

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offering Music *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* Don Pollock

*The Doxology # 606

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Melick

Response: God of goodness and mercy, *hear our 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.

*Sending Hymn #753 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Melick

*Congregational Response Threefold Amen Hymn #601

*Postlude



The Roses this morning are in honor of Archer Clark Gerst (Phillips) and Jonah Lewis Crist (Melick).

This Week at FPC

April 28 – 12:00pm, Almost Mission May 5K

May 1 – 7:00pm, Choir practice

Mark Your Calendars

May 8 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle

May 12 – No Session Meeting

May 14 – 9:00am, Moms Group

May 18 – 12:00pm, Ladies Tea

2024 Mission Almost May 5K on April 28, 12:00 at Fort Sinclair Park. \$15 Pledges or donations can be coordinated through Margie Bengel.

Men's Breakfast is a nice group that meets monthly on Saturday morning. We've had requests for a Bible study or a group that meets at a different time. All men are invited to a brief meeting after church on May 5 to discuss type of group and time to meet. If you can't make it, please contact Pastor Annie for a survey.

Common Good Food Bank They are in need of the following Peanut Butter, Noodles (i.e. egg noodles, elbow, bowtie etc.), Baked Beans or Pork & Beans

Ladies Tea – the upcoming tea will be held May, 18th at Noon. Cost is \$10.00 to be paid with reservation. Reservation papers are on the Information Tables.

Senior Sunday – May 26 – Please plan to join in a brunch following church for all to congratulate our Seniors.

2024 Mission-Team Effort – Altoona, PA June 30-July 6 more information will be forthcoming as the kids plan fundraisers for their mission trip.

Compassion Camp – This will be held July 14-16. Watch for more information soon.

Elizabeth Circle – will resume on June 6th at 6:30pm. They will be studying What My Grandmothers Taught Me. Books are available in the office.

The Eaton Area Community Band will present their Spring Concert this afternoon at 4:00 in the Performing Arts Center. Special guests will be the Ohio Valley British Brass Band.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"

~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War

Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter

Cy – pray for strength and healing

Logan Eifort – tumor is shrinking, Keith & Chris Jones grandson

Zoe Barnes – home but still needs a lot of care, Kelly Smith's cousin

Remember and Uphold:

Betty Stewart-Greenbriar

Betty Bourne –Vancrest (Vickie Volkerding's mother)

Our at Home Shut-ins

Doris Barker

Marge Jordan

Julia Withrow

Elaine Hawley

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/U.S. Army

Zack Pool/ Air Force

Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines

Jeremy Barnes/ Navy

Tanner Crabtree/ Army

Brett Barnes / Navy

Caleb Cosmi / Air Force

Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy

Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy

Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve

Grant Davis / Army Reserve

Cliff Garey / Navy

Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy

Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force

Grace Wagner/Basic Training

Drew Roach / Navy

Ryan Hall / Army

Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

Declaration of Forgiveness and the Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Our Response of Praise – #581 Gloria Patri**

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.

Special Music *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Don Pollock

Children's Message *Jesus Appears to Thomas*

Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination

Tesha Smith

Old Testament Scripture Readings

Psalm 84 PB 527 LP 521

New Testament Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-43 PB 931 LP 86

John 14:18-28 PB 949 LP 104

Response

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon *Resurrection Story: Found*

Rev. Melick

***Reflection Time Hymn #468 In My Life**

***Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed**

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

First Presbyterian Church
April 28, 2024
Resurrection Stories: Unlock Yours

WORSHIP AT HOME
Week Four: Found

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude *Standing on the Promises*
(dedicated to Miriam Circle Ladies)

Don Pollock

Call to Worship

Tesha Smith

Liturgist: Jesus appeared among the disciples again. He stood among them and said: "Peace be with you." Yet, the disciples were terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

All: Centering our hearts and minds in peace is a way to feel calm within. We learn to still ourselves to be open to unimaginable possibilities.

Liturgist: Jesus asked: "Why are you frightened and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

All: Doubts play an important role in our faith journey. Facing our uncertainties allows room for our hearts and minds to be filled with healing narratives.

Liturgist: "Touch me and see," Jesus invited, as he offered his pierced hands and feet. Yet, the disciples — even in the midst of their joy — felt disbelief.

All: Sometimes we are presented with signs of hope long before we realize we are not abandoned. Our hearts rejoice, yet our minds still wonder at what we have seen.

Liturgist: Jesus asked if they had anything to eat, and the disciples shared a piece of fish, which Jesus ate while in their presence.

All: Jesus frequently shows us how to create community in the midst of feeling lost. We can form communities of sustenance and belonging. We are not alone – we are found – when we share Christ's call to peace.

Leader: This is a Word of Hope for the people who long for it.

All: Thanks be to the Living Word.

*Opening Hymn #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

What is it like to literally not have a home, a place to lay your head at night? "Homeless" can also mean a sense of not feeling "at home," lacking a feeling of belonging, feeling alone even in the midst of others. So many in this world are isolated. How can we find, and offer each other, "home" with the assurance of the presence of God and a beloved community?

"Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

— from Luke 24: 36-43

The Resurrection story this week comes from a New York Times opinion piece on loneliness that shows how we all have a part to play in ensuring that everyone has a sense of community and connectedness.

Journaling Prompt

What does 'community' mean to you? To what extent do you feel a sense of 'belongingness' within your church community, family, workplace, friend groups, or other spaces you inhabit? What is your role in these spaces?

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Our Mission:

*Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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