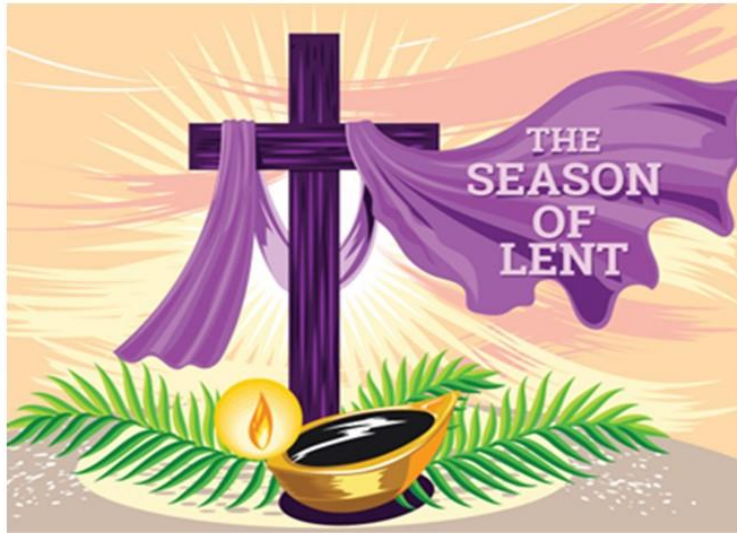


Welcome



March 10, 2024

This Week at First Presbyterian

TODAY, following the service: Birthday party for Helen Crago in Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 11
11:00 am – Morning Prayers – Library

Tuesday, March 12
12:30 pm -- Christian Ed mtg
6:00 pm -- Session

Wednesday, March 13
5:00 pm — Handbell rehearsal
6:00 pm -- Manna
6:30 pm -- History of Church & Dawes family
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir
8:00 pm — Joyful Hearts

Thursday, March 14
5:30 pm -- Stampin' Up - Resource Room
6:00 pm -- EVE DVTF - FH
7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room

Friday, March 15
6:00 pm -- Go Packs Reward Dinner

Saturday, March 16
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
1:30 pm -- Karen P paint party

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 Fourth Sunday in Lent
First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio

March 10, 2024

10:15 am

WELCOME

The Rev. Michael Seely

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Bunny Breakfast

Mary Jane Lawson



PRELUDE

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”

J. Bender/J. B. König

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Gail Reynolds, Worship Leader

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

And also with you.

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God. Let us worship God.

Ephesians 2:8



***HYMN (No. 466, Blue)**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

AZMON

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:

- *our tendency to invoke the spirit of the law when it benefits us and our willingness to proclaim the letter of the law when it involves others;*
- *the inner gladness that emerges when we learn of a competitor's troubles;*
- *our blindness at seeing the simple acts of care and love that would make such a difference to another.*

Hold us close, that in the telling of our tale, we might find shelter under your wings and feel our burdens roll away.

AMEN.

In this moment of silence hear our personal confession.

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

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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. 192, NT)

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



ANTHEM

“A Clean Heart”
Chancel Choir

B. Harlan

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew my spirit. Create in me a clean heart.
A heart that's free to give as you have given to me.
A heart that's free to love as you have loved me, a heart that really cares, a heart that always shares. Create in me a clean heart.



SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 94 NT)

John 3:14-21



THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Gospel in a Nutshell”

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. 304, Blue)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

JESUS LOVES ME

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 Praise the Name (Anastasis)”
Glorify!

B. Sampson



*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.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it;

That in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom.

AMEN



*HYMN (No. 369, Blue)

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

I’M GONNA LIVE

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Traditional, arr. D. W. Nuss

*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; the members of the Chancel Choir, and the members of Glorify! for blessing our service with their considerable musical talents today.

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Crago family, in honor of Helen’s 94th birthday.

The usher for today’s service is **Nancy Lauderman. Thank you Nancy!**

Church school: The children’s church school leader will meet 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 will return to you during the hymn following the sermon.

Today, March 10, is the last day to order Easter flowers! Order forms are on the tables outside the sanctuary and on the shelves and tables downstairs. Give your order to the ushers or put it in the church secretary’s mailbox downstairs.

Please join us for Sip ‘n Chat after the service. Today the Crago family is hosting a 94th birthday party for their matriarch, Helen Crago.

Please join us for a Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt on **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.

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

Deacons need to hear from parents whose post high school students are attending college! Please call the church office with the student’s name, address and email address. **Time is growing short for those who want to be included in receiving the annual gift provided by the church during finals week.**

Support our Youth by attending activities in which they participate. Check the small bulletin board to the right of the stairs downstairs for upcoming activities. Lucia and Lena are playing Indoor Soccer and Volleyball games on Saturday, March 9.

Your gifts to support our ministry are very much appreciated! Please place donations in the offering plates



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