

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
April 1, 2018**

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Easter Day

April 1, 2018

10:15 am

Assemble in God's Name

BIBLICAL AND INFORMAL GREETING

*Following brief announcements, the congregation is invited to prepare in silence for worship.
Please use this time to pray, to meditate, or to read the Scriptures for today.*

PRELUDE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

R. Powell

CHORAL INTROIT

“Jubilate Deo”

PresbyPraise and Glorify!

Rejoice in the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness. Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hank Goehring

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Blessed be your holy name now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 113 (Blue Hymnal)

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LLANFAIR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life but also for faith, hope, and love. Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

By the grace of God and the witness of our ancestors,
the good news of Jesus' resurrection is our rock and our salvation.

We shall not die but live. The rejected cornerstone has become our strength and our song,

Alleluia, he is risen! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and given new life!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor David

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:23-43
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 129

ANTHEM

“Celebrate the Empty Tomb”
Chancel Choir

P. Mock/arr. M. Kerrick

(Chorus)

Jesus is no longer dead; He is risen as He said.
Bye to sadness, bye to gloom, celebrate the empty tomb. Hallelujah!

On Easter morn up rose the Son; all heaven cheered the victory won!
The angels came; the stone was rolled, proving true all He had told.

In the garden, once so still, now alive as it felt the thrill,
The birds sang out a joyful song; all of nature sang along!

(Chorus)

All who came to the tomb that day, filled with grief, they had lost their way;
Ran with joy to tell the news: the Savior live! It's really true!

(Chorus)

Jesus is alive!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ!

NT Pg. 54

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Entry into New Life”

Rev. David Smith

*HYMN NO. 514 (Blue Hymnal)

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

Give Thanks To God

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he 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.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

“Love was in The Room”
Joyful Hearts

arr. M. Lister

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant, we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and the power to befriend our companions in this world. Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

“Great Thanksgiving,” Page 124, *Lift Up Your Hearts* (White Hymnal)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Communion will be distributed by intinction. Please come forward by the center aisle.

The servers nearest the pulpit have gluten free bread.

Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Please return to your seat via the side aisles.

Servers with regular bread are also located at the rear of the sanctuary and in the balcony.

As you come forward you invited to sing, “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord.”

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

Verse 1:

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth;
He is the King of creation.**

Verse 2:

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and has risen.**

Verse 3:

**We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live forever.**

Verse 4:

**Come let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

THE AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Risen Savior, we praise you for giving us this feast that reminds us of your sacrifice and draws our attention to our eternal future with you. Guide us as we go forth seeking to serve those in need.

*Show us your presence through their lives. We ask this in your name, using the words you taught,
“Our Father . . .*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*We use ‘debts’ and ‘debtors.’*)

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 104 (Blue Hymnal)

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*RESPONSE

“Alleluia!”

*Al-le-lu-ia! For the Lord our God, the Al-might-y, has come in-to his king-dom! Let us re-joice,
let us be glad with all our hearts. Let us give him the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. A-men.*

POSTLUDE

“Fugato on Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

G. Young

**Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN ON THIS EASTER DAY! If you are visiting, we would welcome the opportunity to tell you more about our church family. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

TODAY, WE WILL RECEIVE THE CENT-ABILITY OFFERING WHICH SUPPORTS THE FOOD PANTRY. Prior to the Children's Sermon, young people will move through the congregation with buckets. Many households set aside loose change at meal times. There are cups you can use to collect for this in the narthex.

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TODAY. ALL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE ENSEMBLES THIS EASTER MORNING!

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Hank Goehring CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor David
JUNIOR CHURCH: SIP N CHAT: Peoples
SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation
ACOLYTE: Abby Miller
USHERS: Susan Butler, Fred Hunter, John & Vivian Hammat, Peggy Malcomb

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED FLOWERS FOR THIS MORNING'S SERVICE. Please check in with the deacons at the front of the sanctuary when collecting your flowers after worship.

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER WORSHIP FOR SIP N CHAT. We also invite you to take part in the life of this congregation by participating in any activity that can help you on your spiritual journey. Regular Sunday activities are:

9:00 – Sunday School 10:15—Worship Service 11:30—Sip N Chat in Fellowship Hall

THERE IS NO YOUTH GROUP ON TODAY. Meetings this month are April 8, 15, 22, 29 from 5-7pm.

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH. Signups are downstairs on the big bulletin board with a variety of jobs the day of the event. You can also sign up to provide cookies.

THERE WILL BE CARDS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS TO SIGN ON APRIL 8 AND APRIL 15. Look for the table outside fellowship hall. Thank you to the deacons for sending these cards in the spring and fall to encourage our students in their studies.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: On Friday, April 13th, FPC will once again host a Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction to help raise funds for the Neighborhood Jam outreach project. Tickets will go on sale soon, but action can be taken now! E & D is currently collecting items, theme baskets, and certificates for the silent auction. They may be dropped off in the church office. Thank you in advance for your donation.

GET YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AND SAVE A DOLLAR. You can purchase tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction to benefit the 2018 Neighborhood Jam today after church, by the entrance to fellowship hall next Sunday. Tickets in advance are \$4 and at the door \$5. The dinner (large plate of spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and beverage) and silent auction will be held Friday, April 13th in fellowship hall from 5-7pm.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU SELL 10 OR MORE TICKETS to the April 13th Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction fund raiser for the Neighborhood Jam, you will receive a prize? Let Heather Warner or the office know if you are willing to help sell tickets. So, get busy and help bring in the community by selling them a ticket. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. Tickets will also be available after church on March 25th and April 8th.

YOUTH SUNDAY WILL BE APRIL 15TH.

PAPER BAGS NEEDED! The multiple long weekends away from school have greatly depleted GoPacks' paper bag supply! Donations of gently used paper grocery bags are greatly appreciated and can be placed in the red bin in the Donation Station. Thank you.

GOPACKS TOP CHEF CHALLENGE - On Friday, April 27th GoPacks will be hosting the GoPacks Top Chef Challenge at the Marietta Shrine Club to raise funds to continue and expand their program in the 2018-19 school year. During the event, three local chefs will create original recipes, on stage that must include items that are sent home in GoPacks! The event will also include a catered dinner and culinary themed silent & live auctions. For tickets, see Heather Warner; prices are \$30 per person, \$50 a couple, and \$200 for a table of eight.

THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are available in the next few months are July 8, August 5 and August 26.

THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP! We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine. Next open date is April 29.

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE 2018 PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT is \$29.34 per communicant member. This covers our share of administrative costs and mission for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly. Members are invited to make a contribution for this to help insure the success of the budget. The church's assessment is more than \$7000 annually. An envelope for the Per Capita is available in your offering envelope box, or simply make a check payable to the church with "Per Capita" on the memo line.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF

April 1 – April 8

Sunday

7:00 – Sunrise Service
7:30 – Potluck
9:00 – Adult SunSch
9:00 – PresbyPraise
9:15 – Egg Hunt
10:15 – Worship
11:30 – Sip N Chat

Monday

Tuesday

5:00 – Glorify! Combo
7:00 – AA District Mtg.

Wednesday

3:20 – Scholars
5:00 – Westminster Bells
6:30 – Joyful Hearts
7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
7:00 – AA

Friday

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship

Next Sunday

Scripture – 1 John 3:16-24
Acts 4:5-12
Sermon – “Filled with
Good Deeds”