



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Pastor Bill Pollack

Prelude

Max Jackson

Prelude in G Major

(J S Bach)

Call to Worship

Kim Whitman

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 your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

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?

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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 (tune: St. Anne)

#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

Pastor Bill Pollack

Easter Comes!

† 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!

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Sing Praise To Christ

(Johann Kuhnau)

Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praises.

Sing praise to Christ, our risen Savior and King!

Adore Him forever and worship His name!

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† 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

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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. 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 – Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

† 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

(We will distribute the bread and cup to you in the pew. You may eat of the bread individually as your act of repentance to God. Please hold on to the cup so that we might receive this together.)

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 and Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Ryan Whitman*

Liturgist: *Kim Whitman*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 104

General Offering: \$7,658.75

Building Rent: \$150.00

CARes: \$80.00

Easter Flowers: \$165.00

Memorial: \$25.00

One Great Hour of Sharing: \$100.00

Online Offering: \$335.00

Total Offering: \$8,513.75

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, March 31

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m./Cancelled

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m./Cancelled

Monday, April 1

Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team Meeting, 5 p.m.

Horizons Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

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

Open Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, April 4

Paper Angels, 1 p.m.



Please join us for a 4-week study April 7, 14, 21 & 28 as we “Flip Through Philippians” for a brief overview of the book. See you at 9:18 a.m. (*John Ferguson*)

CHILDREN/YOUTH MEMBERSHIP CLASSES



Pastor Bill will conduct a membership class for children/youth who desire to become members of First Presbyterian Church. The classes will meet **April 7, 14, 28** immediately following morning worship in the Bethesda Community Hall. A light lunch will be

provided for participants. If interested, contact Pastor Bill (email: pastor@fpcaky.org or cell: 606.547.1802).

FPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS

The FPC PW Coordinating Team will meet in the Fellowship Hall at **5 p.m. on Monday, April 1.**



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

Jim Embry is a nationally recognized for his work for local-healthy-just food systems; winner of the 2023 Leadership award from the James Beard Foundation; leading civil rights activist, eco-activist farmer, educator, and speaker; UK grad; co-founded the Good Foods Co-op in Lexington; and was very involved in the startup of Glean, KY.

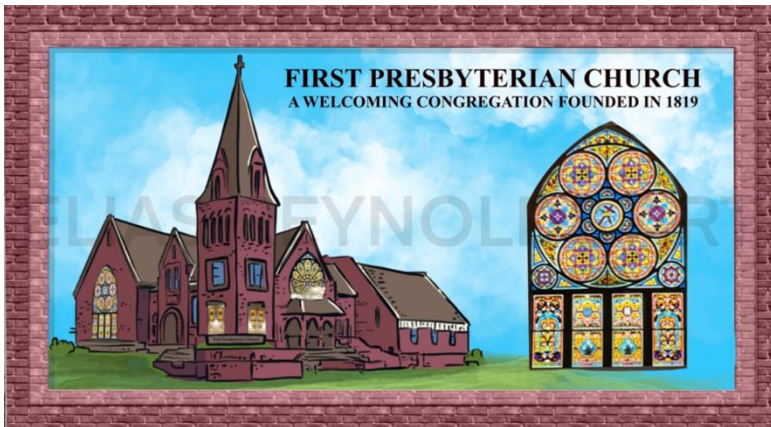
Fellowship and coffee time begins at 9:30 a.m.; and the Gathering will start at 10 in the sanctuary. After the program, there will be a box lunch at noon. **COME IN PERSON or ZOOM with us (see Registration Flyer for details).** We will then return to our churches (*hopefully*) on winged feet filled with enthusiasm for the work of women in our churches!

The cost is \$15 per person, which includes coffee and lunch. **ADVANCED REGISTRATION** is required by **April 5 to Emily Carroll**, Treasurer, 409 Cheyenne Trail, Georgetown, KY 40324, including check (payable to “PW of Transylvania Presbytery”). No refunds after April 5.

If interested in joining via Zoom, please contact Bettie George Frye ASAP (606.831.8579).

FPC MURAL COMING TO THE FLOODWALL

The Women of FPC approved funding for a FPC mural on the Ashland Train Depot floodwall. Estimated completion: Summer 2024.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parents! You enjoyed your “quiet” the last time. Here is another opportunity to get out and have some “you” time! Parents’ Night Out is **Friday, April 12 from 5:30—8 p.m.** Drop off the kids here at Church and then go shopping, out to eat or just go home and rest! There will be fun activities for the kids including crafts, snacks, and a whole lot of fun! Mark your calendar and have some fun!



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: **NO CLOTHING OR SHOES.**

- ▶ 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.

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.

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.



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Please Join Us in Celebrating
NANCY PAYNE'S
Ninety-fifth Birthday

APRIL 21, 2024
DROP-IN FROM 2 - 4 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1600 WINCHESTER AVE ASHLAND

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 (KDMC)

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)

Nessible Telamisova (Kim Whitman)

Week ending March 14, 2024

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Carol Sanderson

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, Dayton, OH, son of Kris Adkins); Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman); Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

EASTER FLOWERS

In Honor of:

Given by:

Phyllis Tiffey *Kathleen Filkins* (1 hyacinth)

Our Grandchildren: Anna, Kate, Bo, Will & Henry
JT & Kelly Norris (2 Hyacinths)

Our Sisters: Kim Burgin, Susan Martell, Sharon McKnight, Debbie Sanders
Pastor Bill & Nanette Pollack (2 tulips)

In Memory of:

Given by:

Millard Adkins; Henry, Andy & Debbie Pedersen *Kris Adkins & Family* (1 hyacinth, 1 lily, 1 tulip)

Ervin & Catherine Burke; Carl & Dorothy Crace
Cathy Crace (2 hyacinths)

John & Todd Harvey; Roger Cooper III *Carol Harvey Cooper, Ryan, Kaitie & Patrick Cooper* (3 tulips)

Allison Ange (daughter); Dan & Anne Coleman (parents); Ted Coleman (brother) *Nancy Compton* (1 hyacinth, 2 lilies, 1 tulip)

Gene Morgan Family *Kathleen Filkins* (2 hyacinths)

Family, Friends & Loved Ones *Dewitt Goodman* (1 tulip)

Pauline Steele; Homer Goodwin *Jessica Goodwin* (1 tulip, 1 lily)

Our Mothers, Departed Choir Members *Lois & Max Jackson*
(1 lily, 1 tulip)

Family & Friends; Robert Waldron *Don & Judy Lilly* (2 tulips)

Kris Phipps; Tom Phipps *Betty & Charles Phipps* (1 tulip, 1 lily)

Isaac Rigsby, Shawn Rigsby *Melissa Rigsby* (4 tulips)

Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Wood *Judith Sanders* (1 hyacinth)

Sheba *Scott & Carol Sanderson* (1 lily)

Justine Deters; Jamie Robinson; Jim & Jean Robinson
Heather Shay (1 hyacinth, 1 lily, 1 tulip)

Art & Helen Harry *Linda Trimboli* (1 lily)

EASTER FLOWERS CONTINUED

In Memory of:

Given by:

Roger Cooper, Jr.; Janet Cooper; Roger Cooper III

Cathy Cooper – Weidner, Lee & Drew Weidner (3 tulips)

Jim & Stella Jane Willis

Kim & Mike Whitman (1 hyacinth)

Ruth Faulkner (Greg's mother); Alvonnia Hall (Geri's mother)

Geri & Greg Willis (2 tulips)

Loved Ones

Cathy & Larry Wilson (3 hyacinths)

Loved Ones

Jan Winans (2 hyacinths; 1 lily)

*Thank you for purchasing Easter flowers.
You may take your flowers following Morning Worship.*



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: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>TBD</i>
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>

To visit the church website, scan the code below.



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