

EASTER
SUNDAY



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Today, Triumphant, God's Son Arose

J.S. Bach

† **Call to Worship**

JT Norris

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

L: The stone has been rolled away!

P: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

L: Christ is risen!

P: He is risen indeed!

† **Processional Hymn**

#246

Christ is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth can feel the Spirit,
hear the call, and find the way, the life,
the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with
joy, with justice, love, and praise.

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession

God of all ages and all people, the shadows and gloom of Good Friday have been dispersed by the light and color of Easter Sunday. We rejoice in Your power that turns our sorrow into joy, our despair into hope, our defeat into victory and evil into goodness. Help us on this Easter morning, O God, to burst out of the tombs that have trapped us: tombs of selfishness and sinfulness, greed and gluttony, pride, and prejudice. Let now a new life of divine grace and human love burst forth from each of us this Easter day. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, the Risen One. Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

† Response

#245 (3)

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's your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Easter Anthem

Chancel Choir

The Lord Is Risen Indeed

The Lord is risen indeed! Halleluia! Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. And did He rise? Hear it ye nations! Hear it, O ye dead! He rose, He burst the bars of death, and triumphed o'er the grave. Then I rose, then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal portals of light and seized eternal youth. Man, all immortal hail. Heaven all lavish of strange gifts to man, Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12 – 20 (NRSV)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that He raised Christ—whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Psalm 118

#681

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are all God's own. Let heaven rejoice; let earth be glad, and praise surround the throne.

Hosanna to the anointed King, to David's holy Son!

Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from the throne.

Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with messages of grace,
who comes in this accepted hour to save our sinful race.

Hosanna in the highest strains the church on earth can raise!
The highest heavens in which God reigns shall now resound with praise.

† The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 24:1–9 (NRSV)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the

dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered His words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

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

Sermon

Rev. Bill Pollack

The Journey to the Tomb

✠ We Respond to God's Word ✠

† **Hymn of Response**

#248

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

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On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† Doxology

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

† Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn of Communion

#515 (1,4,5)

I Come With Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

✠ The Lord's Supper ✠

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right . . . Hear us, gracious God, as we join creation's song and sing Your eternal praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

. . . With thanksgiving, we celebrate the good news bringing great joy in celebration of an empty tomb as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (2x)

Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit . . . Through Christ, all glory and honor are Yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People (Intinction)

Prayer After Communion

✠ **We Are Sent in God's Name** ✠

† **Easter Voluntary**

Choir and Congregation

Halleluiah! – from “Messiah”

Georg Frederik Handel

The congregation is invited to join the choir on the chancel during the singing of this majestic hymn. The music is provided or just sing where you are.

† **Charge & Benediction**

† *Standing as you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Ushers: *Cathy & Larry Wilson*

Liturgist: *JT Norris*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 90

General Offering: \$3,765.00

Backpack Ministry: \$20.00

Easter Flowers: \$30.00

Organ Repair: \$30.00

Online Offering: \$1,459.60

Total Offering: \$5,304.60

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, April 20

Sunday Morning Study, 9:28 a.m./cancelled

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Harmony of the Gospels, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m. will resume 5/18

► Tuesday, April 22

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

► Wednesday, April 23

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

Bells Rehearsal, 5:45 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► Thursday, April 24

Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Earth Care Reception

Following morning worship on Sunday, April 27, there will be a Youth-led Earth Care reception in the narthex. Our youth will present details about their project and discuss ways our congregation can support their efforts.



College Care Packages



The Empty Nesters group is organizing a care package initiative for our college students during the month of April. We will have boxes available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to contribute. If you're interested in participating, please feel free to drop off a note of

encouragement, a treat, or a gift card to help our students get through their final exams. Your support can make a big difference during this stressful time.



“Do Everything in Love”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

2025 Spring Gathering

for All Women in Transylvania

Presbytery

Saturday, April 26, 2025

at The Cynthiana Presbyterian Church

**See Bettie
George for
more
information.**

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration
coffee & refreshments

10:00 a.m. Gathering including lunch
Lunch and Registration \$15.00 per person

Join in person in Cynthiana or join via Zoom.

Worship leader **The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Jones Powell,**
Pastor, First Presbyterian Church - Mt. Sterling

“Loving Our Neighbors” program,
Ginny Harville Baker, Volunteer, Kentucky Refugee Ministries and
Mizari Suarez, Exec. Director, Neighbors’ Immigration Clinic

► *Please bring Cancelled U.S. and World postage stamps
for the Stamp Out Hunger Program.*



(No non-profit stamps, please.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 17, 2025

Eric Patterson (Kris Adkins)

Harriet Pedersen (Kris Adkin's niece)

Week ending April 10, 2025

Bob Poore

Week ending April 3, 2025

Jimmy Hall

Mikayla Montgomery (Nanette's niece)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Pastor Bill; Gretchen Dillon; Bill Gesling; Lee Hall; Charlie Holbrook; Dr. Matthew Lewis; Kenny McGill; Derek Payne; Nancy Payne; Bonnie Pettijohn; Tim Shephard; Kim Whitman; Jan Winans; Ann Wiseman

Kingsbrook Care Center: Barry Barbour

The Lantern: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Greg Weston (Kuwait); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)



OUR EASTER GIFT

Thanks to Easter, what wonderful gift does God give us?

Directions: Start at the given letter, move one space in the direction each arrow points. Write the last letter in each sequence in the spaces provided. Then write those answers in order on the blanks below to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y

1. C → ↓ ↓ _____
2. H → ↑ → _____
3. V ↑ → ↓ _____
4. I ← ← ↑ _____
5. T ↑ ← ↑ _____
6. P ↑ → → ↓ _____
7. D ↓ → ↓ ↓ _____
8. T ↑ ← ↑ ← _____



Praise be to the God and Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ!

In his great mercy he has given us

_____ into a living hope through the
resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of:

Given by:

Millard Adkins; Henry, Andy & Debbie Pedersen

Kris Adkins & Family (1 hyacinth, 1 lily, 1 tulip)

Judy Fannin

Libby & Larry Albright (1 tulip)

Mona & Gene Morgan Family; Phyllis Tiffey

Kathleen Filkins (2 hyacinths)

Family, Friends & Loved Ones

Dewitt Goodman (1 tulip)

Charles & Ardis Holbrook; Dr. Paul & Ann Smith

Charlie & Jan Holbrook (2 hyacinths)

Our Mothers; Departed Choir Members

Lois & Max Jackson

(1 hyacinth, 1 tulip)

Nancy Lazear

Andrew & Donna Jones (1 tulip)

Loved Ones

Don, Judy & Mike Lilly (2 tulips)

Family & Loved Ones

Pastor Bill & Nanette (1 tulip)

George & Genevieve Potter; Everett & Lucille Hall

Pam & Roger Potter (2 lilies)

Isaac Rigsby, Shawn Rigsby

Melissa Rigsby (4 tulips)

Jeff Sanders, son of Judy Sanders

Judith Sanders (1 lily)

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Fahrson; Sharon Fahrson

Lisa Stevens (1 tulip)

Justine Deters; Jim, Jean and James Robinson

Heather Shay (1 hyacinth)

Art & Helen Harry; Katherine M. Harry

Linda Trimboli (2 tulips)

G. Marcus Woodward

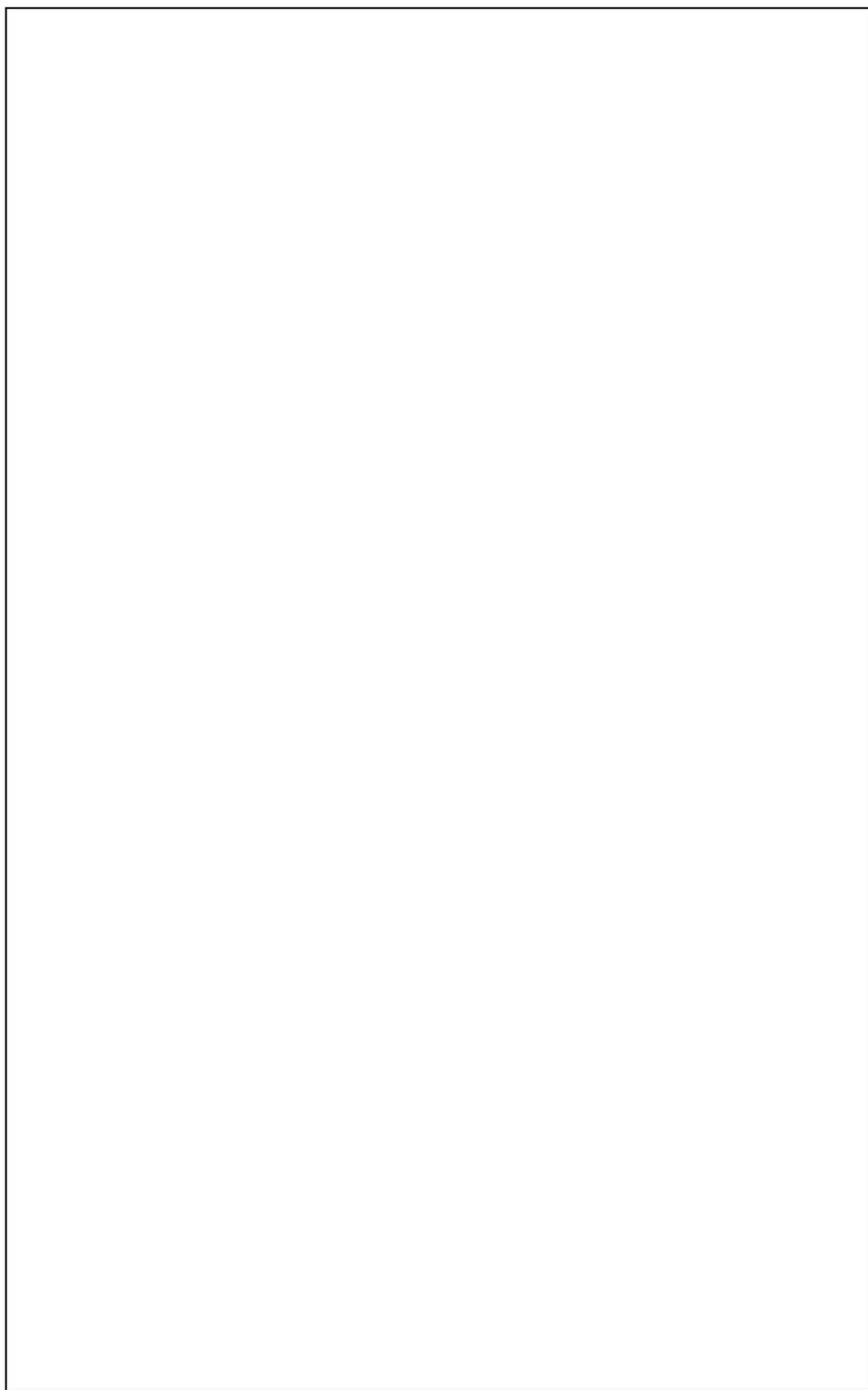
Sandy Woodward (1 lily)

Thank you for purchasing Easter flowers.

You may take your flowers following Morning Worship.



Happy
Easter



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*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
*2nd term of service		

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</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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