

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
March 18, 2018**

**Rev. David Smith
Minister**



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
Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"
Westminster Bells with Cynthia Puls, cello

By Lloyd Larson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bonnie Donnelly

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up,
I will draw all people to myself."
Blessed be the God of our salvation
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, by the cross and resurrection of Jesus, you lift the suffering world toward hope and transformation and open the way to eternal salvation. As we move ever closer to the passion of Christ, may your law of love be written on our hearts as he draws all people to himself revealing your love for the world. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 327 (Blue Hymnal)

"O Word of God Incarnate"

MUNICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
We delight in the joy of our salvation!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

*RESPONSE

"What Does the Lord Require?"

No. 97 (Blue Hymnal)

*What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.
What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.*

Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

Di Krivchenia

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

OT Pg. 735

ANTHEM

“Blest Are They Whose Spirits Long”
from the Oratorio “Israel In Egypt”
Chancel Choir, Cynthia Puls, cellist

G. F. Handel/arr. H. Hopson

Blest are they whose spirits long; whose trust is in the Lord;
and on whose lips is praise unending. They shall mount up like eagles, lofty on high.
They, too, shall walk and not be weary. They shall walk and not be weary.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 5:5-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 220

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Law on Hearts”

Rev. David Smith

*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.

*HYMN NO. 233 (Blue Hymnal)

“Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart”

RICHMOND

Give Thanks To God

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The congregation will be led in prayer, concluding with our Lord's Prayer (traditional, page 16 of the hymnal).

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Betsy Akeman

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.

OFFERTORY

“How Can I Keep From Singing”
Westminster Bells with Cynthia Puls, cello

by Karen Lakey Buckwalter

*DOXOLOGY

No. 592 (Blue Hymnal)

***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. As the high priest Melchizedek blessed Abraham and offered his tithe of bread and wine at your holy altar, may our gifts be made perfect through Christ to glorify you and bless the world; Amen.

Go In God's Name

*HYMN NO. 357 (Blue Hymnal)

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

MARYTON

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Voluntary No. 1”

G. F. Handel

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

WE EXTEND A WARM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOME to all visitors who are worshiping with us this morning. 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.

WE HAVE ALTERED OUR TRADITION OF THE PASSING OF THE PEACE FOR A FEW WEEKS. Due to the severity of the flu season this year, we will proceed directly to the sung response after the liturgy.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God through music by Helen Crago.

SPECIAL THANKS TO WESTMINSTER BELLS AND CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING.

THANK YOU TO CYNTHIA PULS FOR ACCOMPANYING THE BELLS AND CHOIR.

THIS IS THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT. The Lenten season invites us to spend time focusing on our relationship with God. We should do this individually and as a community.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Bonnie Donnelly

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Di Krivchenia

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SIP N CHAT: Bell Choir

SOUND SYSTEM:

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE:

USHERS: Linda and Gary O’Brien, Kathy Buckley, Peggy Malcomb, Bonita Smith

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CHRISTIAN CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF JOHN “DICK” BUZZARD WHO PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY.

WE INVITE YOU TO TAKE THE DEVOTIONAL INSERT IN THE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU. Each day there is a suggested scripture, a focus for meditation, and a prayer. The theme this week is “Glory and Glorified.”

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. Open dates are March 25, April 15, 22, and 29.

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs.

ONE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OUR CHURCH IS OFFERING THIS LENT IS A SCRIPTURAL 'STATIONS OF THE CROSS' WALKING DEVOTION. Each station has associated scriptures and a reflection. There are longer reflections appropriate for adults and a shorter reflection intended for children, although adults will likely be blessed by the simple questions offered for the children. The first station is by the chapel. Each station contains instructions on where to move for the next station. You can do all the stations at one time or break them up over the course of Lent. The posters are ones we distributed to various groups last year to color.

YOU CAN HELP WITH THE EMPTY BOWLS FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 7TH. There are signups downstairs on the big bulletin board for a variety of jobs the day of the event. You can also sign up to provide cookies.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A GROUP TO DISCUSS SPIRITUAL PRACTICES? DO YOU HAVE PRACTICES THAT YOU HAVE FOUND TO BE A BLESSING YOU COULD SHARE WITH OTHERS? Pastor David will be convening a group after Easter to discuss how spiritual practices help us grow. If you are interested, please add your name to the signup sheet on the big bulletin board by the Wooster Street entrance. Pastor David will survey those interested to determine the best meeting time.

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 next Sunday, (March 25) after church, by the entrance to fellowship hall. 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.

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.

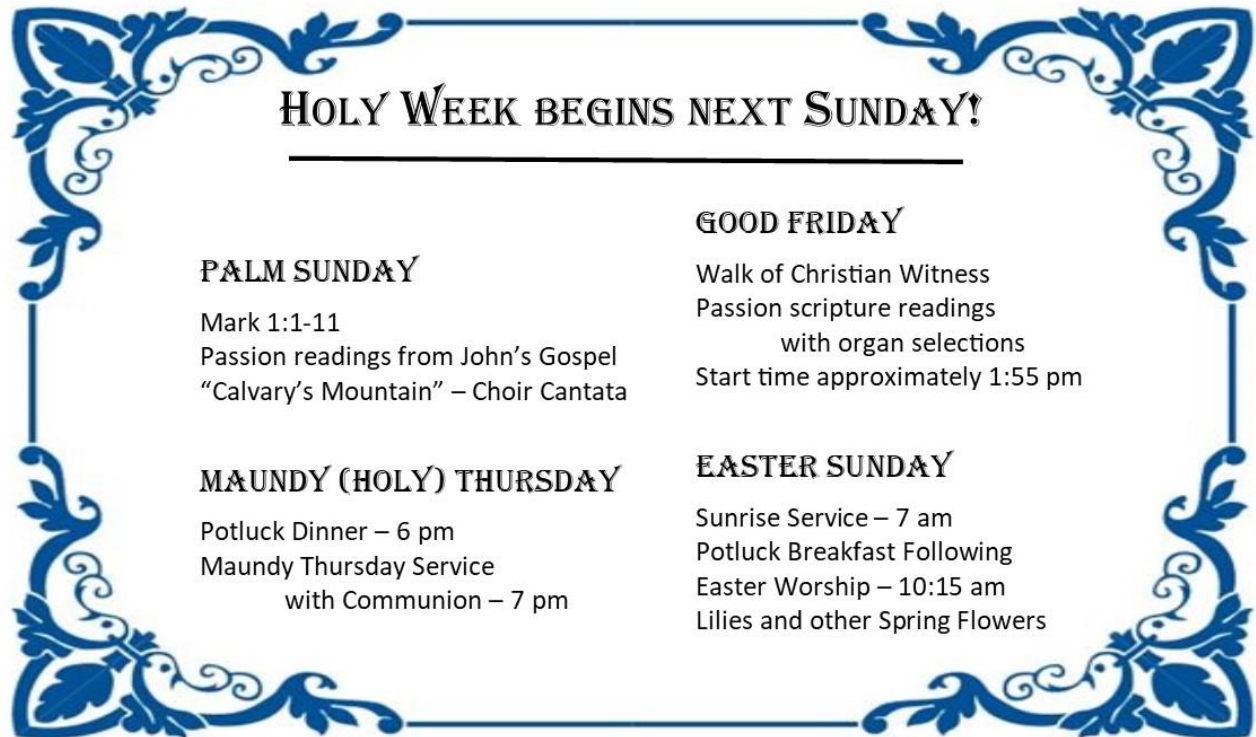
THE 2018 FLOWER CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED. You can sign up to purchase flowers for a Sunday. The cost is \$15. Please email or call the office with the message you would like to appear in the bulletin for that Sunday. Dates that are available in the next few months are July 8, August 5 and August 26.

THE LIST OF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ON THE PRAYER LIST are drawn from the church database. If you want yours listed, please provide that information to Karen. For privacy reasons the church will not accept birthdays and anniversaries from third parties.

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY WILL BE APRIL 15TH. Youth and families, please take note of this rescheduled date.



**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF
 March 18 – March 25**

Sunday

- 9:00 – Adult SunSch
- 9:00 – PresbyPraise
- 9:15 – Youth/Child SS
- 10:15 – Worship
- 11:30 – Congregational Lunch
- 11:45 – Glorify!
- 5:00 – Youth Group

Monday

Tuesday

- 5:00 – Book Club
- 5:00 – Glorify! Combo
- 6:00 – EVE

Wednesday

- 12:00 – Organ repair
- 3:20 – Scholars
- 5:00 – Westminster Bells
- 6:30 – Joyful Hearts
- 7:15 – Chancel Choir

Thursday

- 8:00 – Organ tuning
- 5:30 – Girl Scouts
- 7:00 – AA

Friday

- 5:00 – Pioneer Preschool
 Family Night

Saturday

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

Next Sunday – Palm Sunday

- Scripture – Mark 1:1-11
- Passion readings from
 the gospel of John
- Choir Cantata –
 "Calvary's Mountain"