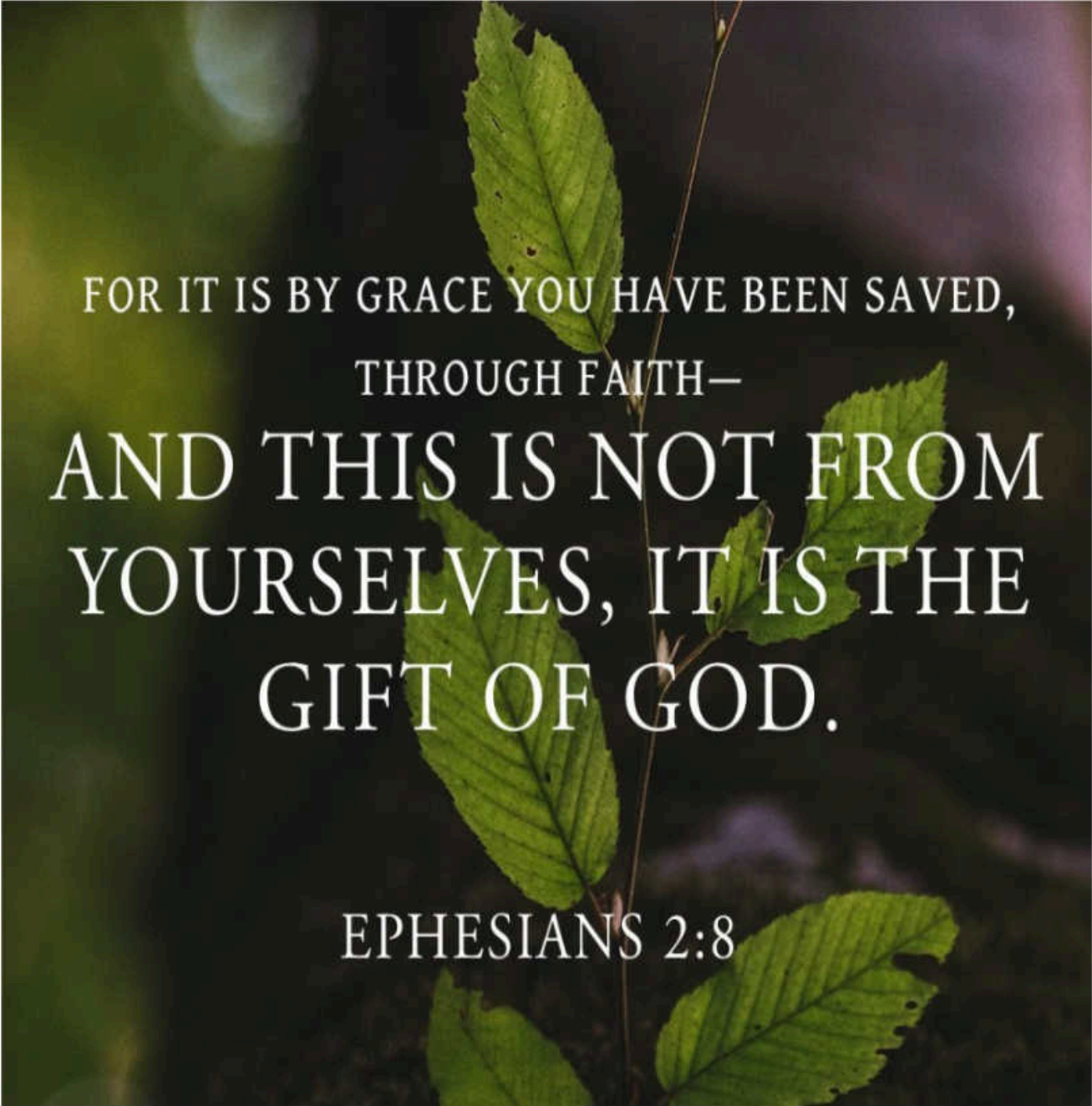


First Presbyterian Church of Harrison



FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—
AND THIS IS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE
GIFT OF GOD.

EPHESIANS 2:8

**Deep Roots, Tall Steeple;
Serving Christ, Transforming People,
April 28, 2024- 10:45am**



+ The Fifth Sunday of Easter +



WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

“Adagio cantabile”

Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY VERSE “I appeal to you, therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Romans 12:1, ESV.

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Psalm 100)

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

P: We will serve the LORD with gladness! We will come into His presence with singing!

L: Know that the LORD – He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His!

P: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture!

L: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, and bless His Name!

P: For the LORD is good! His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations! Hallelujah! Let us worship Him!

*OPENING HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

#221

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

P: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy Name, through which we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#436

“Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You. Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.”

*Please stand, if able.

WE HEAR THE WORD

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: Large Print Bibles are available by entrances to the Sanctuary :
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READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Romans 8:28-30 pg. 888

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM "Sing Hallelujah to Our God" Graham/Guess

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Ephesians 2:1-10 pg. 917

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Discovering God's Grace"

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSIVE HYMN "Amazing Grace" #502

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed #14
Joining our voices with the saints across the ages, let us confess our faith:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

OFFERTORY "The Peace of God" Lau

*DOXOLOGY #496
"Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. (repeat) And now let the weak say 'I am strong'; let the poor say 'I am rich' because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat) Give thanks! Give thanks!"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

#493

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE "Fanfare and March for Trumpet"

Brewer

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Guest Preacher: Debbie McCane **Worship Leader:** Lisa Steuver

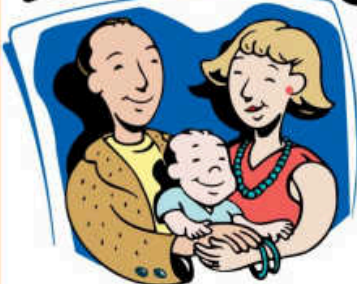
Music Director: Beth Snape **Organist:** Ted Seaman

Audio/Video: Tom Steuver **Liturgist:** Bev Hughes

Head Usher: Karl Thiele **Ushers:** Ken O'Connor, Lana Bybee, Tim Frenz

Moments with Children: Mary Craft

Church Photo Directory



Save the Date - May 14 & 15, 2024

Because of such a great turnout for signups for pictures for our pictorial directory, we have been given an additional photo session day for those that have yet to sign up. It will be on Wednesday, May 15th, 2:00-8:00pm. Sign-ups can be done online during the week for anyone that would like to sign up that way. Any questions, contact Deanna Jones or Janna Corcoran.

The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation May 6-9. Please be sure to get any bulletin information for early May to her early, as she will be printing some bulletins early! If you would be willing to staff the office while she is away, please let Judy know.



The Mission Committee would love to thank all who contributed to our baby shower to benefit our missionaries, the Warmuths and the Garrigans! We raised \$1686.00. Everyone was very generous!



The **Pastor will be on study leave** through Friday, May 3 in Ottawa, IL. If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please contact the church office and Judy will put you in touch with a local pastor.

Summer Music

Summer time is quickly approaching and that means that our choir will be taking a break. The last date the choir will be singing is June 2nd. That means that Summer music will commence on June 9th.



Please reach out to Beth Snape if you are interested or have any questions. You can find her before church, after church or reach out to her cell, via text or a phone call. (513) 265-8425. Thank you!

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday

Bulletin Deadlines: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Send all bulletin/Evangel items to office@harrisonpresbyterian.com, call the office (367-4301) or drop by the office.

Reminder: the Pastor's Sabbath day is Friday. He is available for emergencies only on that day.

Our next Bountiful Hearts meal will be on Saturday, **May 4** from 11 am – 1 pm here at our church.

We will need **donations of dessert items**, either homemade or from the bakery/grocery store. Please let Tamela Hinson or Judy Gibbs know if you would like to volunteer; **we also need drivers**. All are welcome for food and fellowship!



Meal Ministry

Thursday, May 2 is the **National Day of Prayer!** Be sure to set aside some time on that day to pray for our nation!





Sunday Morning Adult Study

Our Sunday School Class meets each Sunday morning in the Conference Room at 9:30am. We begin class after the 8:30am Worship Service ends. Who planted the church in Rome? Who were Phoebe and Tertius and what roles did they play in the early church? What passage of Scripture finally moved St. Augustine to faith in Christ? Find out the answers to these questions and so much more as the Adult Sunday School Class begins the study of Paul's letter to the Romans. Come join us! Contact Sean McCauley for more information.

Library News

Puzzles and Prayers will be on hiatus until further notice.

The next Library Book Club will be on July 16, 2024, in the library from 10am to noon. If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Pridemore.



The Pastor's Bible Study is now over for the school year, but Joshua wants to thank all who participated over this past year as we studied the Gospel of John and the Epistle of 1 John. Special thanks to those who had perfect or near-perfect attendance - Christine Luca, Linda Pandolph and Debbie McCane.

We will commence again with Bible Study in September. In the meantime, watch the bulletin and Evangel for information on our upcoming summer book studies.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



Notice: Our Love Thy Neighbor collection for April/May is a new one. We will be collecting items for **Heart House**, a homeless shelter in Dearborn County. This wonderful place gives shelter to families in need. They are requesting: **canned vegetables** (the very large cans, as they feed up to 70 people per meal), **hygiene products** (bodywash, shampoo), **linens** (towels and new bed pillows), and **socks and underwear** in various sizes (men, women and children). The missions committee would like to thank our congregation for their continued support of our communities needs! If you have any questions, please contact Judy Gibbs or Rebecca Scherzinger.

Four ways to watch our service:

Church
Secretary



During the service live-stream our 10:45 service each Sunday on our church website (harrisonpresbyterian.com) using the link.

After the service is over:

- Send an email to video@harrisonpresbyterian.com to receive a link to the full service.
- Watch the sermon on our YouTube channel- "First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, OH.
- Call the Office to have a DVD prepared for you.

Special Lenten Mission

Our Lenten Mission Project is going well - we have currently collected \$3734.60. Moreover, the children's collection has been outstanding! Their goal of one beehive has turned into **two** beehives so far! We will continue to collect donations until Pentecost, so if you haven't donated yet, you still have time. Remember that our donation will be doubled by a sponsor through Heifer International. Every donation counts!



Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, value-based holistic community development. Heifer distributes animals along with agricultural and value-based training, to families in need around the world as a means to providing self sufficiency. The animals give families a small business, providing wool, milk, eggs and more. Animal donations can provide families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food and a sustainable livelihood. To get more information go to: info@heifer.org.



FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Apr. 28 Phyllis Pridemore
May 5 Bountiful Hearts
May 12 Karen Wolff
May 19 Pentecost

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

May

4 Fred Hellmann
5 Mary Kirschner

Women's Association News



This Thursday, May 2 - tram tour of Spring Grove Cemetery. The tour features angels on the tombs. Meet in the church parking lot at 9am. Lunch following at Cabana on the River.

This is open to anyone! Call Sherry Caito at 513-367-6336 or 513-908-4737 to reserve a spot.



Calling All Prayer Warriors!

Join us each Wednesday at noon in the church library as we lift up our world, our church, and all our other joys and concerns in prayer. All are welcome! See you here!



Online Giving

- Online Giving is available for First Presbyterian Church. Visit our webpage at harrisonpresbyterian.com and click on the GIVE NOW button or scan this QR code. Call the office with any questions.



Prayer Warriors Unite!

The Discernment Team is meeting with the Presbytery of Cincinnati on Monday, May 13, from 6:00 to approximately 8:00pm.

Let's offer our support and call upon the power of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit during that meeting in the Sanctuary. It will be informal.

Each participant will pray individually. Although it is important that we continue to pray during the Discernment meeting, you are not required to stay for the entire 2 hours.

Please add your name and phone number on the Sign-Up sheet in Faith Hall.

Contact Erwin Hein with questions: 513-608-1090.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., Apr. 28	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship Service
Mon., Apr. 29		Joshua Study Leave
Tue., Apr. 30		Joshua Study Leave
	7:30pm	AA Meeting (4th Grade Classroom)
Wed., May 1		Joshua Study Leave
	12:00pm	Prayer Group (Library)
	6:30pm	Bear Den Meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30pm	Tiger Den Meeting (YC Room)
	7:00pm	Choir Practice (Music Room)
Thurs., May 2		Joshua Study Leave
	9:00am	Women's Association Spring Trip
Fri., May 3		Joshua Study Leave
Sat., May 4	11:00am	Bountiful Hearts (Faith Hall, Kitchen, K-ette)
	5:30pm	AA Meeting (4th grade classroom)

Reminder for next week: May 5th

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>8:30 am</u> <u>Service</u></p> <p>Tom Steuver</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Set-up</u></p> <p>Karen Wolff</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>10:45am Service</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Liturgist:</u> Terry Frenz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Head Usher:</u> Deb Frenz</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Ushers:</u> Tim Frenz, Lana Bybee, Reta Crone</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Moments with Children:</u> Lisa Steuver</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Communion:</u> Jeff Sindiong (1), Mindy Sindiong (2), Barry Fury (3), Mary Craft (4), Deb Frenz (5), Doug Jones (6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Set-up:</u> <u>Clean up:</u> Mary Tabor</p>
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I would like to thank everyone who made Terry's memorial service a success. I am deeply grateful. -Carol Johnson



Senior Saints

Evelyn Stutzman
Dick Morris

Jim Mendell
Vivian Talley

Shirley Quinn

Prayers For Our Church

Our Missionaries: Warmuths, Garrigans & Joneses;

Heart House: Our April/May "LTN" Mission;

Nancy Schmidt: recovering at Harrison Trail;

Prayers For Others

Deb Menninger: for Joey & Hank's health;

Marilyn Bourquein: for grandson, Kent's health;

Mary Ann Pickens: for brother, Paul's health and her Parkinson's disease;

Sandra McCauley: for brother, Rodney, serious health issues;

Nancy Schmidt: for grandson, Alfred, awaiting a kidney transplant;

Vivian Talley: for son, Paul, recurrence of cancer;

Reta Crone: for Tom Jr., recurrence of cancer, and for family member, Linda, has an aggressive cancer;

Barry Fury: for neighbor, Lora Lind, recovering from cancer surgery;

Marcia Merse: for husband, George, in hospice care;

Carol Vassil: for niece, Valorie, has breast cancer;

Linda Hellmann: for daughter, Stacy, has breast cancer;

Pam Fury: prayers for sister, Pat Bentle and family, having heart problems;

Jeff Summey: having a procedure done for low blood oxygen and possible blood in his stomach;

Nancy Francis: fell and fractured pelvis in 3 places;

Dick LePere: recovering from shoulder surgery;

JoJean Kleinfeld: for granddaughter's husband, possible return of cancer;

Joshua Long: for cousin & wife, Jonathon & Chelsea, has colon issue and hysterectomy soon;

Kathy Gentile: Aunt Mary fell and has severe injuries;

Ongoing Health

Needs

Carter Jones

Louanna Smith

Arlene Anderson

JoJean Kleinfeld

Fran Myers

PRAYER CHAIN CALLS: The Prayer Chain is a group of people who are committed to praying daily for those requesting prayer. This ministry is administered through our Board of Deacons. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Jean Gibbs at (513)715-1048 or (513)207-5419 during the day or Phyllis Wolfram 513-367-4578 during the evening.** For two weeks, the people on the chain will pray daily for the person or situation requested.

OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, Ohio is growing in faith by building stronger relationships with God and community through prayer and worship. The reading and understanding of God's Word strengthens our commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through love and service to our neighbor so that all may experience God's grace.



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