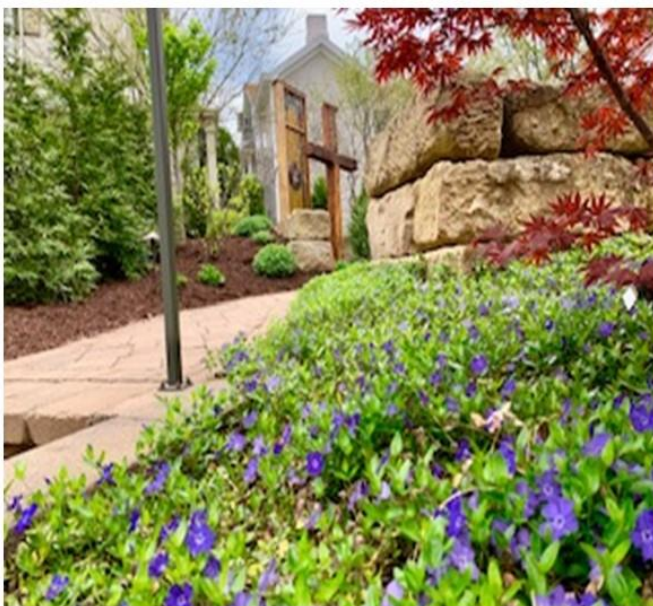


# Welcome



## 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.**

**May 12, 2024**

### This Week at First Presbyterian

Monday, May 13

- 11:00 am -- Monday Prayers – Library
- 2:00 pm -- Kiwanis Club

Tuesday, May 14

- 11:00 am -- Kiwanis Club
- 12:30 pm -- CE meeting
- 3:00 pm -- Stewardship & Finance

Wednesday, May 15

- 5:00 pm -- Handbell rehearsal
- 5:30 pm -- Legal Services
- 6:00 pm -- Manna dinner
- 6:30 pm -- Program re: Circles
- 7:00 pm -- Chancel Choir
- 8:00 pm -- Joyful Hearts

Thursday, May 16

- 7:00 pm -- AA - Resource Room

Friday, May 17

- 5:00 pm -- Go Packs party - FH

Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 am -- AA meeting - Resource Room

Next Sunday

- 9:00 am -- Sunday School - Library
- 11:15 am -- Sip 'n Chat - Graduates Honored
- 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**  
**Seventh Sunday in Easter**  
**First Presbyterian Church of Marietta, Ohio**

May 12, 2024

Mother's Day

10:15 am

**WELCOME**

The Rev. Michael Seely



**PRELUDE**

"Piece No. 7"

S. Wesley

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rick Peoples, Worship Leader

Christ is risen!

*Christ is risen, indeed!*

Jesus prayed: As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent then into the world. John 17:18

*I pray that they may be one, as we are one,  
so that the world may know that you have sent me.*

John 17:20-23

*Let us worship God!*



**\*HYMN (No. 430, Blue)**

"Come Sing, O Church, In Joy"

DARWALL'S 148TH

**CALL TO CONFESSION**



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world  
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.*

*By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to you.*

*Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives that we may be one with Christ*

*in faith, love, and service 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**



**FIRST SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 241, NT)**

I John 5:9-13

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God!*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

\*Please stand if able



ANTHEM

“Thy Word”  
Chancel Choir

arr. J. Schraeder  
(M. W. Smith and A. Grant)



SECOND SCRIPTURE (Pew Bible, p. 111, NT)      John 17:6-19



THE WORD PROCLAIMED      The Church in the World      The Rev. Seely

CONFESSION OF FAITH      The Confession of 1967      The Mission of the Church

*The church gathers to praise God, to hear God’s word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord’s Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world’s affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.*

*The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church’s worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church’s evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church’s fidelity.*



HYMN (No. 403, Blue)      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”      CONVERSE

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

\*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.*

Grant that your church, being bound together in love and obedience to you,  
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,

*that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*



\*HYMN (No. 415, Blue)      “Come, Labor On”      ORA LABORA

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



POSTLUDE      “Go Labor On (Song 34)”      O. Gibbons  
“Go Labor On”      M. Casner

*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; 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 Stan and Cathy Piekarski, in memory of the birthday of Cathy's late mother, Lucetta Chase, and in celebration of all mothers on this Mother's Day.**

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

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.

**Please join us in fellowship hall after the service for Sip 'n Chat. This week we are honoring our high school graduates!**

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

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

**TODAY – Soccer - Devola**

**12:30 pm – Benji and Team FOP play Lions Club on Field 8**

**3:30 pm – Sam and Team FOP play Siltstone on Field 5**

**3:30 pm – Charlie and Team Lions Club play Siltstone on Field 11**

**Monday, May 13th – Band and Choir Concert - Marietta High School**

**6:30 pm – Lena will be singing in the choir at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Choir Concert**

**Saturday, May 18th – Soccer – Devola**

**9:30 am – Sam and Team FOP play Eye Care Associates on Field**

**11:00 am – Benji and Team FOP play River City Financials on Field 7**

**11:00 am – Charlie and Team Lions Club play 1<sup>st</sup> Quality Collision - Field 11**

**Next Sunday, May 19th – Senior Sunday**

**10:15 am – Congratulate Brandon Clift and Kate Evans on their high school graduations. Be sure to stick around after the service for a special Sip 'n Chat.**

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



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