



Service For The Lord's Day

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We pray that you will be challenged and find joy, hope, and celebration in this time spent together in the presence of God. *Please sign and pass the "Ritual of Friendship" booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Heavenly God, our Father, we are full of thanks for a night of rest and for this new day and all that now awaits us. Lead and guide us in the way of a resurrected life. Help us to see the risen Lord today, in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRELUDE "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Wolff
Brass Quartet

INTROIT "Easter Angel" arr. Vlad
Motet Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(Responsive)*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!
Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** *(Lay Reader)*

***OPENING HYMN** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" No. 232

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (Lay Reader)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

All-knowing, all-powerful God, we confess that, even on this most holy day, we are unable to believe in the victory over death shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We confess our utter dependence on You, not only for life, but also for faith, hope, and love. Without Your astonishing appearance to our ancestors and Your stunning presence throughout the ages, we would be lost. Forgive us and transform us, so that in every way our work and prayer will make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

***KYRIE** No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Lay Reader)

***GLORIA PATRI** No. 579

ANTHEM "The Lord Is Risen This Morning" Besig
Motet Choir

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Lay Reader)

FIRST READING (Lay Reader) Isaiah 65:17-25

SECOND READING (Pastor) Luke 24:1-12

SERMON "The Right Kind of Rumor" Rev. Meta Cramer

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *excerpt from the Confession of Belhar*

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought; one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another;

and that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another.

HYMN

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Responsive)

Pastor: Save us, O Lord,

All: For Your mercy is great.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

**(Please greet nearby worshipers and return to your seat.)*

OFFERTORY

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

arr. Wolff

Brass Quartet

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(Rev. Meta Cramer)

...“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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 245

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE**

“Alleluia”

Emerson

Motet Choir

***THE CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR SERVICE BEGIN!***

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds—see Donna Latessa
FPC Vision: Glorify and enjoy God through worship, education, and service.
FPC's Web Page: <http://www.fpcwarren.org>
Email address: info@fpcwarren.org
Facebook: First Presbyterian Church of Warren
Hearing Devices to better enable you to hear the service are available from one of the ushers. Please return the device at the end of the service.

FOOD AND DRINK should remain in Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

PLEASE WELCOME our guest pastor, **Rev. Meta Cramer**. Meta retired four years ago from the First Presbyterian Church of Salem, where she served for over 11 years. Prior to serving the Salem Church, she and her husband Stephen jointly served the Good News Presbyterian Parish, which consisted of several very small churches that were a mission cause of the Presbytery for 26 years. Meta is a past Presbytery moderator, served as Stated Clerk for 20 years, and currently serves on the Committee on Ministry. She and Steve have two grown children and one adorable granddaughter in addition to their cats and dogs.

BRASS QUARTET: Thank you to our very own brass quartet for sharing their talent with us today: Brian Annandono and Addison Schubert, trumpet; Tavish Burd, trombone; Miranda Gerchak, French horn.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons' Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **bar soap, toilet paper, and Kleenex** for the month of **March**. You may leave your items in the Deacons' box in Fellowship Hall.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded by **Cindy Athya** today. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, donations designated for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering box; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with "Radio Ministry" in the memo of the check. Our Radio Ministry costs \$125.00 per week; your financial support will keep this ministry alive.

LENTEN PRAYER STATIONS: The Lent Committee has organized prayer stations based on Holy Week. The stations are set up in the Sanctuary, can be experienced before or after worship, and will be available through today.

MIRIAM-ESTHER CIRCLE will meet Thursday, **April 4, 2024**, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parlor to continue with lesson 7 of the book “Sacred Encounters.” Please join us! Please bring a bag lunch; dessert will be provided.

FPC CRAFTERS will meet on **Wednesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m.** in Badger Hall. They will be making teacher appreciation gifts for Willard school teachers. Join us!

THE NEXT FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES is **Sunday, April 7, at 11:15 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Amy Bordonaro, the Co-Founder of Oh4Freedom and the Youngstown Valley Outreach Coordinator for Rahab Ministries. Amy raises awareness on human trafficking and child exploitation and has been in ministry for over thirty years. She and her husband have five children, and it is her passion to love God and love God’s people. Amy will continue to raise awareness and outreach to the trafficked and the vulnerable until everyone in the Valley is free.

VACATION: Pastor Kelly will be out of the office **through Tuesday, April 2.** Please call the Church Office if you need pastoral care during this time.



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*Rev. Meta Cramer
 Melanie A. Vlad
 Marissa Welke
 Sarah Buzulencia
 Gary Wireman
 Bob Stahl*

Week at a Glance

Sun, March 31 - **Easter Sunday**
 - **Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am**
 - **Worship..... 10:00 am**

Mon, April 1 - OA, P 10:00 am
 - Girl Scouts, FH5:30 pm
 - AA, MC 7:00 pm

Tues, April 2 - Al-Anon, B..... 9:30 am
 - Girl Scouts, FH5:00 pm
 - NA, MC 7:00 pm

Wed, April 3 - **Crafters, B 10:00 am**
 - AA, MC6:30 pm

Thur, April 4 - **Prayer Talk, FH 9:00 am**
 - **Miriam Esther Circle, P 11:00 am**
 - **Church Growth Meeting 7:00 pm**

Fri, April 5 - **Church Office Closed**

Sat, April 6 - AA, MC 11:00 am

Sun, April 7 - **Communion/2 Cents a Meal**
 - **Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am**
 - **Worship..... 10:00 am**
 - **Sunday School 10:15 am**
 - **First Sunday Speaker, FH..... 11:15 am**

FH-Fellowship Hall MC-Mable Culver P-Parlor B-Badger Hall T-Tieffle Lounge Z-Zoom