



He has appeared once for
all at the end of the age
**to remove sin by the
sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 9:26, NRSV



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson; Ryan Whitman, trombone
There Is A Balm in Gilead
(Lynn Peterson)

Call to Worship

Ellen Sharp

Leader: Give thanks to our risen Lord this holy day.

People: May we continue to celebrate the good news of Easter day.

Leader: Today we celebrate anew the wondrous hope and joyous promise of new life lived in the presence of our risen Lord.

People: Now in our worship we celebrate with great thanksgiving and join together in songs and hymns of praise and adoration.

† **Hymn of Easter**

#232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

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 ignore the cries of the oppressed and are indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust Your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Easter Carol

(Alfred Fedak)

“Christ the Lord is risen today,” all creation joins to say; Raise your songs and triumphs high; sing ye heavens, and earth reply. Vain the stone, the watch, the sea; Christ has burst the gates of hell! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia! Lives again our glorious King; where, O death is now thy sting? Dying once, He all doth save; where thy victory, o grave? Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; Made like Him, like Him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia! Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to Thee by both be given; Thee we greet triumphant now; hail, the resurrection, thou! King of glory, Soul of bliss, everlasting life is this; Thee to know, Thy power to prove, thus to sing and thus to love! Alleluia!

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 9:11—14, 24—28 (NRSV)

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, ¹² He entered once for all into the holy place, not with the blood of goats and calves but with His own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but He entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer Himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, ²⁶ for then He would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

L: The Word of the Lord **P: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 79 (tune: Festal Song)

#430

Remember Not, O God

Remember not, O God, the sins of long ago;
in tender mercy visit us, distressed and humbled low.

O Lord, our Savior, help, and glorify Your name;
deliver us from all our sins and take away our shame.

Then, safe within Your fold, we will exalt Your name;
our thankful hearts with songs of joy Your goodness will
proclaim.

† **The Gospel Lesson**

John 14:1—6 (NRSV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. ²In My Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

L: This is the Holy Gospel of Christ! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Pastor Bill Pollack

One and Done

† **Hymn of Response**

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

*O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
[Refrain]

Nothing can for sin atone nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done nothing but the blood of Jesus.
[Refrain]

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus.
[Refrain]

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Backpack Ministry

† **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#233

The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
and listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
(Healy Willan, John Ferguson)

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kim Whitman*
Liturgist: *Ellen Sharp*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 127
General Offering: \$2,749.00
Clean Start: \$98.75
Easter Flowers: \$155.00
Memorial: \$100.00
Online Offering: \$453.72
Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$125.50
Total Offering: \$3,681.79

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► **Sunday, April 7**

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m./Flip Through Philipians
Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.
Children/Youth Membership Class, Noon
Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m.

► **Monday, April 8**

Ministry Teams Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
205th Celebration Planning Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

► **Wednesday, April 10**

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans
Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► **Thursday, April 11**

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

► **Friday, April 12**

Parents' Night Out, 5:30 p.m.

► **Saturday, April 13**

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering, 10 a.m.



Saturday, April 13, 2024

**First Presbyterian Church,
Richmond, KY**

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
SPRING GATHERING**

Celebrate how "Mother Earth provides food security" with
keynote speaker, Jim Embry of Richmond, KY

ALL are welcome, 10:00 a.m. to noonish

Free Zoom access:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81444963697>

For voice only, dial (646) 931-3860 and enter 814
4496 3697 when the meeting ID is requested.
Neither of these methods require a password.

You may be requested to provide your church and the names of
those who are attending virtually with you.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

The church is having a rummage sale on **Saturday, April 20** in the Bethesda Community Hall from **9 a.m.–1 p.m.**

We are asking for donations to be dropped off at the church the week of the sale:

- Monday (April 15): 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 5–6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday (April 16): 11a.m.–2 p.m.
- Wednesday (April 17): 1 p.m.–3 p.m.
- Thursday (April 18): 11 a.m.–2 p.m.; 4–6:30 p.m.
- Friday (April 19): 11a.m.–2 p.m.



We also need donations of plastic shopping bags. **Please do not donate clothing or shoes.** All proceeds from this sale will be used to purchase new kitchen supplies such as plates, pots, pans, etc. Share the word with your friends and family. Thank you for your kind support. Contact Barb Payne (606.922.6617) with questions.

KARA'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Kara's birthday is coming soon, and we are inviting you to join in the celebration, following Morning Worship on **Sunday, April 21**. Kara has a special ministry with our children. Help us say thanks! The celebration will be in the Narthex. A basket will be available for cards and/or other expressions of appreciation.



GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED



If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college, or trade school, please contact the church office by **Sunday, April 21**. We need the graduate's name, school, and the type of degree. The graduates' names will be published in the May *Heartbeats* and the worship bulletin.



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Please Join Us in Celebrating

NANCY PAYNE'S

Ninety-fifth Birthday

APRIL 21, 2024

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1600 WINCHESTER AVE ASHLAND

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 4, 2024

Johnny Justice (Jane Justice's stepson)
Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)
Ron Patton (Nanette & Pastor Bill)

Week ending March 28, 2024

Kyle Call (Nanette & Pastor Bill)
Kim Harper (Judy & Dave Eby's daughter)
Jane Justice
Sue Lichtenberger (Mary Patterson)
Greg Sanders (Pastor Bill's brother-in-law)
Catherine, Princess of Wales (David Murphy)
Ann Wiseman

Week ending March 21, 2024

Family of David Hanbury (Cathy Wilson)
Jan & Charlie Holbrook
Sandra Johns (Pastor Bill)
Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)
Wilma Potter
(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)
Family of Uma Swanson (Max Jackson)
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Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)
Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)

Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)
Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster, Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2023	2024	2025
<i>Mitch Hall</i>	<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>
<i>Ryan Whitman</i>	<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>
	<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: TBD	Membership: TBD
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud & Kim Whitman</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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