

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison

**AND I WILL PRAY THE
FATHER, AND HE SHALL GIVE
YOU ANOTHER COMFORTER,
THAT HE MAY ABIDE WITH
YOU FOR EVER.**

JOHN 14:16



**Deep Roots, Tall Steeple;
Serving Christ, Transforming People
April 27, 2025 - 10:45am**



+ Second Sunday of Easter +



WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (from Psalm 105, Romans 5, and Revelation 4)

L: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us!

P: We dwell in Him and He in us!

L: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His Name!

P: We will make known His deeds among the peoples!

L: Sing to Him – sing praises to Him!

P: We will speak of all His marvelous works!

L: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was and is and is to come!

P: Hallelujah! Let us worship Him!

***OPENING HYMN**

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

#492

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

L: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us, then, open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

P: Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: We confess that we resist the force of Your Spirit among us. We are slow to serve You, and we are reluctant to spread the Good News of Your love. God, have mercy upon us! Forgive our divisions, and by Your Spirit draw us together. Enflame us with a desire to do Your will and to be Your faithful people. We pray these things in Jesus' Name, Amen.

(time of silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

#639

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life; surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and I shall feast at the table spread for me: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life, all the days, all the days of my life.”

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Rebecca Scherzinger

*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

John 14:15-31 pgs. 847-848

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Blessed Jesus”

Thomas

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

John 16:1-15 pg. 848

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Helper”

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”

#295

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 53.

Joining our voices with the saints across the ages, let us confess our faith:

Q. 53. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

A. First, that, with the Father and the Son, he is equally eternal God; second, that God’s Spirit is also given to me, preparing me through a true faith to share in Christ and all his benefits, that he comforts me and will abide with me forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE

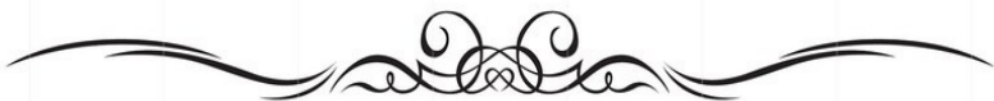
OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

#813

“For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION



WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN “Come Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

#298

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joshua Long

Music Director/Pianist: Beth Snape **Audio/Video:** Tom Steuver

Liturgist: Bev Hughes

Head Usher: Karl Thiele **Ushers:** Tim Frenz, Reta Crone, Karen Wolff

Moments with Children: Rebecca Scherzinger



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.



Calling All Prayer Warriors!

**I AM A
PRAYER
WARRIOR**

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!

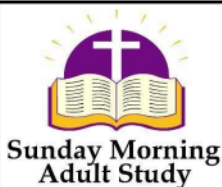




Library News

Do you like to READ? Why not check out the Library at our First Presbyterian Church of Harrison. Our library books contain a wide range of topics such as Religion, Biography, and Fiction. There is also a book club which meets quarterly. This is a fun group where individuals select a book from our library to report on. EVERYONE is invited whether you are a reader or not. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **July 15**, at 10am in the library. Contact Phyllis Pridemore if you should have any questions.

Summer time is quickly approaching and that means our choir will be taking a break. The last date the choir will be singing is June 1st. **Summer music** will commence on June 8th. 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. Her number is (513) 265-8425. Thank you!



Join us in Adult Sunday School as we study the Book of Revelation. We seek to find understanding and clarity of John's vision and what the future holds for us as believers and the Church as a whole. There is always lively discussion and all are welcome. We meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Conference Room (we don't begin class until the 8:30 service ends). Contact Sean McCauley with any questions.



The Essentials! Join us each week as we continue looking at the essentials of our faith in worship again!

- **4 May** - Pastor on Study Leave - Rev. Chuck Testas preaching
- **11 May (Mother's Day)** - "You are the Body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:1-11; 12-31) - the Holy Spirit
- **18 May** - "The Just One Justifies" (Romans 3:9-20; 21-26) - Justification
- **25 May** - "Life Through His Spirit" (Romans 8:1-17; 18-30) - Sanctification

This series will conclude in June!



Our free community meal, **Bountiful Hearts**, continues on the first Saturday of every month. Our next meal will be on Saturday, **May 3** from 11am – 1pm here at our church.

Meal Ministry We will need **donations of dessert items**, either home-made or from the bakery/grocery store. Please let Tamela Hinson or Christine Luca know if you would like to volunteer; **we also need drivers**. We greatly appreciate your donations, both of time and financial contributions; they are what make this meal possible.

The Pastor will be on study leave from Friday, May 2 through Friday, May 9 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. Please join us on Sunday, May 4 as we welcome Rev. Dr. Chuck Testas to our pulpit! (NOTE: there will be NO 8:30 SERVICE next Sunday!)



"The only way to demonstrate that Christianity is the best of all faiths is to prove that it produces the best of all men."

- William Barclay

Notes...

Lenten Mission Project

Our mission project this year is Samaritan's Purse. They are an international evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world with the goal of sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse was founded on February 25, 1970 by Dr. Bob Pierce, and William Franklin Graham III has been Chairman and President since 1979. Their international headquarters are located in the United States with affiliate offices in five countries, field offices in fifteen, and ministry partners in more than 100 countries. What they do: animals, agriculture & livelihoods; children's programs; construction programs; crisis & disaster relief; discipleship, education & training; feeding programs; health & medical programs; water, sanitation & hygiene; and women's programs. There are packets available in Faith Hall for more information. See Judy Gibbs with any questions. **Our goal is \$2500 and you can make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church with Samaritan's Purse on the memo line.**



Samaritan's Purse®
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF


We're
Searching for
Volunteers

Children's Church Volunteers Needed

Praise the Lord! Karen Watts has been led to help begin our Children's church during the 10:45 worship service. We are looking to have 2 people help with the organization. One of these two will be present each Sunday to facilitate the Children's Worship. We will then need a second volunteer each Sunday to

help facilitate Children's worship service. Please prayerfully consider helping us to care for our young families. We are hopeful we can start this program in June. Please contact Mary Craft or Rebecca Scherzinger with any questions.

Church Secretary



Four ways to watch our service:

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.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



Notice: Our May Love Thy Neighbor mission is for **Miamitown School Children**. Items needed are: Kid-friendly boxes of cereal. We are looking to collect 100 boxes. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the needy in our community.

Women's Association News



We will be having our May meeting on Thursday, May 1st. Bring a sack lunch and meet us in the Conference Room at noon.



FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Apr. 27	Barb Wolf
May 4	OPEN
May 11	Nancy Platt
May 18	Mindy Sindiong

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April

27 Tori Steuver



Young Youth Group

YYG will be meeting on the following dates at 6:00pm in SonRise Hall: **May 4th**. Come and join the fun! Any questions, please contact Mary Craft.



YYG Summer Plans!

- 6/8 S'more party at Mary Craft's house
- 7/13 One Day VBS with a church picnic luncheon at Miami Whitewater Park (More details to come)
- 8/10 Movie night at Mary Tabor's house



Volunteers Needed

In addition to starting up Children's Church for the younger children, we need volunteers to sit in the balcony with the older children and help explain and answer any questions they may have. You would only be scheduled once a month. To get on this list please contact Rebecca Scherzinger or Mary Craft.

Monthly Prayer Focus

This month, our prayer focus is **our senior saints**. We currently have 8 senior saints on our prayer list: Vivian Talley, Shirley Quinn, Doc Morris, Fran Myers, Kathryn Pierson, Joy Riegel, Marian Brandenburg, and Sherry Schlager. Let's commit to lifting them up each day in prayer - that our God would bless and keep them!

The Pastor's Bible Study

Bible Study is on Monday evening at 7pm in the Conference Room - and all are welcome! Join us as we continue studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians! **NO** Bible Study on May 5.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., Apr. 27	8:30am	Holy Communion Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship Service
Mon., Apr. 28		Judy Vacation
	6:00pm	AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Classroom 3B)
	7:00pm	Bible Study (Conference Room)
Tue., Apr. 29		Judy Vacation
	6:30pm	Session (Conference Room)
	7:30pm	AA Meeting (4th Grade Classroom)
Wed., Apr. 30		Judy Vacation
	12:00pm	Prayer Group (Library)
	7:00pm	Choir Practice (Music Room)
Thurs., May 1		Judy Vacation
	12:00pm	Women's Assoc. Meeting (Conference Room)
Fri., May 2		Judy Vacation and Joshua Study Leave
Sat., May 3		Judy Vacation and Joshua Study Leave
	11:00am	Bountiful Hearts (Kitchen, Faith Hall, -ette)
	5:30pm	AA Meeting (4th grade classroom)

Reminder for next week: May 4th

8:30 am

Service

No Service

10:45am Service

Liturgist: Janet Walton **Head Usher:** Barry Fury

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Debbie Frenz, Deanna Jones

Moments with Children: Mary Craft

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.



Senior Saints

Shirley Quinn Dick Morris **Vivian Talley** Sherry Schlager
Fran Myers Joy Riegel Kathryn Pierson Marian Brandenburg

Prayers For Our Church

Our Missionaries: Warmuths, Garrigans & Joneses;

Ed Flick: health issues;

Monthly Prayer Focus: Our senior saints;

Bill Gregg: diagnosed with cancer;

Carol Vassil: has cellulitis;

Jeff Zahradnik: recovering from knee surgery;

Pam Biddle: in need of a liver transplant;

Ongoing Health

Needs

Louanna Smith

Arlene Anderson

JoJean Kleinfeld

Prayers For Others

Deb Menninger: for Joey & Hank's health;

Marilyn Bourquein: for grandson, Kent's health and for Mark Roudebush;

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

Marcia Merse: for husband, George, under special care at home;

For our loved ones with cancer: Kelly Sebastian, Jenny Swope, Valerie Blesser, Carmen Garrigan, Leigh Ismael, Stacy Eckstein, Beth Ann Willis, Pam Biddle and Bill Gregg;

Kelsey Loos: for brother, Ryan, deployed overseas;

Mary Craft: for her patient, Auggy, is in need of a miracle;

Lisa Steuver: for co-worker, Judy Roesch, awaiting test results from brain tumor biopsy;

Ryan & Maggie Warmuth: for daughter, Sami, had a seizure;

Joy: Karen Wolff's granddaughter delivered a healthy baby boy;

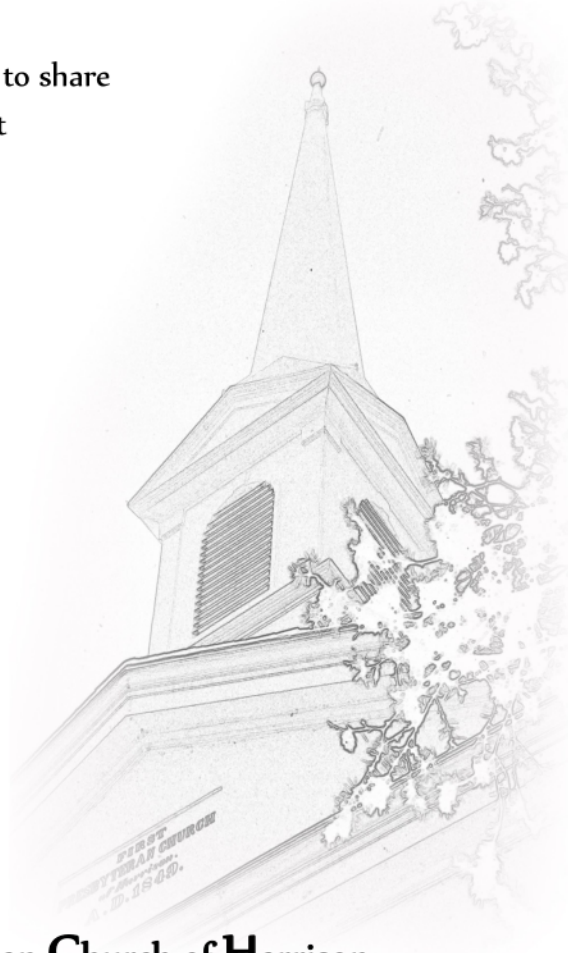
Joshua Long: for friend, Rev. Andy Scott, in liver failure;



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 **Mindy Sindiong (513) 235-3778 during the day** or **Phyllis Wolfram 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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