

# **First Presbyterian Church**

**Welcomes you for Worship  
April 22, 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**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 22, 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

“Hosanna!”  
Westminster Bells

Jason Krug

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Judy Peoples

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
*He lays down his life for his sheep.*  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
*He knows us, and we belong to him.*  
The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.  
*He speaks, and we listen for his voice.*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.*

\*HYMN NO. 123 (Blue Hymnal)

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ.*

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We seek God’s grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ,  
the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.  
*This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\*RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 579 (Blue Hymnal)

**Proclaim God’s Word**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

Brad Thomas

## ANTHEM

“Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme”  
Chancel Choir

I. Watts/D. Williams

Begin, my tongue, some heavenly theme and speak some boundless thing:  
 The mighty works or mightier name of our eternal King.  
 Tell of His wondrous faithfulness And sound His power abroad;  
 Sing the sweet promise of His grace, the love and truth of God.  
 Sing Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise His wondrous name!  
 Sing the sweet promise of His grace, the love and truth of God.  
 His very word of grace is strong as that which built the skies;  
 The voice that rolls the stars along speaks all the promises.  
 Oh, might I hear Thy heavenly tongue but whisper, “Thou are Mine!”  
 Those gentle words shall raise my song to notes almost divine.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
*Praise to you, Lord Christ!*

NT Pg. 103

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

“Shepherd’s Care”

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.***Give Thanks To God**

## \*HYMN NO. 387 (Blue Hymnal)

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

## 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.”*)

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

*Please sign the Fellowship Register and pass it on.*

## OFFERTORY

“Do Lord”  
Westminster Bells

Valerie Stephenson

## \*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. Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

**Go In God's Name**

\*HYMN NO. 108 (Blue Hymnal)

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

\*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

G. Shearing

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

**WE EXTEND A WARM 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. We invite you to share your information on one of the Welcome cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate.

**THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY** are given to the glory of God by Bill and Barb Rankin in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:**

WORSHIP LEADER: Judy Peoples

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Brad Thomas

JUNIOR CHURCH: Wade Miller

SIP N CHAT: The Lawsons

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE:

USHERS: Susan Butler, Fred Hunter, John & Vivian Hammat

**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

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

**PARENTS, WE HAVE BAGS WITH COLORING AND DRAWING SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN TO USE DURING WORSHIP.** These are in the narthex (the entryway to the sanctuary) on one of the pews. Ushers can help you locate these.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW CARDS AND ENVELOPES IN THE PEW RACKS!**

- Welcome cards for visitors to leave their contact information and for regular attenders to update theirs.
- Prayer request cards. Use these for updates to the prayer list as well.
- Deacon giving envelopes for donations to the ministry of our Deacons.
- Giving envelopes for other donations.

Any of these can be deposited in the offering plate. The fellowship pads will no longer be used.

**HAVE INPUT FOR OUR CHURCH LEADERS?** *Open Line to Session* cards can be found on the table at the top of the main stairwell. Cards must be signed when providing input.

**A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE.** Did your heart jump for joy as you read that? Then we have a great way to help us minister here at First Pres. We are looking for volunteers to keep the new pew cards and envelopes stocked and arranged in orderly fashion. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor David or Pauline Lee.

**OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN AN EARTH DAY SERVICE PROJECT THIS EVENING** at Tomlinson Park in Williamstown, WV. We will be working with FPC Williamstown and Sand Hill UMC. The event is from 5-7PM, and there will be food, worship, and fellowship while we prepare the many garden beds for later spring planting. All are welcome to attend!

**THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP!** We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine.

**SPRING RING IS THIS EVENING AT 7 PM AT THE BASILICA.** Come listen as our Westminster Bell choir and other area bell choirs as they share individual and mass numbers. If you can help with transportation and setup of the bells before or after the concert, please speak to Denise. It will be a wonderful musical experience!

**THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR NEXT COMMUNITY MEAL.** We will be serving beef goulash, corn, tossed salad, bread and dessert. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you would like to help out.

**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 8.

**JOIN US FOR A DELICIOUS LUNCH AFTER CHURCH ON MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>.** No reservations needed, no waiting in line, no wondering what to fix for lunch and no cleaning up afterwards. A free will offering will be accepted with 100% of the proceeds going to help with the cost of putting on the Neighborhood Jam 2018. The menu is chicken stuffing casserole, green beans, fruit salad, dinner roll, ice cream cake and a beverage.

**SAVE THE DATE! ON MAY 20TH DURING THE SERVICE, WE WILL BE HONORING ALL THE MUSIC ENSEMBLES. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**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.

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
April 22 – April 29**

**Sunday**

9:00 – Adult SunSch  
9:00 – PresbyPraise  
9:15 – Youth/Child SS  
10:15 – Worship  
11:30 – Sip N Chat  
11:45 – Glorify!  
5:00 – Youth Group

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

11:30 – Community Meal  
5:00 – Glorify! Combo  
6:00 – Worship  
7:00 – AA District 15

**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  
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

**Next Sunday**

Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40  
John 15:1-8  
Sermon: “Fed by the Vine”