

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 11, 2021

2nd Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

Aria in the Style of a Reverie

Young

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE & POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

Worship is marked by lighting the Christ candle, a reminder that Christ is present among us.

The pouring of the water reminds us that in baptism we are cleansed, delivered, raised, forgiven, reborn, anointed, restored, and strengthened for a life of faith.

INTROIT

Come Inside

Don Besig

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist:

Leader: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.
Gather once more to testify to life.

People: **We declare to each other what we have experienced.
In community we find the life God intends.**

Leader: Early believers were of one heart and soul.
We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

People: **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

Leader: Peace be with you as we celebrate the resurrection.
Christ is with us to renew our faith.

People: **We are here to testify to God's grace.
We will share our story and ourselves.**

***HYMN #246**

Christ Is Alive! (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Truro

***CALL TO CONFESSION:**

Leader: If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we have done wrong. Join me in confession.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe and live the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **How can we thank God for such a gift as this?**

Leader: Believe it and live it. Live it to the fullness of life!

People: **Hallelujah and Amen!**

Leader: Yes, shout "Hallelujah!"

All: **Hallelujah! Amen!**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

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*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. (3X)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4: 32-35

PSALM

Psalm 118

Psalter Response "*Alleluia*" (sung 6x)

ANTHEM

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Dan Forrest

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE READING

1 John 1:1-2:2

SERMON

Complete Joy

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***HYMN #234**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (vs. 1, 2)

St. Kevin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER ("debts")

OFFERING of OUR TITHES and GIFTS

Offertory

Kyrie

Frescobaldi

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Child, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #233

The Day of Resurrection! (vs. 1, 2)

Lancashire

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Closing Prayer

Don Besig

*POSTLUDE

Festal Piece

G.F. Handel

Today's Prayers: Ann Marie Montgomery, Bill Titus, Dale LaPointe, Marsha Foster, Mary Frances Moss, Jason Sybert, along with all those on the front line sacrificing so much for the rest of us, all teachers, all victims of abuse, racial inequalities, all those adversely affected by the Covid-19 and for our nation.



In 1620 Pastor John Robinson sent the Pilgrims off to America with a final sermon in which he talked about "more light." He believed that God wants us to be continually open to hearing new things from God's Word in the Bible. A "More Light"

Presbyterian church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons to full participation in the life, ministry, and witness of the congregation. We work to expand the inclusiveness of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Christ Welcomes All!

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A word of thanks - Thank you for your support upon Bill's death. The church family has sent cards and flowers and has brought us meals. You've called and emailed to let us know you care. We feel blessed.

Shirley Brannan & Jennifer Brannan Phillips

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Week of April 11 thru April 18

- SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:00 p.m. Service Project: Community Garden
- MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Kindred Spirits
- TUESDAY 5:30 p.m. Personnel Committee in Pastor David's office
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Meeting via Zoom
- WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting in person in Fellowship Hall
- THURSDAY 6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
- SATURDAY 10:30 a.m. Christian Education Meeting via Zoom
- SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:15 a.m. Staff Meeting in Pastor David's office
- 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Class in the Fellowship Hall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Sunday Afternoon Gatherings

The newly created Youth Council (The CE Committee, the Youth Advisors, and the Youth) have planned programs, activities, gatherings, and studies for young and old, some in-person (at a safe distance and masked) and some on-online. You are **ALL INVITED EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 1 PM.**



April 11 – Service project – building Garden Beds – Join us as we gather together to build five raised beds for the community garden. We will gather at 1 p.m. on our Green Space with Corky Dunsmore & Dar Bevelhymer.

April 18 – Confirmation Class: *What Does it Mean to Show Christ's Love?* In the Fellowship Hall.



April 25-Field Day with Recreation Specialist Rev. David Montgomery. Fun and frolicking for all. Pastor David has a bachelor's degree in Recreation Leadership and a career full of experiences. There will be activities for all ages and all physical abilities. Come for FUN!

Kindred Spirits – On Monday, April 12th, the circle will meet via Zoom at 7 p.m. to discuss this month's topic, "God Laments," For connection information please call Julie Smith Maekask (419-247-1794)

It's time for the Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering ...one of two special offerings of Presbyterian Women. This year there are three major projects for large amounts!



- The first Golden Gate Ranch in Des Moines, Iowa...a Christian organization that provides for housing and restorative & transitional services for women who have been sexually exploited and their children. Requested amount is \$150,000.
- Memorial Drive Ministries in Sone Mountain, GA will be the second recipient. Seven churches, including the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta support these ministries which provide a place of welcome to diverse worshipping communities and services. Requested amount is \$77,061.
- A mission hospital in Malawi, Africa is the third recipient. The grant will provide funds for a women's health center ... area specifically for women's services adjacent to the existing hospital. Requested amount is \$128,145.

Please support this offering by making a check out to Presbyterian Women with "birthday offering" in the memo. Checks can be dropped off at the church or sent to the PW treasurer, Alyce Platz. Thanks for your generosity.



Join us for a **Safe Zone Worship on Saturday, April 24th from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. FPC-Bowling Green** is a More Light Presbyterian Church: We are a community of believers who worship and serve God in a changing world.

Our congregation fosters relationships with BGSU faculty, students and staff. We welcome and affirm persons of every race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, family status, economic status, and physical, mental, or emotional ability into full participation in our faith community. Safe Zone Trainers: Gray Strains & Team. Contact Christina Guenther cguenth@bgsu.edu if you have any questions.

Zoom Invitation:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82229800118?pwd=NkxZNmwzMzN0YmlCSks1c3JERzVpQT09>
Meeting ID: 822 2980 0118

Christ Is Alive!

1. Chris is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
3. In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers while, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
4. 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.

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1. Come, you faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness! God has brought forth Israel into joy from sadness, loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
2. 'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ has burst his prison, and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has risen. All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.

The Day of Resurrection!

1. The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
2. Let hearts be purged of 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.