

# Welcome



**March 1, 2024**

## This Week at First Presbyterian

Monday, March 4

11:00 am – Morning Prayers – Library

6:00 pm -- B & A mtg

6:00 pm -- Deacons mtg

Tuesday, March 5

12:00 pm -- Endowments mtg

6:00 pm -- Worship & Music mtg

Wednesday, March 6

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, March 7

5:30 pm -- Stampin' Up - Resource Room

6:00 pm EVE DVTF - FH

7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room

Friday, March 8

3:30 pm -- Girl Scout Troop 10148

Saturday, March 9

9:00 am – AA- FH

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.

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**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**The Third Sunday in Lent**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio**

March 3, 2024

10:15 am

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Michael Seely



**PRELUDE**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”  
“St. Oswald”

T. Hoelty-Nickel  
J. B. Dykes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Warner, worship leader

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

*And also with you.*

The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and a new mind.

*I will take away your stubborn heart of stone and give you an obedient heart.* Ezekiel 36:26

*Let us worship God.*



\*HYMN (No.281, Blue)

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Our memories are short, Eternal God, and we need your nudges to remember your blessings.*

*We get caught up in the worries and wrinkles of living and lose sight of your abiding presence.*

*The urgent and the necessary crowd out playful thanksgiving and Heartfelt gratitude. We are polite, but distant.*

*We have manners but lack feeling behind the words.*

*Forgive us, faithful God, for outward obedience and inner resistance.*

*Let your light brighten our way, your peace ease our anxious moments, your love heal our troubled minds, your joy kindle our memory and hope. AMEN.*

In this moment of silence hear our personal confession.

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.*

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

**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.

**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. 166 NT)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**



**ANTHEM**

"Poor Wayfarin' Stranger"

arr. M. Richardson

Chancel Choir

I'm just a wayfarin' stranger; I'm just a traveling' home.

I'm just a poor warfarin' stranger, a trav'lin' through this world below,  
And there's no sickness, toil nor danger in that bright land to which I go.  
I'm goin' there to meet my Father. I'm going there no more to roam,  
I am just goin' over Jordan, I am just goin' over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my path is rough and steep;  
but golden fields lie out before me, where pilgrim I no more shall weep.  
I'm goin' there to meet my Mother, She said she'd meet me when I come.  
I am just goin' over Jordan, I am just goin' over home,



**SECOND SCRIPTURE** (Pew Bible, p. 116 NT)

John 21:13-22



**THE WORD PROCLAIMED**

"Are You Buying It?"

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*



**\*HYMN** (No. 101, Blue)

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

HAMBURG



**OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS**

**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.*

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE**

*See separate sheet*



**\*HYMN** (No. 441, Blue)

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

ST. THOMAS

**\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING**



**POSTLUDE**

"Christ, the Life of All the Living"

J.S. Bach

*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!*

*\*\*Icons in the bulletin are drawn from the following sources: Bible (clker.com), music note (Jamison Wieser, the Noun Project), praying hand & offering plate (clipart-library.com), preaching (Clipartwiki.com)\*\**

**Thank you to David Nuss, our organist; Peter Sour, our music director, and members of the Chancel Choir for sharing their considerable talents with us during today's service.**

**The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Marilyn Moody and family, in memory of Gib.**

The usher for today's service is Mary Jane Lawson. **Thank you, Mary Jane!**

**Church school:** The children's church leader will meet 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 will return to during the last hymn.

**You are invited to join us for Sip 'n Chat in Fellowship Hall after the service today.**

**Please join us at weekly conversational prayer on Monday morning at 11 am in the library.**

Please welcome **Finn Hall** (Choir Scholar) and welcome back **Tyler Hartline** to Chancel Choir. It's wonderful to have you both being a part of our music program!

**Thank you** to everyone who came to prepare, serve, and cleaned up afterwards for the free community meal on Tuesday. We served 88 people.

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

**Today, March 3 – Indoor Soccer, Movement Fitness**

-**Adelia** and MHS Tiger Claws play the Lady Raiders, 11:50 am

**Saturday, March 9– Indoor Soccer, Movement Fitness**

-**Lucia** and Veritas play Vipers U11G, 8:00 am

-**Lena** and Veritas U13 play Marietta City SC White, 12:10 pm

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



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