



First Presbyterian Church

Middletown, Ohio
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April 14, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father

Robert Elmore

Welcome and Announcements

* Call to Worship

Psalm 4:1-8

Answer us when we call, O God of our righteousness!

You have given us relief when we were in distress.

Be gracious to us and hear our prayer.

Lord, lift up the light of your face upon us.

You have put more joy in our hearts,

Than when their grain and wine abound.

In peace, we will both lie down and sleep;

For you alone, O Lord, make us dwell in safety.

* Hymn #246

Christ Is Alive!

Truro

* Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Lord our God, we are a people in need of your grace, for in zeal we have condemned others, and in cowardice we have denied you. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins, for our failure to love you fully, and to care for your people as we should. Heal us, we pray, and restore us to life, that we may again know joy and favor in your presence.

* Assurance of Forgiveness

In Christ, our sins are forgiven; in His peace, we are restored.

Thanks be to God, who heals us and makes us whole.

* Gloria Patri

Hymnal #581

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!

* Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Acts 3:12-19

Scripture Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon Justin Miller

* **Hymn #288** *Spirit of the Living God* Living God

* **Affirmation of Faith (unison)** 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; on the third day He rose 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *On Eagle's Wings* Arr. Joel Raney
Sanctuary Choir

* **Doxology** Hymnal #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 Cards

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

* **Hymn #248** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* Hymn to Joy

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Brenda Portman

* Please stand in Body or Spirit.



Our Life Together...

Leading Worship today: Justin Miller, Pastor; Marty Hensler, Worship Assistant; Joyce Zigler, Director of Music Ministries/Organist; Sanctuary Choir; Dave Jenkins, Sound Technician; Lynne Wiley, Barista.

The deacons have placed a white carnation on the chancel rail in loving memory of **Gene Schaefer**, who died on April 6.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

Wiggle bags are available at each Sanctuary entrance to help children feel included and engaged during the worship service.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in the Gathering Area before and after today's service. Stop by for fellowship and refreshments.

Announcements

There will be an **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** today immediately following the postlude. We will be electing new officers. Please feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a cookie and return to the sanctuary so the meeting can get started quickly.

Monday Morning Bible Study "If you are interested in diving deeper into God's Word in a different, more casual, setting as compared to Sunday morning, join us for the Monday morning Bible study. It is a time to gather, discuss, and learn from one another how God's Word is speaking to and through each of us. We will be hosting Bible studies at the church, meeting tentatively each Monday at 9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. For the next several weeks we will be going through the book of Ruth. If you are interested in receiving weekly email reminders send an email to justin@fpcmiddletown.com and you will get added to the Bible Study list. We look forward to seeing you there!"

Sanctuary Choir will rehearse on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer list

To submit prayer requests, please use the prayer card found in the pew in front of you. These may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed. The submitted requests will be included here next week.

Judy Andrews	Mary Hiteshew	Richard Sandefur
Jennifer Batliner	Debbie Jacobs	Family of Gene Schaefer
Mary Brehm	Paul McNulty	Geneva Shea
Mary Sue Edwards	Leslie & Neal Mindrum	Bill & Lynn Thomas
Lynne Getter	Andrew Muskopf	Joyce Zigler
Helen Haass	Janis Nein	Joys: Mary Sue Edwards
Dorothy Hale	Don Pelfrey & family	100 th birthday
Mike Hamlin	Thelma & Julie Ramsey	Cindy Edwards is
Becky Hillshafer	Lynne Rentschler	cancer free

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CALENDAR

Sunday	14	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
		11:00 a.m.	Annual Congregational Mtg.
Monday	15	9:45 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting
		6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday	26	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		5:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	17	9:00 p.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		10:00 a.m.	Fellowship at Triple Moon
		7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
Thursday	18	9:00 a.m.	Pre-K Readiness
		6:00 p.m.	Yoga
		7:30 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Sunday	21	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service.