

First Presbyterian Church

Ninth at Washington, Michigan City, Indiana

April 20, 2025

10:00 A.M. (Sanctuary)

EASTER SUNDAY



THE WORSHIP OF OUR LORD

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"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and she told them that he had said these things to her."

(John 20:18)

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

† WELCOME – WORSHIP – CELEBRATE – SERVE †

PRELUDE “Christ Hath Burst His Prison!”

G. Martin

WELCOME

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: “Alabaré”

J. Pagan

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Please join in unison)

One: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed!

One: The bread of life has broken the power of death! Let no one go hungry again!

All: Alleluia! Jesus is alive! Let all creation rejoice!

One: Christ is risen, conquering hate and violence! Let the people of God find wholeness and healing.

All: Alleluia! Let restoration begin! The kingdom of God is at hand!

One: Let us join in the eternal feast, where hope overflows and the despair of this life is vanquished by love.

All: The bread of life is risen and alive. Let us worship the one who leads us now in compassion and justice!

*OPENING PRAYER (Please join in unison)

Spirit of the risen Christ, you dwell among us as we sing, pray, and rejoice in your victory. Because you have conquered death, nothing can separate us from your presence. So, with full hearts and nourished souls, we celebrate this day of extravagant love. Let our worship be a reflection of the feast you have prepared, where no one is left hungry, and all are made whole. May our work in this world bring the table of heaven to earth. We pray this in the name of the bread of life, who was born in a town called House of Bread. Alleluia! Amen.

*HYMN #123 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (blue pew hymnal)

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (Spoken by liturgist)

Often our imaginations can hardly conceive of the transformative spirit of resurrection life. Let us confess the ways we have limited God’s work in this world. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Please join in unison)

Resurrected Christ, you faced the depths of death and suffering and emerged victorious. You were broken yet made whole, for the love of God’s good world. Yet, we confess that we forget love has the final victory. You prove your love for us by taking our small efforts and magnifying them into dramatic change. You challenge our limited potential and expand our reach into new horizons of love and justice. You are a good teacher, showing us how to take what little we have and trust in your abundance. Yet we cling to our scarcity, doubting that what we offer could ever be enough. You took a little boy’s small lunch— five loaves and two fish—and fed a multitude. Forgive us when we think too small, failing to believe you can multiply our efforts for the good of your world. Forgive us, bread of life, for underestimating your power and ignoring the call to join in your work. Inspire us to dream boldly, give generously, and act faithfully, trusting that your love can transform even the smallest offering into a feast of justice and grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Please join in unison)

Pastor: Siblings in Christ, hear this good news:

All: *If we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive us and cleanse us from unrighteousness.*

Pastor: May you carry this peace everywhere you go, bringing the spirit of resurrection to a hurting world.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Siblings in Christ, today we celebrate the bread of life, broken and risen to satisfy our deepest hunger.

All: *Christ has conquered death, hate, and despair, bringing wholeness and healing to all who believe.*

Pastor: As we join in the eternal feast, let us share a sign of that peace with one another. The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

*SINGING GOD'S GLORY: Gloria Patri "Glory to the Father" #567 (Please join in unison)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen Amen Amen

*SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD (Please join in unison)

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us all forgive one another,
and pass the peace of Christ to each other.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you!

(Worshippers are invited to turn to their neighbors, offer the greeting "The peace of Christ be with you", and one may respond with the words, "And also with you." Worshippers may also share a handshake, hug or other expression of Christ's peace.)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Please join in unison)

Risen Christ, open our hearts to hear the great story of resurrection once again. May we feel the disciples' exhilaration as they encountered you in living flesh, and may we embody the scripture's message of hope today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!"

arr. H. Hopson

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18

SERMON: "I Have Seen the Lord"

Rev. Ericka Kilbourne

HYMN: "Bread of Life" (see insert)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (Please join in unison)

From the manger in a town called House of Bread, Jesus came to show us God's love. We believe Jesus lived a fully human life. He chose to take on our weakness and remained faithful until the very end. We believe Jesus was and is the bread of life, broken for all, and made whole in resurrection. We believe the table is set for all people, and there will always be enough. We believe the bread of life compels us to seek justice so all might have the spiritual, emotional, and physical nourishment they need. We believe Christ is risen, death is defeated, and no one can separate us from the love and joy that surround us today and every day. We believe in the renewal of all things. Even now, the bread of life is at work, healing and restoring all that was broken. We believe one day we will all gather around God's table, united in peace, joy, and justice for all people. Alleluia! Amen.

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE IN OUR OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "The Strife Is O'er"

E. Broughton

Many ways to give and give back  paypal.com **Click on link**

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/112574644767835624/charity/3545525>
OR Scan here:



First time visitors-we would love to connect with you.

Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

*Doxology Song #592

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

(...the prayer continues and includes The Prayers of the People)

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever....(ending with the Lord's Prayer). (Together, using "debts")

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Music: "This Is the Feast of Victory"

R. Hilbert

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

WE GO OUT IN GRATITUDE TO SERVE IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN: #118 "The Day of Resurrection!" (blue pew hymnal)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

L. Smith

SHARE OUR PRAYERS WITH:

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For each of us to share the Gospel with someone this week:

- Don Bowman, Dave Dougherty, Sandy Dougherty, Levon McEwan, Johanna Miller, Barb Reichert, Mary Steider and Donna Wiseman for health needs.
- For the family of Joan Mokrycki as they grieve for the loss of Joan.
- Pray for our Military and their families.
- AmeriCorps and Peace Corps workers and their families.

GUESTS AND VISITORS

We are delighted to welcome you and worship with you today! **First time visitors**-we would love to connect with you. Please text "welcome" to 219-300-9867 and share your contact information with us.

The **WHITE FLOWER** is in memory of Joan Mokrycki who passed away on April 13, 2025

The LILIES are given to the glory of God from those who purchased them in memory or honor of their loved one. The list is enclosed.

Remember, if you would like to take your plant(s) home after service today, please do so. For your convenience, they are labeled. Thank you.

MEMORIALS/DONATIONS

The Elevator Fund received donations from Randy Wendt and FPC Session.

For our Historical room Randy Wendt also donated a bible dated 1882 and FPC plates which belonged to his parents, Albert "Red" and Doris Wendt.

Thank you for your kindness

SERVING TODAY

Ministers

Preacher

Organist

Liturgist

Youth Liturgist

Greeter(s)

Usher

Video and Sound Team

All Members of the Congregation

Reverend Dr. Ericka Parkinson Kilbourne

Carol Garrett

Walt Barbknecht

Natt Kilbourne

Anne Lute

Debbie Langley

Rick Blank, Rylie Thornton
and Antoinette Jackson

CHOIR PRACTICE TODAY

In the sanctuary on April 20th at 9:25 a.m.

Easter Sunday Offering

This offering is dedicated to the Help Fund and to the Rev. Cathy Chang, Global Economical Liaison of the newly established interim Unified Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA)



Wishing you Very Happy Day!

April 02 John Gesse
 April 03 Joan Mokrycki
 April 04 Laura Meyer
 April 04 Brad Dezur
 April 08 Judy Spiece
 April 09 Christian McDaniel
 April 10 Renee Jackson
 April 12 Mark Smith
 April 15 Kaity Mosher

April 18 Sophia Ortiz-Burgos
 April 19 Brandon DeLeon
 April 20 Robert Angelo
 April 22 Connie McKeague
 April 24 Frank Labaj
 April 24 Susan Seibert
 April 25 Vernon Towle, Jr
 April 26 Scott Beatty
 April 26 Regan Russell



- ❖ April 20 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ❖ April 20 Sunday 9 a.m. choir practice in the sanctuary
- ❖ April 20 Sunday 8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the Edith Boyd Lounge
- ❖ April 20 Sunday 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship service
- ❖ April 20 Sunday after worship - Coffee Hour
- ❖ April 20 Sunday after worship (approximately 11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
(Meet by the garden doors)
- ❖ April 21 Monday **OFFICE CLOSED-PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ April 22 Tuesday through Saturday April 26 **PASTOR ON VACATION**
- ❖ April 23 Wednesday NO Bible Study (Will resume on April 30)
- ❖ April 23 Wednesday 4 p.m. Deacons meeting
- ❖ April 26 Saturday 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation book study
- ❖ April 26 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen
- ❖ April 27 Sunday 9 a.m. Adult Ed
- ❖ April 27 Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service NOISY OFFERING
- ❖ April 28 Monday **PASTOR OFF**
- ❖ April 30 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. Bible study resumes
- ❖ May 01 Thursday
- ❖ May 02 Friday Office Closed **Good Friday Pastor off**
- ❖ May 02 Friday 5p.m.-7p.m Edith Boyd Lounge (private function)
- ❖ May 03 Saturday 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen

CHURCH CHAT

“Any or all information is subject to change without notification”



For over 70 years, Presbyterians have joined together through OGHS, responding to Christ's call to serve "the least of these." This offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People ministry—bringing hope and tangible assistance to communities in need.

Through your generous gifts, we help rebuild lives after natural disasters, combat hunger and poverty, and empower communities to create lasting change. When we give, we proclaim that "God's love is overflowing"—reaching those in need and transforming lives.

Ways to Give:

- During Worship: Use the OGHS blue-colored envelope.
- Online: Give securely at pcusa.org/oghs.
- By Mail: Send a check to the church with "OGHS" in the memo line.
- Text-to-Give: Text OGHS to 91999 to make a donation.

A Special Invitation for Kids!

Children are also invited to participate in this offering through the "Gracie" fish banks! These colorful fish-shaped banks help teach children about giving and compassion. Kids can collect coins throughout Lent and bring their filled fish banks on as an offering of love and generosity.

Join us in making a difference! When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." – 2 Corinthians 9:8



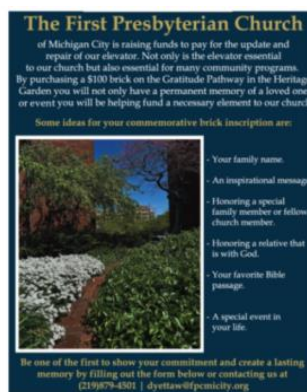
ELEVATOR FUND CAMPAIGN

As of April 14th, the numbers are:

- ✚ We anticipate the final cost of the project is going to come in around \$142,000 (about 8K under the original budget).
 - ✚ We have raised \$135,509 (includes a \$50K grant).
- In order to avoid dipping into our savings, we are still looking to raise an additional \$6,491.

Please continue to donate to the elevator fund, and/or buy a brick or two for our heritage garden. Bricks are \$100.00 each and can be purchased via this link. You can also pick up a paper form at the display by the garden door or contact Diane for one. Thank you for your generosity!

<https://form.jotform.com/241926284623157>



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