

First Presbyterian Church

**Welcomes you for Worship
April 8, 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
Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 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

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”
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E. Wenzel
P. Kickstat

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Lawson

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.

In Christ the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Through Christ God reconciled all things to himself.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

***Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts,
and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.***

*HYMN NO. 121 (Blue Hymnal)

“The Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and
blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us;
forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have
life.***

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have an advocate with God—Jesus Christ, the righteous one—
who offered his life in love to save the world from sin.

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

Marla Hoerst

ANTHEM

"I Have Felt the Touch of God"
Chancel Choir

R. McCutcheon/L. Larson

I have felt the touch of God through your hands. I've seen His look of love through your face.
I have stood before His throne in your prayers. Because you cared, I've found God's grace.
When I saw no hope in daily living, you reached a hand of tenderness and care.
Darkness turned to light, a new day dawning. The joy of finding peace is why I share.
I have learned to trust the Lord through your faith. Your faithful walk with Him I clearly see.
I have heard Him speak to me through your voice. Your love for Christ has helped to set me free.
I have felt the touch of God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:5-12
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

NT Pg. 121

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"Filled with Good Deeds"

Rev. David Smith

*HYMN NO. 119 (Blue Hymnal)

"The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

Give Thanks To God

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*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.***

RESPONSE

No. 442 (Blue Hymnal)

***The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven he came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.***

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.

*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. Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and—above all—the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.***Go In God's Name**

*HYMN (Black Binder)

“Because He Lives”

*DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!”

J. Bender

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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. Please sign the Fellowship Register in your pew and include information that will enable us to be in touch.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Barbara Rankin.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

WORSHIP LEADER: Jim Lawson

CHILDREN’S SERMON: Marla Hoerst

JUNIOR CHURCH: Maria Berner

SIP N CHAT: Moodys

SOUND SYSTEM: John Lee

FLOWER DELIVERY: The Congregation

ACOLYTE: Annalyn Warner

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

THANKS TO THE CHANCEL CHOIR FOR SHARING THEIR MUSICAL TALENTS THIS MORNING!

TODAY WE WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP BRAD AND CRISTIE THOMAS AND THEIR CHILDREN. Brad is our Children & Youth Director and Cristie is the Executive Director of Marietta Main Street. Their sons are Levon (4) and Avett (3). The family enjoys community work, disc golf, hiking, day trips and reading. Cristie has been a blessing to us in the childcare area as we have been in some transition recently. And we are blessed to have Brad’s outstanding leadership in our family ministry.

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

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF DR. MARGARET ROSS.

Margaret entered the church triumphant on Monday, April 2.

THERE WILL BE CARDS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS TO SIGN TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY. 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY WILL BE NEXT SUNDAY. Youth will gather this evening from 5 to 7 in the Youth Room on the top floor of the Christian Education wing to do planning work for the service.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: This 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.

THE SIP N CHAT CALENDAR FOR 2018 HAS BEEN POSTED. PLEASE SIGN UP! We have plenty of open dates. Simple snacks are fine. The next few open dates are April 29, May 13 and May 27.

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.

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 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 8 – April 15**

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

5:00 – Glorify! Combo
7:00 – Session

Wednesday

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

Thursday

5:30 – Girl Scouts
5:30 – Stampin' Up
7:00 – AA

Friday

5:00 – Spaghetti Dinner &
Silent Auction for
Neighborhood Jam

Saturday

8:00 – Men's Fellowship
9:00 – AA
10:00 – SDA Church School
& Worship
12:00 – SDA Fellowship

Next Sunday

Youth Sunday