

Welcome



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.

April 28, 2024

This Week at First Presbyterian

Monday, April 29
11:00 am -- Morning Prayers -- Library

Tuesday, April 30
5:30 pm -- Campus Marius Girl Scouts

Wednesday, May 1
5:00 pm -- Handbell rehearsal
6:00 pm -- Manna
6:30 pm -- Bible Study
6:30 pm -- Youth group
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir
8:00 pm -- Joyful Hearts

Thursday, May 2
7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room

Friday, May 3
10:00 am -- Front Porch prep

Saturday, May 4
9:00 am -- AA- District Meeting - GH
Morning -- Front Porch visits

Next Sunday
9:00 am -- Sunday School - Library
11:15 am -- Sip 'n Chat
Dedication of the Labyrinth
11:15 am -- Glorify! rehearsal
1:30 pm -- Meghan Hahn Spring Recital

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
Fifth Sunday in Easter
First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio

April 28, 2024

10:15 am

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Shoe Drive

Judy Peoples



PRELUDE

“O We Have Found a Lovely Vine”

G. Young

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Lawson, Worship Leader

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

John 15:5

Let us worship God!



***HYMN (No. 495, Blue)**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGELBERG

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.

*Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that, amid all the changes of this world,*

our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found.

*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 or reflection

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 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. 65 OT)

Exodus 19:1-6

*Please stand if able

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



ANTHEM

"Lamb of God"
Chancel Choir

T. Paris/arr. L. Larson



SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 109 NT)

John 15: 1-8

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

The Invisible Burdens of Being

The Rev. 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. 357, Blue)

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

MARYTON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



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

"Beyond the Cross"
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.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

*Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life. Amen.*



*HYMN (No. 339, Blue)

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

"Vision"

J. Rheinberger

*Please stand if able

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Thank you to David Nuss, our organist; Peter Sour, our music director, and members of Chancel Choir and Joyful Hearts for blessing our service today with beautiful worship music.

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!

Last week's flowers (red and white) were wrongly attributed. They were given to the glory of God by Jill Anderson in honor of her brother, Mark Anderson, for his retirement from teaching English at Ravenswood High School.

The usher for today's service is **Linda Rhoads**. Thank you, **Linda!**

The **children's church school leader** meets children from K through 6th 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.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Tuesday's community meal. 100 meals were served.

Support our Youth by attending activities in which they participate. This week:

TODAY – Soccer - Devola

12:30 pm – Sam and Team FOP play People's Bank on Field 5

2:00 pm – Benji and Team FOP play Black's Tree Service on Field 9

2:00 pm – Charlie and Team Lions Club play 1st Quality Collision on Field 11

3:30 pm – Charlie and Team Lions Club play Siltstone on Field 11

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Your gifts to support our ministry are very much appreciated!



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