

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison

And let us consider how we
may spur one another on
towards love and good
deeds, not giving up
meeting together, as some
are in the habit of doing,
but encouraging one
another – and all the more
as you see the Day
approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25

**Deep Roots, Tall Steeple;
Serving Christ, Transforming People
March 15, 2026 - 10:45am**



+ Fourth Sunday in Lent +



WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORY VERSE: “Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9, (ESV).

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (from Hebrews 12)

L: As we come to worship, let us fix our eyes on Jesus!

P: He is the Author and Perfector of our faith!

L: For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame,

P: And afterwards, He sat down at the right hand of God!

L: Let us consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful people so that we will not grow weary or lose heart!

P: Hallelujah! Let us worship Him!

*OPENING HYMN

“At the Cross”

#512

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart He will not despise. In humility and faith, let us now confess our sins to Him and to each other:

P: Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

(time of silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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“Sometimes ‘Alleluia’, Sometimes ‘Praise the Lord’, Sometimes gently singing, Our hearts in one accord. O let us lift our voices, Look toward the sky and start to sing; O, let us now return His love – Just let our voices ring. Sometimes ‘Alleluia’, Sometimes ‘Praise the Lord’, Sometimes gently singing, Our hearts in one accord.”

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM For Anna Lauren Scherzinger

*Please stand, if able.

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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

WE HEAR THE WORD

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 : Large Print Bibles are available by entrances to the Sanctuary :

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 pg. 928

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Bill Gregg

Children ages 8 and under are welcome to join our volunteers downstairs for Children's Church (Room 7A next to the elevator) for the remainder of the service.

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Hebrews 10:19-25 pgs. 946-947

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Stir One Another Up to Love and Good Works"

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSIVE HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #216

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #479
 "O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me; He gave His life - what more could He give? O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Then Shall Live"

#507

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joshua Long

Accompanist: Melody McGregor **Music Director:** Beth Snape

Audio/Video: Tom Steuver **Liturgist:** Bill Gregg

Head Usher: Barry Fury **Ushers:** Tim Frenz, Deanna Jones, Phyllis Wolfram

Moments with Children: Bill Gregg

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR



Notice: Our February/March Love Thy Neighbor mission is for **Christ's Loving Hands**. Items needed are: canned fruit (pineapple, mandarin oranges, peaches, pears), refried beans, ketchup, mustard, mayo, ranch dressing, barbecue sauce, small jars of peanut butter, cups of Chef Boyardee beef ravioli, Hamburger Helper cups, Campbell soup cups, Spaghetti O's, Maruchan instant lunch chicken flavored ramen cups. I want to stress that the last items should be **individual cups**, as children take these for lunches and snacks. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the poor and lost in our community.



The Adult Sunday School Class, which meets in the Conference Room, has started a new study titled "Easter" by J.D. Greear. This study focuses on the life of Jesus, His death, and resurrection through the gospel of Matthew. This study will reveal how we should see ourselves in Jesus' story. Easter changes everything. Join us as we explore how that historical event should also change us. Our class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30am (we will not start class until the early worship service is over) in the Conference Room. Questions? Contact Sean McCauley.



Coffee & Tea With the Pastor

Join us on Wednesday, **March 18** from 2-4pm at the Coffee Peddler in downtown Harrison (112 Harrison Avenue). You are welcome for all of that time or can come and go for a portion of it! We will enjoy fellowship, good discussion and delicious caffeinated beverages! All are welcome!

SPRING CLEANING CLOTHING DRIVE

2026

Accepting new and
gently used clothing!



Christ's
Loving Hands

DONATION DROP OFF:

MARCH 18th & 19th

WHEN: 9-11am, 5-7pm

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church
115 S Vine St
Harrison, OH
West Entrance

DISTRIBUTION DAY

When: MARCH 21st
9AM-10:30AM

Where: First Presb. Church
115 S Vine St
Harrison, OH

Everything is free!

Upcoming Birthday

Joy Riegel, who is a long-time member and a senior saint, will be turning 90 years old on April 13th. If you would like to send her a surprise birthday card her address is

Brookdale Wickliffe
30630 Ridge Road, Apt AL 16
Wickliffe, OH 44092

Thank you!

COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE Study



The Pastor's Bible Study Continues!

Every one of us, no matter who we are, has a need to grow in our knowledge and understanding of God's Word - so why not take the opportunity to grow together with your fellow church members and friends? Join us every Monday night at 7pm in the Conference Room as we study Paul's first letter to Timothy!

This is a relaxed, informative study that includes brand-new Bible students and those who have studied God's Word all their lives - all are welcome! We hope to see you there!



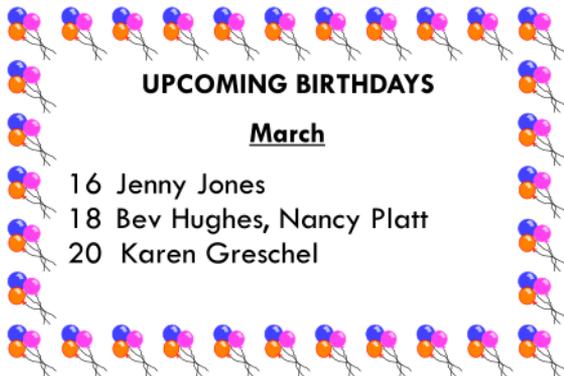
FELLOWSHIP TABLE

- Mar. 15 Nancy Platt
- Mar. 22 Mary Ellen Watts
- Mar. 29 Open
- Apr. 5 Open

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

March

- 16 Jenny Jones
- 18 Bev Hughes, Nancy Platt
- 20 Karen Greschel



Women's Association

Rummage Sale: Sale is the **third week of April, on the 17th and 18th.** Setup starts on April 13th.

We will continue working in the main kitchen this Thursday, March 19th at 10am.

Be sure to welcome our newest, little sister in Christ, Anna Lauren Scherzinger as she will be baptized today at the 10:45 service. Congratulations Stephen, Rebecca and Sarah Scherzinger! She is a lovely, little girl!





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!

Lenten Sermon Series! This Lent, our pastor will be preaching through a sampling of the “one another” passages in Scripture - where we are commanded to do something each for the other as an expression of our love for Jesus Christ and for each other. Join us in worship for the following sermons in February and March:

- **22 March:** “Bear One Another’s Burdens” (Galatians 6:1-5; James 5:16)
- **29 March (Palm Sunday):** “Love One Another” (John 13:1-20, 31-35)

Our Lenten Mission Project

This Lent, the Missions Committee is challenging our congregation to support an exciting mission cause - **Wycliffe Bible Translators**. WBT is named for John Wycliffe, who is credited as the first person to translate the Bible into English, and it is continuing in that work by striving to translate the Bible into every known spoken or signed language in the world. To that end, WBT is currently engaged in projects in 2,918 languages; they support 2,747 staff in 65 different countries. \$35 supports the translation of 1 verse of the Bible in a new language - therefore, in addition to committing to pray for WBT’s missionaries, translators and their work in general, we are also hoping to raise at least \$2,500, which would cover translation of the Book of Joel (73 verses) in a new language. If we are able to raise \$3,000, that would cover translation of the Book of Ruth (85 verses) or the Book of 2 Timothy (83 verses). Will you prayerfully consider how you can support us in this worthy project? Thank you!



Welcome our new Sister in Christ

Today we are thankful to welcome a new member at the 10:45 service. Be sure to say hello and get to know this new sister in Christ, Karen Watts Schulte. God is so good!

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.

Please fill out the form below if you would like to purchase a lily for Easter to be placed in the sanctuary for a loved one to be remembered or honored.

We must have your order (with money) into the church office no later than Monday, March 30. Each flower is \$15.00 and you may take your flowers with you after the Easter service. If paying by check, please make payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with "lilies" in the memo line.



No. of flowers @ \$15.00 ea. _____

Total Amount Enclosed\$ _____

NAME _____

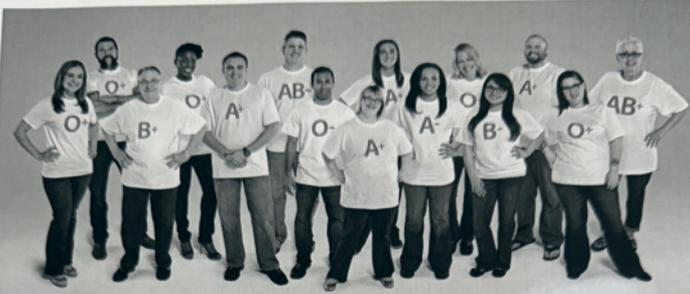
IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____



Online
Giving

Online Giving is available for First Presbyterian Church. The account is on our website: harrisonpresbyterian.com at the GIVE NOW button. This is the new QR Code.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

First Presbyterian Church -
Harrison

Saturday, March 21, 2026
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Blood Drive held on the donor bus in parking lot
115 S. Vine St. Harrison, OH 45030



To schedule your appointment, please visit:
hoxworth.org/groups/fpcharrison

or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910 or

Scan the QR code



All donors will receive a Free Spring T-shirt!

Appointments Encouraged. Ask about Red Cell donation

All Types Welcome.

Hoxworth
BLOOD CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

**“Trust the past to God’s mercy, the present to God’s love, and the future to God’s providence.”
- Augustine of Hippo**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., March 15	8:30am	Holy Communion Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Worship Service
Mon., March 16		Evangel Deadline
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts Leader Meeting (YC Room)
	7:00pm	Al-Anon Meeting (Classroom 3B)
	7:00pm	Bible Study (Conference Room)
Tue., March 17	9:00am	CLH Clothing Drive Setup (SonRise Hall)
	5:30pm	Outreach Committee (Library)
	6:00pm	BSA Troop 1402 (Classroom 3B)
	6:00pm	BSA Troop 402 (YC Room)
	6:00pm	Mission Meeting (Parlor)
	7:00pm	Deacons Meeting (Conference Room)
	7:30pm	AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
Wed., Mar. 18	9:00am	CLH Clothing Drive Setup (SonRise Hall)
	12:00pm	Prayer Group (Library)
	2:00pm	Coffee & Tea w/ Pastor (Coffee Peddlar)
	6:00pm	Christian Ed. Meeting (4th grade classroom)
	6:30pm	Cub Pack 402 AOL's (YC Room)
	7:00pm	Choir practice (Music Room)
Thurs., March 19	9:00am	CLH Clothing Drive Setup (SonRise Hall)
	10:00am	Women's Assoc. Kitchen Cleanup
	6:30pm	Cub Pack 402 Bears (YC Room)
Fri., March 20	9:00am	CLH Clothing Drive Setup (SonRise Hall)
Sat., March 21	8:00am	Hoxworth Blood Drive (Church Parking Lot)
	9:00am	CLH Clothing Drive (SonRise Hall)

Reminder for next week: March 22nd

8:30 am **Service**

Tom Snape

Set-up:

Lisa Steuver

10:45am Service

Liturgist: Karl Thiele **Head Usher:** Jeff Gibbs

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Judy Gibbs, Jeff Anders

Moments with Children: Olivia Steuver



Senior Saints

Shirley Quinn Vivian Talley Fran Myers Joy Riegel

Marian Brandenburg

Prayers For Our Church

Our Missionaries: Warmuths, Garrigans & Joneses;

For the Siberian Tatars;

For our Lenten Mission, Wycliffe Bible Translators;

Marian Brandenburg: in hospice care;

Teresa Gregg: having testing done, possibility of cancer;

Foster Harris: starting chemotherapy;

Carol Vassil: having bladder issues, going for more testing;

Ongoing Health

Needs

Louanna Smith

Arlene Anderson

JoJean Kleinfeld

Pam Mains

Anne Troy

Pam Biddle

Prayers For Others

Deb Menninger: for Joey and & Hank's health;

Marilyn Bourquein: for grandson, Kent's health;

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

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

For our loved ones with cancer: Kelly Sebastian, Linda Schmidt,

Rob Parsons, June Tucker, Carol Scott, Joy Benson McAdams and Beth Ann Willis;

Ron Beathard: in hospice care;

Jo Jean Kleinfeld: for Tim Holland, recovering from open heart surgery;

Lisa Steuver: for friend, Kelley Underwood, vascular issues in right leg;



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.

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.

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