



Christian Worship for Resurrection Sunday

First Presbyterian Church
Communion/2 Cents a Meal

Easter, April 5, 2026 **Indicates you are invited to rise up.* 10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping here today. We pray that you find encouragement, joy, and peace as we gather around the Good News of our risen Lord.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WE BEGIN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*Very early in the morning, God created all that is good and beautiful.
Very early in the morning, a mother placed her holy newborn in a manger.
Very early in the morning, the good news that Jesus was risen and alive in their
midst was shared with frightened friends.
As the daybreak of resurrection arrives, let us give our fears to God.*

OPENING

“He is not here! The Call of the Shofar”

INTROIT

“Joyous Alleluia”

Young

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 232

*WORDS OF WELCOME

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(In Unison)*

**With full hearts and minds and voices,
we should praise You, the unseen God, the all-powerful creator.
To ransom a slave, You gave away Your Son.
Christ has ransomed us with His blood
and paid for us the debt of humanity's sin.
Lord God, how wonderful is Your care for us!**

**How boundless is Your merciful love!
Your perfect sacrifice transforms the lives of all believers.
Jesus Christ our King arises! Alleluia and Amen!**

***HYMN**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

No. 240

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

God of Truth, as we hear the good news of Easter resurrection, fill our hearts with joy and wonder. Open our eyes to see the new life You bring, and open our ears to hear Your promise of hope for all people.

May Your Word illuminate our lives with the brightness of Your love. Transforming despair into celebration, change hopelessness into faith, replace doubt with confidence.

As we witness Your victory over death and sin, show us how to live as the Easter people we already are. Alleluia and Amen!

FIRST BIBLE READING

John 1: 1-4 and 14

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

“Jubilate Deo”

Sleeth

SECOND BIBLE READING

Matthew 28: 1-10

This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God!**

EASTER REFLECTIONS

“Suddenly, Jesus Met Them”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

“The Apostles’ Creed”

No. 35

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ.

All: On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives.

Leader: On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb.

All: On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action.

Leader: On this day, we shout “Hallelujah!”

All: On this day we shout, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”

INTERCESSIONS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

No. 35

CHRIST’S PRESENCE SHOWN IN THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF “GREAT THANKSGIVING”

Leader: ...who forever praise the glory of Jesus’ name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE BREAD IS BROKEN; THE CUP IS POURED.

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

Leader: ...because of the empowering love of our Lord, we can feast together.

**All: We, many as we are, are one body because there is one loaf.
Jesus truly is the Bread sent down from heaven.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion in the Presbyterian denomination is open to all who wish to place their personal trust in Jesus Christ, regardless of membership status or age.

Please feel free to partake of the bread and the cup shortly after you receive each, perhaps after a brief moment of your own reflection, meditation, or prayer.

Communion Music

“How Beautiful”

Paris

THANKSGIVING PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: ...find our own lives brightened and encouraged.

All: Keep us faithful in Your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all Your saints in the joy of Your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen!

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

Please note your presence and provide contact information and any requests in the “Ritual of Friendship” booklet. Then return it to the first person.

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Joysong” Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(In Unison)*

Divine Lord, kindle in us light leading to sparks and then to fires of justice, peace, and mercy. May we warm the hearts of those we meet, people who also are beloved by God. May Your light guide us, now and far beyond this glorious day of resurrection. Alleluia and Amen.

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

***HYMN** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!” No. 248

***THE BLESSING AND THE EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***POSTLUDE** “Alleluia” Mozart



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

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES MOVES TO THE SECOND SUNDAY: The next speaker is Meghan DeGregory, part of the founding team and the Executive Director of Thrive 10:10, a nonprofit organization in Girard. Thrive 10:10 focuses on providing relief and individual resource building through community outreach programs. Some programs include Ruth's Boutique Lunch and Learn, which offers hygiene and beauty products as well as meals and learning opportunities to families in need and Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’-By World and Staying Ahead, which builds individual resources. She is also a Nationally Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor as well as a National Consultant instructor for Bridges Out of Poverty. Meghan is the Ministry Coordinator at Girard First United Methodist Church and loves to write and share the important connections between faith and mental health. Join us for this inspiring speaker on **Sunday, April 12, at 11:15 a.m.** in the Parlor.

SHARE CARE CIRCLE: If you are, have been, or are preparing to be a caregiver, you are not alone. Come to Share Care Circle and receive support. The group meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at **7:00 p.m.** The next meeting will be on **Thursday, April 9.**

CORTLAND FELLOWSHIP GROUP will meet on **Monday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m.** in Otterbein of Cortland Chapel (Lake Vista). Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend and if you will be having lunch. *(Please bring exactly \$8.50.)*

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*Rev. Greg Gillispie
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Brian Annandono
Julie Trowbridge
Bob Stahl*



**He is
RISEN**
WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, April 5	- Easter - Communion / 2 Cents-a-Meal - Choir Rehearsal..... 8:30 am - Worship..... 10:00 am
Mon, April 6	- OA, P..... 10:00 am - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, April 7	- Al-Anon, B..... 9:30 am - Girl Scouts, FH 5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B..... 5:30 pm - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, April 8	- Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - NAMI, P..... 6:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
Thurs, April 9	- Share Care Circle..... 7:00 pm
Fri, April 10	- Church Office Closed
Sat, April 11	- AA, MC..... 11:00 am
Sun, April 12	- Worship..... 10:00 am - Sunday School, B..... 10:15 am - First Sunday Speaker, P 11:15 am - CE Meeting, T 11:15 am

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