviashepard@gmail.com](mailto:oliviashepard@gmail.com)
- Director of Outreach – Janae Tschudi-Evatt: [outreach@gsumc.net](mailto:outreach@gsumc.net)

**This week's "Bible Through the Year" readings:**

Apr 19th:	Nehemiah 1:1 - 4:23	Apr 20th:	Nehemiah 5:1 - 7:73
Apr 21st:	Nehemiah 8:1 - 10:39	Apr 22nd:	Nehemiah 11:1 - 13:31
Apr 23rd:	Esther 1:1 - 4:17	Apr 24th:	Esther 5:1 - 10:3
Apr 25th:	Job 1:1 - 5:27	Apr 26th:	Job 6:1 - 14:22

Join us for an informal, one-hour group conversation on Zoom this Thursday:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8848221386?pwd=wSO3TzY7f4Z18EjcQrKLaznhayxdCD.1>

Meeting ID: 884 822 1386

Passcode: rzRn4s

## GOOD SHEPHERD IN MINISTRY

### Monthly Prayer for our Church

Join us by including this in your daily prayer time  
and at all church gatherings.

God of resurrection, in this holy season as we move from the joy of Easter into the celebration of Eastertide, fill us with the hope and new life of the risen Christ. As we continue our journey of living out the Good News, shape Good Shepherd to be a church for all your children, a community where your love is wide, your welcome is real, and your light shines brightly. In a world longing for hope and healing, help us be a beacon of Christ's light through compassion, justice, and joy, so that our lives may bear witness to the new life you bring. Amen.

**Next Sunday, April 26th, we will be blessed with the United Methodist Men leading worship.**

**Have you ever thought about serving during worship but are not an “up front” person? Our A/V Team is expanding!** The A/V team provides behind-the-scenes support that helps to make our worship services meaningful. They run the slides, sound system, and video as well as ensure that our online worship is running for those joining us at a distance. They also provide support for funerals and other special services. No experience is needed - training is taking place April 20th at 7:00 pm. Come to find out if this ministry is a good fit for your abilities!

**Blessing Neabsco Elementary** — This month, we're showing love to the teachers and staff at Neabsco Elementary as they prepare for Teacher Appreciation Week in early May! Pick up a few simple goodies — candy, snacks, Post-its, hand lotion, lip balm, nice pens, bookmarks, or other small treats. Bring as many or as few as you'd like — every little bit counts! Not sure what to get? Ask any of the educators in our congregation for ideas!

**On Friday evening, April 24th, our Community Connections Team will be welcoming our neighbors — the Dale City Frogs Swim Team** — as they kick off their season with an open house here at GSUMC! The Frogs are a nonprofit swim team that practices and hosts meets across the street, and we want to show them hospitality with a Hot Dog Bar, chips, drinks, and sweet treats for the 40–60 families attending. We're looking for volunteers to help serve, donate food items, and be a warm, welcoming presence for our guests. Contact Janae Tschudi-Evatt at outreach@gsunc.net to sign up!

## ORDER OF WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

(\*) Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

**Bold Print indicates congregational/unison responses.**

- \* Gathering Song ***Fairest Lord Jesus*** UMH 189
- \* Words of Welcome
- \* Gathering Words  
We gather together in a time of uncertainty and doubts.  
**Help us, God, to see our questions and open our hearts.**  
Even though we are stubborn and lost, we are searching.  
**Hear our prayers and help our unbelief.**  
**May your grace shine on us and open our eyes.**
- \* Hymn ***Morning Has Broken*** UMH 145
- Good Shepherd in Ministry
- Praising God with Our Gifts
- Offertory Music ***Rejoice in The Lord Always***
- \* Doxology UMH 94
- Children's Time Pastor MiRhang
- Prayer for Understanding Syl Davies  
**God of love and compassion, there are times when we doubt that situations will improve in the world or in our personal lives. Help us, Lord, to put on patience for your work to be done in us and around us. Let us witness your power, compassion, and faithfulness in ways we have not known before. Deepen our faith so that your light will grow in us as witnesses in the world. We thank you for your mercy and grace. Amen.**
- Scripture John 20:24-28 N.T. 108
- Message Pastor Lisa

Anthem **Good News, Jesus is Risen!** (JTR) Children's Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation, Prayer of Confession, and Words of Assurance

**God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us new compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and oppressed. When we stay locked behind our fears and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**  
Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.  
Christ comes into the locked rooms of our faults, and gifts us with grace and hope.  
Christ comes, to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness. **Thanks be to God. Christ has come to us. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Prayer After Communion

\*Hymn **I Surrender All** UMH 354

\*Benediction

Postlude **Sing And Rejoice** (Smith)

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**Votive Candle Stand.** Our votive candle stand is an invitation to contemplative prayer. Feel free to light a candle before or after our service, or during communion.

**Worship Resources Used:** *Liturgy and Image: Breakthrough: United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey | Rising Strong*

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## PRAISES AND PRAYERS

**Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks unless otherwise updated. Please submit, update, or remove a prayer request via the Connect Card or by contacting the church office.**

### Remember in Prayer (as of April 12, 2026)

Baileys - Debbie Frech fighting cancer  
Brenda Kelley-Nellum - knee surgery on April 15th  
Christine Evatt - King family on death of Harold King  
Don Abrell - recovery from stroke  
Evatts - George, sudden blindness and his wife, Vickie providing care; Jeff Hatfield, cancer  
Lula Pits - Rudy Howard, multiple medical issues  
Milberts - Phil Goble, battling blood cancer and chemotherapy  
Mitchems - Eleanor Mohler, breast cancer treatment  
Neneh Kanneh - husband Sheikh Kanneh, eyesight and health; Son Momoh and family for the loss of their son  
Pam Buchenauer - Ron, surgery; Chris, wrist surgery; Davinder, spine issues; Betsy, kidney removal surgery; Lori, recovering from a fall  
Pat Pearsall - Keiko Foster  
Steve Koch - Uncle Robert and Aunt Kris who have health issues  
Tamara Kanouff - Olga Litovchenko, Vitalik Clvickin, Igor Litovchenko, Michael Kanouff, Natalia Busch, William Busch, Katherine Busch  
Winnie Agyin - Samuel Agyin, recovery from stroke  
Wyatt "Mac" McGinnis Jr. upon the death of his sister, Ethel  
Our country and our nation's leaders  
For all places experiencing war, violence, and humanitarian crisis  
For those who struggle with mental health and the families that love them

*A prayer gathering is held every Sunday morning in Room 2 at 9:15 am.  
All are welcome!*