

# Welcome



**March 17, 2024**

## This Week at First Presbyterian

Monday, March 18  
11:00 am -- Morning Prayers -- Library

Tuesday, March 19  
4:00 pm -- Tea and Tomes  
6:00 pm -- EVE Board

Wednesday, March 20  
3:00 pm -- Staff meeting  
5:00 pm -- Handbell rehearsal  
5:30 pm -- Legal Clinic  
6:00 pm -- Manna  
6:30 pm -- Bible Study  
6:30 pm -- Youth  
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm -- Joyful Hearts

Thursday, March 21  
7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room

Friday, March 22  
6:00 pm -- Fun Night Card Tourney

Saturday, March 23  
9:00 am -- AA- Res. Room  
9:00 am -- Bunny Breakfast & egg hunt

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**  
**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio**

March 17, 2024

10:15 am

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Michael Seely



**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

One Great Hour of Sharing

**PRELUDE**

“Lenten Contemplation”  
Westminster Bells

arr. William Moats

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Erlan Wheeler, Worship Leader

The grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord,  
*and where I am, there will my servant be also.*

John 12:26

*Let us worship God.*



**\*HYMN (No. 277, Blue)**

“O God, Our Faithful God”

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Awesome and disturbing God, hold us close for a moment that we may look deep inside and not be afraid to offer ourselves to you. Only in your tender grasp can we face our struggles:*

- *the ease with which we choose comfort and our reluctance to get involved;*
- *our readiness to find fault and our path of good intentions buried under busyness;*
- *our silence at injustice and our comfort with privilege.*

*Hold us close that the weight of your cross and the light of your love might free us from the bonds of fear. For you love us as we are, and your blessing sets us free. AMEN.*

In this quiet moment, let your warmth surround our wounds  
and bring us to the hope of a new dawn.

*Take a few moments for a time of silent and personal confession and reflection*

Jesus, Lamb of God,

*have mercy on us.*

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

*have mercy on us.*

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

*grant us peace.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Once we were no people but now we are God's people;

*once we had not received mercy but now we have received mercy.*

See 1 Peter 2:10

In the name of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

*Amen.*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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

**And also with you!**

\*Please stand if able



**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. 735, OT)**

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



**ANTHEM**

“The Whisper”

C. Courtney

Chancel Choir

In the desert, in the wilderness of life, I am searching for the One who searches me.  
As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone, I hear God's call; I hear the whisper of my name.  
"Come to the table. Your name is written on My hand. Come to the table.  
Your name is hidden in My heart. Come to the table and live."

At the table, He prepares for me a place. He redeems me, I am pardoned by His grace.  
He restores me with His rich and lavish love, in His call, I hear the whisper of my name.



**SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, pp. 106-107, NT)**

John 12:20-33

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

“The Life of Duty - The Life of Love”

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.85, Blue)**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

**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**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Arnold Sherman

Westminster Bells



**\*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.*

\*Please stand if able

**\*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.*

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands  
And proclaim your reign of love;

*through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**AMEN**



**\*HYMN** (No. 371, Blue)

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

**\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**



**POSTLUDE**

“I Bind unto Myself Today”  
(‘St. Patrick’s Breastplate’/‘Dierdre’)

W. Held

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

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Tom and Vivian O’Connor in honor of loved ones.**

**The ushers for today’s service are Ryan and Lisa Clegg. Thank you Cleggs!**

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.**

**Don’t forget the Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23, from 9 to 10:30 am.** An all -church breakfast will be served and all ages are invited! Bring the kids or grandkids, plus a basket or a bag, for the egg hunt! There is a sign-up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board.

**Deacons is updating its list of college students!** We need the parents of post-high school children who are attending college to call with your child(ren)’s their name, address and email address as soon as possible. This list is used, in part, to send gift cards to the students as they are preparing to take their finals. Thank you!

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

**Saturday, March 23 – Volleyball, Marietta High School**

**-Lucia and Marietta Pink on Court 1 at 8:45 am**

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

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



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