

Resounding

JOY

—CHURCH—

Presbyterian Church (USA)



ResoundingJoy Church

seeks to center on **Jesus**, live **open** to all people,
and say **yes** to Jesus' call to serve.



April 12, 2026

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Susan Stoepel

One: Friends, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Though we have known hardship and pain, though life has not always turned out as we had hoped, we will stand here and say:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: Though life becomes more complex, the deepest questions remain unanswered, and the mystery of faith deepens, we will say:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: And though the pain of the world often seems more than we can bear or address, we will stand firm in our faith and say:

All: God's steadfast love endures forever!

Opening Prayer

Hymn*

"Thine is the Glory"

Hymn #238

Praying Together

Susan Stoepel

Creator God, we confess that at times we are skeptics. At times we doubt that you exist because of the evil we have seen in the world. Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world, and it is hard to see your love and light. Sometimes, even those who bear your name do not walk in your ways. Help us to see your goodness in this world. Help us to know your love. Fill us with your love and goodness, so that we might love one another, and lift up one another in faith. Amen.

Assurance of God's Presence

Response of Gratitude

"In Christ Alone"

verses 1,3

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:21-24, 39-52



Message

**Stories in Stained Glass:
The Menorah and Star of David — Jesus the Jew**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Hymn*

“The Day of Resurrection”

Hymn #233

Offertory

Offertory Response*

“In Christ Alone”

verse 4

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn*

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Hymn #239

Benediction

Postlude

OFFERINGS

You can share your offerings by putting it in the plate during the service, or you can give online at this link: <https://resoundingjoy.church/give> or by scanning this QR code.



***All who are able may stand.**

**Boldface Print indicates sung or spoken participation by the congregation.
If you have a cellphone, please turn it off so as not to disrupt the service.**

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Organizing Pastor

Tammy Manger, Church Administrator

Brad Caldwell, Music Director

Michele Wright, Communications Director

Lori McDonough, Worship Leader

Ryan Hamilton, Digital Coordinator

Announcements

• Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 12

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:45 a.m. Bible Study

Monday, April 13

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 14

- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, April 15

- 1 p.m. Session Meeting

Thursday, April 16

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

- 9 a.m. Clean Out Day
- 9 a.m. Side by Side Volunteer Event
- 10 a.m. Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry
- 11:00 a.m. AA Meeting

• Discipleship/Education Opportunities

We have two opportunities to meet in small groups for discipleship and education. All are welcome!

- Sunday, 9–10 a.m. in Room 21
- Sunday, 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Choir Room

• RJC's Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry

This Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

Practical Grace Non-Food Pantry Distribution needs you! If you can come to help with this vital ministry to people, meet at the church.

• Can You Make Coffee?

We need volunteers to help make coffee before worship or clean up afterwards. We have a sign up sheet on the coffee bar. Don't know how to make coffee but want to volunteer? We will teach you! Any questions, please speak with Lynn Bradley.

• Clean Out Days

This Saturday, April 18 and the 25 at 9 a.m.

When you have three congregations merge into one, you're going to have a lot of stuff! We need to decide what we need to hold onto and what should be let go of. So, mark your calendars for Saturdays April 18 and 25 starting at 9 a.m. for two "clean out" days here at RJC. We will be going through closets, rooms, the POD in the parking lot, and more.

• Collection for SON Ministries

For April, please bring 1-lb. boxes of spaghetti.

We are so grateful for all your Meijer Simply Give donations! It is wonderful to know it will double food/diaper credits at Meijer. We are very thankful!

Also, Freestore Food Bank will be having their **Hunger Walk on May 25 at 9:00 am.** SON Ministries will have a team. However, given our Meijer campaign, we just want you to know of this fun walk.

• Community Dinner

Nobody should go hungry or have to eat alone. Join the Mission Committee to make this a thing of the past. Our second community dinner will be **April 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to plate and serve the food. A variety of desserts are also needed. If you would like to volunteer or bake please contact **Kimberly Cornett.**

• Ministry of Discipleship and Education

Colorful Worship/Activities/Pew Bags for use by young children during the worship service are available and can be found in the Gathering Place on the shelves just to the left of the entrance of the Sanctuary doors.

• Weekly Readings — <https://resoundingjoy.church/bibleinayear>

4/13/26	Deuteronomy 21:1-22:30	Luke 9:51-10:12	Psalms 74:1-23	Proverbs 12:11
4/14/26	Deuteronomy 23:1-25:19	Luke 10:13-37	Psalms 75:1-10	Proverbs 12:12-14
4/15/26	Deuteronomy 26:1-27:26	Luke 10:38-11:13	Psalms 76:1-12	Proverbs 12:15-17
4/16/26	Deuteronomy 28:1-68	Luke 11:14-36	Psalms 77:1-20	Proverbs 12:18
4/17/26	Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20	Luke 11:37-12:7	Psalms 78:1-31	Proverbs 12:19-20
4/18/26	Deuteronomy 31:1-32:27	Luke 12:8-34	Psalms 78:32-55	Proverbs 12:21-23
4/19/26	Deuteronomy 32:28-52	Luke 12:35-59	Psalms 78:56-64	Proverbs 12:24