

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 7, 2024

This Week at First Presbyterian

Monday, April 8
11:00 am – Morning Prayers – Library

Tuesday, April 9
12:30 pm -- CE Meeting

Wednesday, April 10
5:00 pm -- Handbell rehearsal
6:00 pm -- Manna
6:30 pm -- Bible Study
6:30 pm -- Youth
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir
8:00 pm -- Joyful Hearts

Thursday, April 11
5:30 -- Stampin' Up
7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room

Friday, April 12
Nothing scheduled

Saturday, March 30
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

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
Second Sunday in Easter
First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio

April 7, 2024

10:15 am

WELCOME

Elder Cathy Piekarski



PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

G. Krapf

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cathy Piekarski, Worship Leader

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3

Let us worship God!



***HYMN (No. 111, Blue)**

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

GELOBT SEI GOTT

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Hear in this moment our silent prayers of confession.*

*Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives
and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant
given 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

**Let us prepare our hearts and minds to hear the word of God
*****CATHY, there are several prayers at the pulpit for you to choose from – to read after the
above opening sentence. Just get with Rev Mike before the service to pick one.**



FIRST SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, pp. 550-551, OT)

Psalm 96

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Please stand if able



“A Jubilant Song”
Chancel Choir

M. Lightfoot

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Sing to the Lord a new jubilant song!
Cantate Domino canticum novum, omnis terra. Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Let the sea roar and the floods clap their hands! Let the hills sing together for joy!
Let the heavens and the earth all rejoice, for the Lord is greatly to be praised.
Proclaim God's salvation! Declare God's great glory!
Lift up a jubilant song and make joyful noise!



SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, pp. 24-25, NT)

Matthew 22:15-22

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Render Unto Caesar”

The Rev. Dr. Torbett

*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.262, Blue)

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

NATIONAL HYMN

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

“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”

W. Held

Visitors welcome! We have cards in the pew racks if you care to leave us contact information. We also have prayer request cards and giving envelopes in the rack outside the sanctuary. Donations may be mailed to the church, or online at our website. There is also a QR code on the last page of this bulletin for your convenience

Beloved, do not worry about anything, but in everything let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. In the assurance of this promise, let us confidently offer ourselves to God, knowing that God has already provided all that we need

*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.

Eternal and ever blessed God, Lord of heaven and earth: we praise your glorious majesty.

Your wisdom is seen in all your works; your grace and truth are revealed in Jesus Christ;

your power and presence are given to us through your Holy Spirit;

we adore your holy name, O blessed Trinity, forever and ever. *Amen*



***HYMN** (No. 104, Blue)

“Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

VRUECHEN

*Please stand if able

***DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**



POSTLUDE

“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”

J. F. Dandrieu

*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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Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. David Torbett to our pulpit. He has been a professor of religion at Marietta College since 2007. Dr. Torbett received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from New York University in 1987, a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in 1992, and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia in 2002. He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. His hobbies include racewalking and music.

Thank you to David Nuss, our organist; Peter Sour, our music director; and the members of the Chancel Choir, for blessing our service with their considerable musical talents today.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Lawson family in honor of family birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

The usher for today’s service Nancy Murdock. Thank you, Nancy!

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.

On Saturday April 13th, we’re having a choir room clean up and work session from 10am to 12pm. There will be something for everyone to do. It would be wonderful if you would be there. Snacks will be provided!!

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

NOTE: If your address, telephone number, or email address has changed in the past year or more, please let us know, if you have not already. Linda is updating the paper directory that was printed last year and we’d like for it to be accurate! Thanks for your help.

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

Saturday, April 13 – Volleyball, Marietta High School

-Lucia and Marietta Pink on Court 1 at 9:30 am

-Lena and Marietta Orange on Court 1 at 3:45 pm

Saturday, April 13 – Crew, Marietta, OH

-Adelia and the MHS Crew Team compete in the Lindamood Cup

Your gifts to support our ministry are very much appreciated!

Please place donations in the offering plates located by the entrances to the sanctuary.

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