

“My faith rests not in what I am, or shall be, or feel, or know,
but in what Christ is, in what he has done,
and in what he is now doing for me.”

— Charles Spurgeon

“The more deeply we reinforce
our identity in Christ,
the more fortified we will be
against the onslaught of
opposing voices in our lives.”

— Steven Furtick

“If our identity
is in our work or our roles,
rather than Christ,
success will go to our heads
and failure to our hearts.”

— Tim Keller

“Our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

— Augustine of Hippo

LETTERS TO A NEW WORLD
April 12 – May 11, 2026

CRACKED VESSELS, RADIANT LIGHT
TURN YOUR CRACKS TO THE LIGHT

SPIRITUAL LIFE HACKS
Encourage the Weak, Rejoice Always, Pray Without Ceasing, Test Everything, Hold Fast!

GOD'S ART, NOT GOD'S PROJECT
WE ARE GOD'S POEM

JESUS IS YOUR PRONOUN
YOU BELONG IN CHRIST

THE ANXIETY ANTIDOTE
Peace is not the absence of threat. Peace is what guards us in the presence of threat.

JESUS IS BIGGER THAN YOU THINK
The universe is vast, but not empty. Christ is bigger than we think and closer than we imagine.

SERMON SERIES: APRIL 12 — MAY 17

LETTERS TO A NEW WORLD

The early church faced a world of empires, confusion, and change, just like us.

These bold letters of the apostle Paul call on the first Christians not to escape the world but transform it.

Two thousand years later that message hasn't changed.

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

If you have a prayer request, please forward the request to the church office.
We will include it on the prayer request list for a month,
unless you request for us to leave it on longer.

Thanks to the Choir for leading worship music today!



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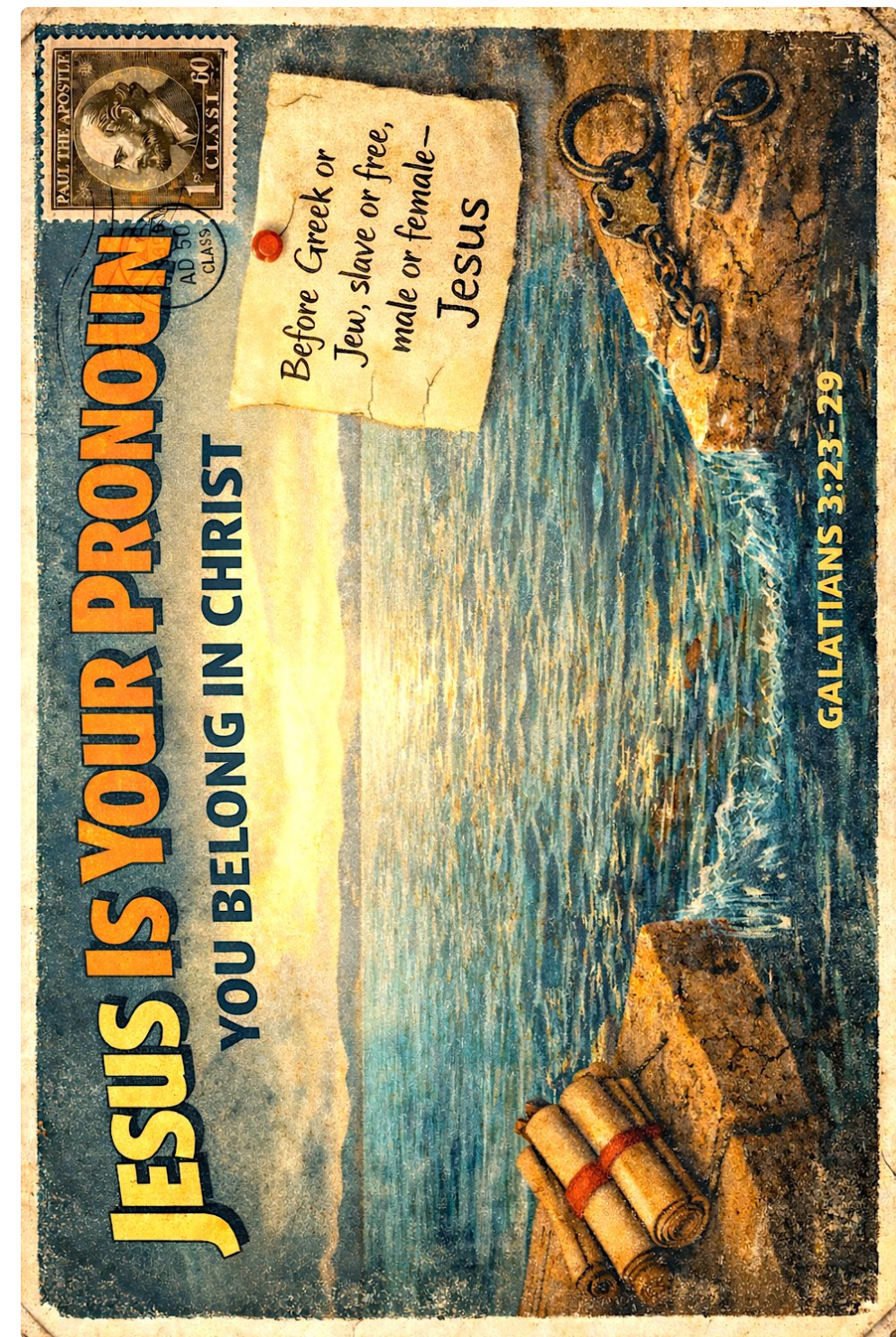
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11 a.m. Worship
April 26, 2026

SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Gather In Need of the Risen Christ

Chiming

As the bells ring, we quiet our voices and focus our hearts.

Welcome

Preparing our Hearts for Worship

*Opening Prayer

Eternal God, you meet us in our differences and draw us together.

Quiet the voices that compete for our allegiance,

and center us in the grace that holds us together.

Help us to see ourselves—and one another—through the love of Christ.

Amen.

*Passing the Peace

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 269 “All Are Welcome”

Verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

*Confessing Our Sin

Loving God,

We confess that we often define ourselves by what separates us from others.

We cling to labels that give us comfort

and resist the humility of belonging together.

Forgive us and guide us to find our identity in you.

Amen.

We sing:

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

*Receiving Grace

Hear the good news:

Our failures do not define us. Grace does.

You are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

We sing:

I lift my eyes up to the mountains; where does my help come from?

My help comes from you, Maker of heaven, Creator of the earth.

We Hear the Word

Welcoming New Members

Message

Dr. Craig Wansink

Jesus Is Your Pronoun

Galatians 3:23-29

We Respond in Humility

Meditating on Our Faith

The Choir

“Let Me Listen”

By Dan Forrest, Lyrics by Charles Anthony Silvestri

Mission and Ministry of the Church

Offering Gratitude

*When have you felt most deeply that you belonged,
not because of what you achieved, but because you were welcomed?*

Please write your response on a piece of paper, put it—and any offering or visitation card—in the black basket in your pew, and then the person on the aisle in your pew will bring those baskets forward as an offering.

Thank you for all of the ways you share your time, life, and finances on behalf of the mission of this church family.

Prayers of the People 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.

*Singing Our Faith Together

No. 256 “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We Depart in Joy

*Benediction

Go into the world clothed in Christ.

May the grace of God shape how you see yourself and others.

Amen.