



Worship for the Second Sunday of Easter

First Presbyterian Church of Warren, Ohio

April 12, 2026 **Those who are able, please stand.* **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. Our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ continues, as the worldwide Church observes a 50-day season of Eastertide.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WE BEGIN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

Living God, for Whom no door is closed, no heart is locked, draw us beyond our doubts, so that we can follow the One Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Help us to see Your Christ and touch His wounds where they bleed in others. Recreate us as Your Easter People, so that we love and serve and worship You in spirit and in truth. Amen.

PRELUDE “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” Held

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Let the risen Lord abide with us this day.

All: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!” No. 245

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Worship Leader*)

***PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison, then Silently)*

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.**

**We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn.

We are deaf to cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace.

Risen Christ, Whose absence leaves us paralyzed

but Whose presence is overwhelming, Your grace astounds us.

**Make Your power and mercy known to us, as we humbly seek Your
perfect redemption....**

(We provide a silent moment for individual confessions.)

***CHORUS**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Chorus Only No. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to God’s name.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

(Worship Leader and In Unison)

Leader: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**

No. 581

GOD’S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

**God of Truth, breathe into our souls the good news of Easter. May
Your Word illuminate our lives with the brightness of Your love.**

**Transform despair into celebration, change hopelessness into
faith, replace doubt with confidence. In the name of Jesus, the Risen
One; Amen.**

THE NIGHT OF THE FIRST EASTER

John 20: 19-23

GOD'S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

*EASTER SONG

“Thine Is the Glory”

No. 238

*THE BLESSING AND THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF JESUS

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

If you are comfortable doing so, please exchange this blessing with several of the people around you.

*POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord”

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A time of conversation and refreshments happens in the Fellowship Hall, just across from the front doors of this worship space.

SPEAKER TODAY IN THE PARLOR: Today’s 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 **today after worship in the Parlor.**

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Sandy Vine**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

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.

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.)*

DESSERT AND DIALOGUE will meet **Thursday, April 16, at 12:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. We will discuss Chapters 15 and 16 of "Accidental Saints."

SPIRE DEADLINE: The deadline for the May Spire is **Monday, April 20**. Please send your articles and pictures to Kathie at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org. Thank you.



The poster features the title "MEET-N-EAT" in a large, red, serif font with decorative flourishes above and below. Underneath, "SPAGHETTI DINNER" is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. The event details are listed in white text on a red background: "Tuesday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m." and "Join us for a delicious spaghetti dinner, salad, and dessert." A white, scalloped-edged badge contains the text "Invite a Friend". At the bottom, there is a photograph of a plate of spaghetti with meat sauce and a basil leaf. Below the photo, it says "Sign-up in Fellowship Hall by Sunday, April 12."

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*Rev. Greg Gillispie
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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, April 12	- Worship	10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B	10:15 am
	- CE Meeting	11:10 am
	- First Sunday Speaker, P	11:15 am
Mon, April 13	- OA, P	10:00 am
	- Cortland Fellowship Group, Otterbein	11:00 am
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- BGA Meeting, FH	6:30 pm
	- Voices of Micah Meeting	7:00 pm
	- Church Life Meeting, Z	7:00 pm
	- AA, MC	7:00 pm
Tues, April 14	- Al-Anon, MC	9:30 am
	- Meet-n-Eat, FH	5:30 pm
	- Girl Scouts, B.....	5:30 pm
	- NA, MC	7:00 pm
Wed, April 15	- Crossroads Bereavement Grp., P	1:00 pm
	- AA, MC	6:30 pm
Thurs, April 16	- Dessert and Dialogue, P	12:00 pm
	- Safety Team Meeting	6:30 pm
	- Worship Meeting	7:00 pm
Fri, April 17	- Church Office Closed	
Sat, April 18	- AA, MC	11:00 am
Sun, April 19	- Choir Rehearsal	8:30 am
	- Worship	10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B	10:15 am
	- Deacons' Meeting, B	11:15 am