

First Presbyterian Church OF PARKERSBURG

GATHERING, GROWING, CARING, GOING



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April 7, 2024
10:30 a.m.



WE ARE A NURTURING, VIBRANT CONGREGATION,
REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
AND STANDING AS A BEACON OF CHRIST'S LOVE AND PROMISE.

Sharing the Life of the Church

ON THIS SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, THE JOY REMAINS AND THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES. THE LORD IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! AND YOU ARE EACH WARMLY WELCOMED TO WORSHIP HIM. BLESSINGS UPON YOU!

Coffee Hour - Join us at 10 a.m. in the Harris Room for light snacks and fellowship. Today's Coffee Hour is hosted by **Sharon Flanagan**. If you would like to host a Coffee Hour, sign up on the roster outside the Harris Room, or call Joyce Boso at 304-488-1205.

Volunteer Recognition - Today is the last day you may nominate a church volunteer for "Volunteer of the Quarter" ending March 31. Pick up a nomination form from the foyer, fill it out and return to the offering plate or the Office mailbox.

The Gathering - Our Gathering meal this week, April 10, will be a Sandwich Bar. The church will provide rolls, cold cuts and cheese, and we are asking folks to bring condiments, sides, chips, or desserts. Please sign up in the foyer.

Valley Gem Cruise - On **Sunday, April 21, from 3:00-4:30 p.m.** we will join with other Presbyterian cluster churches for a cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. We will share a potluck meal and enjoy a spring day on the river. Cost per person is \$5, and \$25 maximum per family. Signups and a drop box for your ticket money are in the foyer.

Boarding begins at 2:30. The Valley Gem is located at 601 Front St. The boat is docked on the Muskingum River, under the Washington Street Bridge. Parking is available under the bridge and on the street.

2024 Bluestone Events - There are several upcoming activities at Bluestone Camp and Retreat, including The Guys Weekend April 26-28, Spring Getaway May 3-5, and Summer Camp for youth and children in June/July. Flyers are available outside the Sanctuary. For more details visit <https://bluestonecamp.org>.

Church Directories - Updated church directories are available outside the Sanctuary. Please take as many as you need. You may also get an electronic version by contacting the church office at 304-422-5426, or office@fpcburgwv.org.

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THE JOY OF JESUS

The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.

This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Lifesigns*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Welcome

Prelude

Bells of Easter

David Paxton

*Call to Worship

Open your hearts to Christ's love this day!

Christ is risen!

Love is victorious over death!

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

We walk in the light of his love.

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

God of the resurrection,

we gather this morning

as a community of believers.

We come with joy to greet one another

and to tell again and again the amazing news:

Christ is risen!

May our singing, praying, listening, and proclaiming

be a testimony to the power of your love

to make us a new creation as a community of faith.

We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

*Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

*Those who are able, please stand.

Prayer of Confession

*God of mercy, you have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time,
the resurrection of Christ Jesus.*

We sang and celebrated last Sunday,

but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways.

We use a lot of words but do little to turn them into deeds.

*Blessed with grace, we have trouble sharing it
with those who need it the most.*

Forgive us, God of love, as we step out of our shadows into your light.

Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness.

*Fill us with your healing love and help us to become
the disciples that you need to serve in this world;
through Jesus Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.*

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Listen to the sound of the waters and remember

you have been marked as a beloved child of God.

Christ has risen to heal you; he has risen to forgive you.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Response

Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

***Ritual of Friendship**

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Exchange words of peace and greetings with those around you.

Sharing the Life of the Church**GROWING****Prayer for Illumination**

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word.

Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture	John 20:19-31 The gospel of the Lord. <i>Praise be to you, O Christ!</i>	p. 769
Scripture	1 John 1:1-2:2 The word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God!</i>	p. 862
Sermon	“THE WEEK AFTER”	Rev. Annie McMillan
Confession of Faith		<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>

*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 Ghost, 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 on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.*

CARING

The Offering	Because He Lives	William and Gloria Gaither arr. Phillip Keveren
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*The Doxology

Hymn 606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

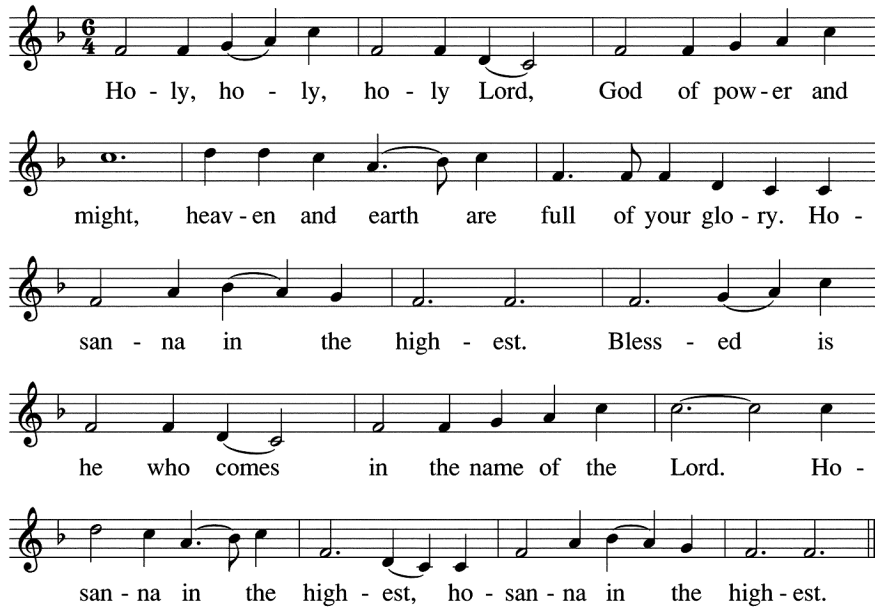
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...

...with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's 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.***

Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the People

*Please remain seated as servers pass the elements.
Gluten-free is available.*

Prayer after Communion

GOING

***Hymn 246**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

***Benediction and Sending Forth**

The Postlude

Our Triumphant Holy Day

Robert J. Hughes



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Liturgist - *Deb Karr*
Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*
Organist - *Scott Rockhold*

Prayer List – Please remember the following in your prayers:

Bill Elkins	Pat & Ann Patterson	Elsie Coleman
Jean Singer	Melanie Thompson	Dennis Bolten
Bill Nolen	Trevor & Jayda Hinojosa	Mary Withum
Pat Douglass	Cunningham Family	Juli Springer
Peace in Israel	Ruth Ann Huddle	Lynn Linville
Kathy Schlarb	Fleming Family	Susan Miller
Butch Shepherd	Marianne Mason	Peter Headlee
Harriet Litteral	Becky Holdren & Family	Vince Eades
Karen Vanoster	Homebound Members	Dan Ellis
Wayne Sanders	Troops – World Peace	Brad Carter

*Those who are able, please stand.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today, Sunday, April 7 **2nd Sunday of Easter** / *Communion*

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

Monday, April 8

- 6:00 p.m. Board of Deacons - Room 204

Tuesday, April 9

- 12:30 p.m. Esther Circle - Harris Room
- 6:00 p.m. Financial Management - C. Alfred's office

Wednesday, April 10

- 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Meal [Sandwich Bar] - Stevenson Hall

Thursday, April 11

- 3:30 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting - Pastor's office
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack meeting - Rooms 123/124
- 7:15 p.m. Troop 3 Boy Scouts - Scout House

Saturday, April 13

- 8:30 a.m. Saturday Stewards
- 12:00 p.m. HA Meeting - Stevenson Hall

Sunday, April 14 **3rd Sunday of Easter**

- 8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer - Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour - Harris Room
- 10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day - Sanctuary

*Scripture Readings for next week: April 14
Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48