

# 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.**

**March 24, 2024**

Monday, March 25  
11:00 am -- Morning Prayers – Library

Tuesday, March 26  
11:30 am -- Community Meal

Wednesday, March 27  
5:00 pm -- Handbell rehearsal  
6:00 pm -- Manna  
6:30 pm -- Tabby's clothesline  
7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir  
8:00 pm -- Joyful Hearts

Thursday, March 28  
7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room  
7:00 pm -- Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service

Friday, March 29  
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**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio**

March 24, 2024

10:15 am

**WELCOME**

Rev. Michael R. Seely



**PRELUDE**

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty”

J. Bender/G. George

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Linda Rhoads, worship leader

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

***Shout aloud O daughter of Jerusalem!***

Lo, your king comes to you;

***triumphant and victorious is he,***

humble and riding on a donkey,

***on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

Zechariah 9:9



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

***Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer,  
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph  
the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem,  
where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. AMEN.***

**\*PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM**

Luke 19:28-40

**\*PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH**



**HYMN (No. 88, Blue)**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*At the conclusion of the hymn*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Hosanna in the highest!***

May the peace of Christ be with you!

***And also with you!***



**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty:

Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus

Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love

in lives given to your service.

***AMEN***



**FIRST SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 197, NT)**

Philippians 2:5-11

\*Please stand if able



“The Cross”  
Chancel Choir

C. Courtney

The cross before me to lead, the cross before me to defend,  
the cross below me to uphold, the cross beside me to befriend.  
The cross above me to inspire, the cross within me to consume,  
O cross surround me with your power, enfold my life, my soul, my all.

The cross each morning when I rise, the cross each evening while I sleep,  
the cross I see before my eyes, the cross upon my life I speak,  
the cross be all that I would hear. The cross be all that I believe,  
the cross be with me in this life, the cross be with me when I leave.  
The cross before me, the cross behind me, the cross within me,  
the cross is all I need. The cross is all I need.



SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 147, NT)

Mark 11:1-11

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“The Challenge of Holy Week”

Rev. Seely

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE’S 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. 89, Blue)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE



OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS



OFFERTORY

“The Palms”  
Doug Anderson

J. B. Faure

\*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.*



\*HYMN (No. 92, Blue)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ST. CHRISTOPHER

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE

“The Royal Banners Forward Go”  
‘Vexilla regis’

H. Schroeder  
Sarum Plainsong

\*Please stand if able

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**Thank you to David Nuss, our organist, and Peter Sour, our music director, the Chancel Choir, and Doug Anderson, today's soloist, for providing beautiful worship music for the service today.**

**The flowers for the service are given to the glory of God.**

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

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 sign-up sheet** on the bulletin board is ready for you to sign up to help prepare, serve or clean up for **the community meal for this Tuesday!**

**The Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service will be held at 7 pm in the sanctuary.**

**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 30** –

**Adelia** and the MHS Crew Team compete in the Triangular

**Lucia** and Marietta Pink play Volleyball on Court 1 at 8:00 am, Marietta High School

**Lena** and Marietta Orange play Volleyball on Court 1 at 3:45 pm, Marietta High School

**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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