

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 13, 2025

Welcome to this service of prayer and praise at First Presbyterian Church. If we can be of service to you in any way, please call the church office on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at (814) 333-2161. Childcare is available in Cornerstone Child Care during the worship service.

SERVING THIS MORNING:

- **The Audio/Video Technician** today is Chuck Clasp.
- **The Cantor** today is Nancy Smith.
- **The Greeters** today are John and Nancy Alexander at 8:30 a.m.; Suzie and Marty Malone, Logan Luce, and Mark Szitas, at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Acolytes** today are Addilynn Mumau at 8:30 a.m.; and Carson Hilburn at 11:00 a.m.
- **The Piano Accompanist** today is Lois Kafferlin.

The Chancel Flowers are provided by Sam and Lacy Stoner in honor of their daughter, Annie Jane, whose 2nd birthday is on April 17.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- † **Friends and members hospitalized, ill, and recovering:** Donna Putney, Rebecca Borthwick-Aiken, Darrell Sivik, Marlene Braham, Randy Puno, Blessie Santos, Ruth Cooper, Erin Hart, Marilyn Robb, Cheri McFate, Jeremy Pruskowski, Carol Young, Ginny Burchfield.
- † **Sympathy to Sam and Kendra Fischer and Family** on the loss of Kendra's grandfather, Robert "Bob" Wellmon, on April 3.
- † **A Celebration of Life for Paul "Crocket" Jones** will be held on Saturday, April 26th at Whispering Pines in Meadville from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- † **The concerns of Lake Erie Presbytery this week:** Bradford First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Katherine Randall and Rev. Rob Klouw, Co-pastors; Rev. Foster E. Mawusi, Ag. Synod Moderator, Upper Northern Presbytery and Chaplain of the E.P. College of Education, Bimbilla.
- † **Members' and Friends' Loved Ones Being Deployed:** Shawn Woolstrum.
- † **Service Personnel:** Tyler Schmidt, Karalyn Adams, Ben Bartoe, Donald Albaugh, Andrew Hall, Travis Jensen, Kirk Mumau and Kloe Peterson.
- † **"The work at Fairview/Fairmont Family Center."** Staff - Rosanne Sommers, Family Center Director, Emily Seibel, Assistant, and Allegheny Bonner students Azalia and Niyah.
- † **The mission work of Ross and Mary Hunter (Ecuador), Rev. Celestin Musekura (E. Africa - ALARM), Donnie Brake (South Sudan - SEA Partners), Andrew and Amy Funka (Ingalls Creek, WA), Medical Benevolence, Living Waters of the World, Presbytery of Redstone, (PA Wee Kirk Conferences), Presbyterian Disaster Relief, Haiti Children (Compassion International), Myoung Ho Yang and Ji Yeon Yoo (Thailand - Payap University), The Carter Foundation, Josh Heikkila (West Africa - PCUSA), Rev. Mark Adams and Miriam Escobar (U.S./Mexican Border - PCUSA), Cindy Corell (Joining Hands Against Hunger, Haiti - PCUSA), Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez Migration and Human trafficking, Philippines - PCUSA), Dr. Larry and Inge Sthresley (Health, Hunger and Malnutrition Programs, Democratic Republic of the Congo - PCUSA), Josh and Carli Cumpston (Frozen Chosen Artic Barnabas Ministry) Remote Alaska.**

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Sunday, April 13

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School & Youth Group

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Monday, April 14

6:30 p.m. – Deacon Meeting

Tuesday, April 15

1:00 p.m.– Praying for Children

Wednesday, April 16

4:15 p.m. – CE Meeting

7:15 p.m. – *Soulstice*

Thursday, April 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. – Tenebrae Service
with Holy Communion

Friday, April 18

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. – Musical Reflections on the
Seven Last Words of Christ

Saturday, April 19

Sunday, April 20

**RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

8:30 a.m. – Worship

9:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. – Worship

Attendance Last Week (April 6, 2025):

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. – 109

Online Views – 55

Total Giving – \$3,545.00

2025 Per Capita to date – \$1,188.00

Total Due to Presbytery – \$20,860.00

(2025 Per Capita per member - \$35.00)

P.R.A.Y will not meet in April.

CHILDREN'S
Sunday School

Our Elementary Sunday school is using a new curriculum entitled "NEW LIFE". The resurrection of Jesus heralds a NEW LIFE brimming with hope and joy, a promise that inspires and uplifts. This new life is a beacon of forgiveness, eternal joy, and an everlasting bond with God.

MISSION
Committee

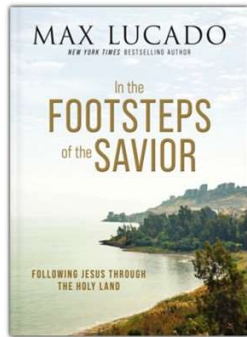
The Mission Committee is collecting monetary donations for Women's Services to refurbish their rooms. They will be painting the walls and replacing the linens and drapes. Please make your check out to "FPC" and write "Women's Services" in the memo. Thank you!

We have received an Easter Flower Insert which has no name on the order form. 2 tulips were ordered in Memory of Loved Ones, and in Honor of Our Children and Their Families. Please call the church office at 814-333-2161 if this sounds like your order. Thank you!

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE



Stephen Ministry: If you have an immediate prayer need, contact the on-call Stephen Minister listed below. (Please note this is meant to supplement, not replace, the prayer line, which offers long-term, ongoing prayer.) Our goal is simply to offer the important ministry of one-on-one, confidential conversation and prayer as the immediate need arises. **For this week, the on-call Stephen Minister is Doris Foster. She can be reached at 814-336-2575.**



Adult Bible Study: Join Max Lucado on an inspirational journey through the Holy Land. Discover God's heart for his people and his deep love for you. As Max weaves together the insights from his own travels to Israel, he will guide you to walk where Jesus walked and ponder the promises he made. This video Bible study will provide you an encounter with the life-changing Holy One as you follow in the footsteps of the Savior through the Holy Land.



KNIT UNTO OTHERS: Get your needles and yarn out! Knit Unto Others meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the church library. Anyone interested in the fellowship of knitting, crocheting or cross stitching is welcome. We make prayer shawls for those in need of the warmth of God's love, and the comfort, prayers, and support from their friends of faith. If you have any questions, you can contact Kandy Davis at 814-807-0156 or ksdavis70@zoominternet.net.



Our national denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA), has recently unveiled a newly redesigned and expanded website. Visit www.pcusa.org to access a wide array of information: historical documents, domestic and international mission news, worship resources, videos/podcasts, and much more. (There's even a church locator, for the next time you're on vacation!)



Our next Soulstice gathering will be on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:15 p.m.



One Great Hour of Sharing is typically received during the season of Lent, each gift received supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From the initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please make your check out to First Presbyterian Church and write One Great Hour in the memo. Thank you!



"Praying for Children" (momsinprayer.org) will resume meetings on April 15. Please join us in the Library at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays to pray for your children and their schools. Every child needs a praying Mom, Grandma or Friend!!



Congratulations to Maddie Black, Anna Claspy, Lydia Green, Carson Hilburn, and Perry Hilburn. These teens joined First Presbyterian Church after a year of study lead by Chuck Claspy and Chris Lafferty.



PASTORAL VISITS AND MINISTERIAL CARE. If you or a loved one have been hospitalized, have undergone a large life change, or need spiritual guidance and would like a visit from your pastor, please contact Rev. Ben Black or the church office. **Additionally, The Stephen Ministry has 6 people who are available to pray with you and render spiritual support.**



Thank you to the church members and friends who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We had a wonderful time. If by chance you find an egg in the sanctuary, please take the treat inside, but place the plastic egg in the basket on the Welcome Table. Your support for the children of our church is amazing. Hope you have a Happy and Blessed Easter. -Vickie

After Easter, the Worship & Music Committee will begin sorting through the music storage area, located off the choir room. We anticipate removing hymnals, books, vinyl records, percussion instruments, posters, and other items we haven't used in decades. Please feel free to peek in and take anything that might be of interest to you, before it ends up in the dumpster!



The Church will be closed on Saturday mornings unless there is a major event taking place. So please call the church office if you need to plan an event.



Fairview Fairmont Family Center The children are bursting with energy, and we're all looking forward to the Spring weather. Tuesdays are our busiest days with over twenty children attending our afterschool program and around 10 teens attending our youth nights. During Messy Church, we had a "Fruits of the Spirit" scavenger hunt. The kids loved it! The Grown-up and Me Program for younger children continues to be a success. The parents and little ones that attend are building caring relationships with one another.



Are you having trouble hearing Rev. Black and the Liturgist during Sunday Worship? Why not try using one of the assistive listening devices on the Welcome Table beside the broadcast booth. Simply place the earpiece in one of your ears, turn the device on and adjust the volume to your liking. There are also headphones available for those that have hearing aids and are unable to use the earpieces. If you would like to try using the headphones, please see Vickie Fischer or call the church office. We will be placing an order shortly.



AS A CHURCH FAMILY we would like to come together to celebrate the joyous marriage of Elijah Boyd and Sherry McDonald. If you would like to show your love and well wishes, **you may drop off your monetary gift at the church office by April 24th.** Checks can be written out to "FPC" with "WEDDING" written in the memo. We will give the happy couple this gift at their wedding reception.

Hosanna
in the highest!