



Festival of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025 *If it is comfortable for you, please stand. 10:00 A.M. Worship

WELCOME! We are glad you are worshiping here 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

***EASTER PROCLAMATION**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

***RESURRECTION HYMN** "The Day of Resurrection!"

No. 233

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Pastor Greg)

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

(Please greet nearby worshipers with this blessing.)

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

Leader: Beloved, behold the victory of our God; Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** "The Strife Is Over"

No. 236

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

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

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling, and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***KYRIE**

No. 574

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *(Pastor Greg)*

The water poured into the baptism font is a reminder of our own baptism and that Jesus Christ is the living water Who nourishes us and offers us forgiveness and new life.

***GLORIA PATRI**

No. 579

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

Almighty God, through Your only Son You overcame death and opened to us the light of eternity. Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts, so that we may hear Your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

John 20:1-8

ANTHEM

“Praise the God of Resurrection”

Hayes

A TIME WITH OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPERS

Rev. Greg Gillispie

SECOND READING

John 11:25

SUNDAY MESSAGE

“Jesus Is”

Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

excerpt from the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Alleluia!

A SYMBOL OF THE RESURRECTION: FLOWERING THE CROSS

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

HYMN

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”

...“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.”

OFFERTORY

“Jubilance”
FPC Bell Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

No. 592

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

(In Unison)

Almighty God, by Your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord. May these gifts be empowered to point others to the greatest gift of Jesus and His redeeming love. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

No. 232

GOD’S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

BENEDICTION

“Joyful Alleluia”

Young

POSTLUDE

“Joy Song”

Hayes

***THIS CELEBRATION HAS ENDED;
LET OUR WORSHIP CONTINUE!***

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Welcome Visitors!



The Nursery is available for infants to 4-year-olds.
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.

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

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Cindy Athya**. 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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news. You can give to OGHS through the Church or Online at pcusa.org/give-oghs. Let's help those in need.

THE SPIRE DEADLINE is **tomorrow, April 21**. Please send your articles and pictures to Kathie at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org. Thank you.

WARREN PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA has moved their spring concert of **April 26 at 7:00 p.m.** from First Presbyterian Church to Lakeview High School, 300 Hillman Dr. Cortland, due to the larger number of musicians with the addition of the YSU Youth Orchestra.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Alex and Amanda Polenick** on the birth of a baby boy, **Cameron James**, on April 5, 2025. The proud grandparents are **Rich and Joyce Polenick** and proud great-grandmother is **Pat Hebberts**.

FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER will be held on **May 4, at 11:15 a.m., in the Parlor**. The guest speaker will be Stacey Altieri, a Family Support Specialist with the Trumbull County Combined Health District. Stacey founded the ORRIN Collaborative to End Human Trafficking in 2021 and has a deep commitment to community outreach. The topic will be *Medical Marijuana in Our Community*.

PASTOR GREG will be on vacation **Monday, April 21, through Sunday, April 27**. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the Church Office.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! There will be a special section in the June *Spire* about our high school and college graduates. **PLEASE** send all information and updates to Church Office at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org no later than **May 12, 2025. Thank you!**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will be making “Birthday Cake Boxes” to send home with students for their birthdays. If you can support this project, please donate the following: disposable cake pan, cake mix, 12 oz. can of pop, birthday candles, container of icing. FPC will add a birthday card and the recipe for making the cake without eggs or oil. The can of pop is the substitute liquid for both ingredients: Coke or Pepsi for chocolate cake or Ginger Ale, Sprite, etc. for a white or yellow cake. Thank you all for your continued generous support of our Willard students. Please keep them and their teachers and families in your prayers.



Online giving can be done with your phone using the QR code on the left or use the pew card.

PASTOR:
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY:
LAY READER:
RADIO, LIGHTS AND SOUND SYSTEM:
VIDEO PROJECTION:

*Rev. Greg Gillispie
Melanie A. Vlad
Marissa Welke
Brian Annandono
Alexis Musgrove
Bob Stahl*

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, April 20	- Easter Sunday - Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am
Mon, April 21	- SPIRE Deadline - OA, P..... 10:00 am - Deacons' Meeting, FH 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm - AA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Tues, April 22	- Al-Anon, MC 9:30 am - NA, MC..... 7:00 pm
Wed, April 23	- Someplace Safe, B 5:00 pm - AA, MC..... 6:30 pm
Thur, April 24	- Prayer Talk, FH 9:00 am
Fri, April 25	- Church Office Closed
Sat, April 26	- AA, MC..... 11:00 am
Sun, April 27	- Choir Rehearsal 8:30 am - Worship 10:00 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Confirmation Class 3:00 pm

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

