

# Welcome



**April 21, 2024**

Monday, April 22  
11:00 am – Morning Prayers – Library  
Tuesday, April 23  
11:30 am -- Free Community Meal  
Wednesday, April 24  
5:00 pm -- Handbell rehearsal  
5:30 pm -- Legal Clinic  
6:00 pm -- Manna  
6:30 pm -- The Gabriel Project  
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm -- Joyful Hearts  
Thursday, April 25  
7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room  
Friday, April 19  
Nothing scheduled  
Saturday, April 26  
9:00 am – AA- Res. Room  
Next Sunday  
9:00 am -- Sunday School - Library  
11:15 am -- Sip 'n Chat  
11:15 am -- Glorify! rehearsal

## First Presbyterian Church

**Our Vision: By the grace of Jesus Christ, we will strive to share the Good News with the world, to nurture our faith and to go into the world sharing Christ's love and mercy.**

### CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Michael R. Seely  
Transitional/Interim Pastor

Mr. Erlan Wheeler  
Treasurer

Mr. Peter Sour  
Director of Music

Mr. David Nuss  
Organist/Accompanist

Ms. Denise Holmes  
Bell Choir Director

Elder Pauline Lee  
Clerk of Session

Ms. Karen Pratt-Paskawych  
Custodian

Ms. Susan Bailey  
Sunday Opener

Ms. Linda Pettit  
Office Administrator

To contact any staff member, call the church office, 740-373-1800.

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**Fourth Sunday in Easter**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio**

April 21, 2024

10:15 am

**WELCOME**



**MUSICAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Glorious Day”  
Glorify!

Stanfill



**PRELUDE**

“How Can I Keep from Singing”  
Westminster Bells

arr. J. Phillips

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nancy Lauderman, Worship Leader

Christ is risen!

*Christ is risen, indeed!*

O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people,  
the flock that God shepherds.

Psalms 95:6,7

*Let us worship God!*



**\*HYMN (No. 457, Blue)**

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

TOULON

**CALL TO CONFESSION**



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together.  
May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us,  
Listening for his voice and staying near him,  
until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever.  
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.*

*Amen.*

*Take a moment for silent confession and/or meditation*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sisters and brothers, God loves us and forgives us. Through our baptism we are raised to new life.

**We are freed from our sins and can be at peace.**

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**



**GLORIA PATRI (No. 579 Blue)**

*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.*



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**



**FIRST SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 501, OT)**

Psalms 23

*Thanks be to God!*

\*Please stand if able

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



### ANTHEM

"Hymn of Promise"  
Chancel Choir and Westminster Bells

N. Sleeth



### SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, pp. 103-104, NT)

John 10:11-18



### THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"If We Need a Shepherd,  
We Must Be Sheep"

The Rev. Mike Seely

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*



### HYMN (No.172, Blue)

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

### JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH



### 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.*



### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS



### OFFERTORY

"We Will Lift Up the Name of the Lord"  
Joyful Hearts

M. Lister



### \*DOXOLOGY (No. 592, Blue)

*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

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them up to God.*


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give you thanks and praise.*

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold:

*Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole,  
and lead us that we may be with you, and the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

\*Please stand if able

 \*HYMN (No. 387, Blue)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

 POSTLUDE

“Symphony 1 (Allegro, Andante dolce, Vivace)”

W. Boyce,  
Transcribed, D. Johnson

*Note: If you're staying for postlude, please remain seated;  
if you're leaving quietly during postlude, we will see you downstairs for sip n chat!*

\*Please stand if able

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**Our church is very blessed to have the wide variety of musicians and ensembles that we do. Today is music appreciation day at FPC. Thank you to David Nuss, our organist; Peter Sour, our music director; Denise Holmes our bells director; and the members of Westminster Bells, Chancel Choir, Glorify! and Joyful Hearts, for gracing our service today, and throughout the year.**

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Doug and Ann Anderson in honor of Doug's organ donor, at the one year anniversary of his transplant. Donate Life!**

**The usher for today's service Cathy Piekarski. Thank you, Cathy!**

The **children's church school leader** meets children from K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade at the back of the church after the children's message to take them to children's church. They return to you during the hymn following the sermon.

**You are invited to join our weekly conversational prayer on Monday morning at 11 am in the church library.**

**The free community meal is this Tuesday, April 23. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board if you are kind enough to help.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The church office will be closed through Wednesday April 24. The answering machine will be on and will be checked regularly, as will Linda's email. If you have an urgent need, please leave a message on the machine or send an email to [firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbymarietta@gmail.com)

Please let the church office know if you know of **any members/friends of the church who are graduating from a higher education program** – college, junior college, a training program. We would like to honor them.

**Your gifts to support our ministry are very much appreciated!**



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