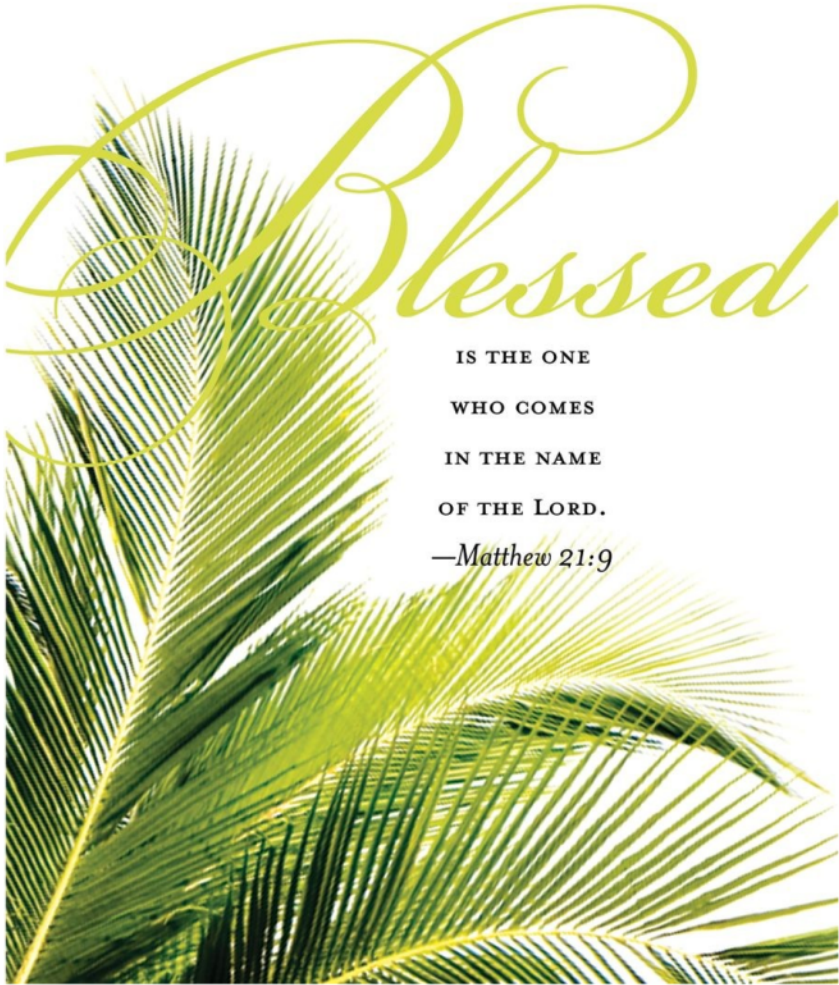


First Presbyterian Church of Harrison



**Deep Roots, Tall Steeple;
Serving Christ, Transforming People
April 13, 2025 - 10:45am**



+ Palm Sunday +



WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize Him, and therefore did not worship Him. Today, we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who He is, that we might worship Him in truth. People of God, behold and see Your God!

P: We open our eyes to see His glory. We open our ears to hear His wisdom. We open our hands to offer Him gifts. We open our mouths to sing His praise. We open our hearts to offer Him our love. He is Lord! Hallelujah! Let us worship Him!

*OPENING HYMN

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

#204

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Like the people who greeted Jesus as He entered Jerusalem and then later pronounced “Crucify Him,” we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus’ last week helps us to see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a Savior, a Savior – praise God! – we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, let us now confess our sins to God:

P: O Lord, who on this day entered the rebellious city that later rejected You, we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem’s, that our faith is often more show than substance, and that our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives! Help us to lay at Your feet all that we have and all that we are, trusting You to forgive what is sinful, to heal what is broken, to welcome our praises, and to receive us as Your own. We pray these things in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

(time of silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Please stand, if able.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#639

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life;
surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and I shall feast at the table
spread for me: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days, all the
days of my life, all the days, all the days of my life.”

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Cherub Choir

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WE HEAR THE WORD

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: Large Print Bibles are available by entrances to the Sanctuary :
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READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 23:32-43 pgs. 830-831

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Ride on in Majesty”

Charleton

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 2:1-10 pg. 917

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“The Man on the Middle Cross Said So”

WE RESPOND

*RESPONSIVE HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

#221

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

#14

Joining our voices with the saints across the ages, let us confess our faith:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER

OUR OFFERINGS IN RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

#813

“For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these
fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our
praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.”

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

#229

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joshua Long

Music Director/Pianist: Beth Snape Audio/Video: Tom Steuver

Liturgist: Erwin Hein Moments with Children: Cherub Choir

Head Usher: Barry Fury Ushers: Tim Frenz, Deanna Jones, Lana Bybee

**LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR**



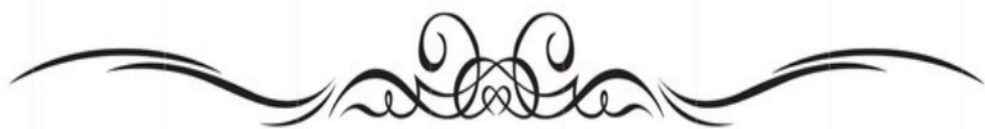
Notice: Our April Love Thy Neighbor mission is for **Loads of Love**. Items needed are: laundry detergent (preferably the pods) and dryer sheets. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping the needy in our community.

Congratulations

Today, we are ordaining and installing Susie Palmer as a deacon. Congratulations and Thank you to Susie for answering God's call to serve the Church of Jesus Christ!



A small group of us enjoy meeting at top of Sandusky Hill (Turn around and park on the downhill side of the road) at 7am on Resurrection Sunday. We would love for you to come join us to Celebrate our risen Savior! We have a very nice short service, enjoy nature and the sunrise. We have songs, scripture, prayer and a short message. Contact Mary Craft with any questions.





Online Giving

Online Giving is available for First Presbyterian Church. Visit our webpage at harrisonpresbyterian.com and click on the GIVE NOW button or scan this QR code. Call the office with any questions.



Pastor's BIBLE STUDY

The Pastor's Bible Study

Bible Study is on Monday evening at 7pm in the Conference Room - and all are welcome! Join us as we continue studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians!



FELLOWSHIP TABLE

Apr. 20	Debbie McCane
Apr. 27	Barb Wolf
May 4	OPEN
May 11	Nancy Platt

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

April

13	Steve Coleman
15	Emma Trabel
17	Sean McCauley, Wayne Brown

Prayer Warriors Needed!

Please join us on Wednesdays at noon in the library as we pray for our church, our community, our nation and our world.

**I AM A
PRAYER
WARRIOR**

“God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain, but without stain.” - C.S. Lewis

The Essentials! We are taking a brief break in this sermon series. Be sure to join us for the following messages coming up:

- **20 April** - special Resurrection Sunday message
- **27 April** - "The Helper" (John 14:15-31, John 16:1-15) - The Holy Spirit
- **4 May** - Pastor on Study Leave - Rev. Chuck Testas preaching

This series will continue into May and June!

Lenten Mission Project

Our mission project this year is Samaritan's Purse. They are an international evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world with the goal of sharing the love

of Jesus Christ. Samaritan's Purse was founded on February 25, 1970 by Dr. Bob Pierce, and William Franklin Graham III has been Chairman and President since 1979. Their international headquarters are located in the United States with affiliate offices in five countries, field offices in fifteen, and ministry partners in more than 100 countries. What they do: animals, agriculture & livelihoods; children's programs; construction programs; crisis & disaster relief; discipleship, education & training; feeding programs; health & medical programs; water, sanitation & hygiene; and women's programs. There are packets available in Faith Hall for more information. See Judy Gibbs with any questions. **Our goal is \$2500 and you can make your checks out to First Presbyterian Church with Samaritan's Purse on the memo line.**



Four ways to watch our service:

**Church
Secretary**



During the service live-stream our 10:45 service each Sunday on our church website (harrisonpresbyterian.com) using the link.

After the service is over:

- Send an email to video@harrisonpresbyterian.com to receive a link to the full service.
- Watch the sermon on our YouTube channel- "First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, OH."
- Call the Office to have a DVD prepared for you.



Monthly Prayer Focus

This month, our prayer focus is **our senior saints**. We currently have 8 senior saints on our prayer list: Vivian Talley, Shirley Quinn, Doc Morris, Fran Myers, Kathryn Pierson, Joy Riegel, Marian Brandenburg, and Sherry Schlager. Let's commit to lifting them up each day in prayer - that our God would bless and keep them!



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Join us in Adult Sunday School, as we study the Book of Revelation. We seek to find understanding and clarity of John's vision and what the future holds for us as believers and the Church as a whole. There is always lively discussion and all are welcome. We meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the Conference Room (we don't begin class until the 8:30 service ends). Contact Sean McCauley with any questions.

*******Important Message*******

To our loving Congregation:

Tim Frenz is **NOT** allowed to have sugary items. Please do not offer him any bakery items from the Fellowship Table. We appreciate your cooperation.

- Terry and Debra Frenz

Our traditional **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service** will be held **this** Thursday, April 17 at 7pm in the sanctuary. Be sure to invite a friend to join you in worship. A special offering will be taken to support the work of Christ's Loving Hands.



Be sure to join us for a **Good Friday worship service** on April 18 at 7pm at the Providence Presbyterian Church in Bright, IN! Come worship and give thanks for all that our Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross.

Resurrection Sunday, the most joyful Sunday on the Christian calendar, is **next Sunday**. Be sure to join us - and bring a friend, a family member, a neighbor, whoever you can! - as we worship our risen, living Lord!



Heart to Heart



We would like to announce the return of the Heart to Heart, Women's Bible Study! Ladies, we will meet for the first time on Thursday, April 17th at 10am. We will meet at Linda Hellmann's house, 10468 Deer Trail Drive, Harrison, OH, 10 minutes from church. For directions and questions call Linda at 513-600-8295. Remember there is no book, no homework, and no stress! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Young Youth Group

YYG will be meeting on the following dates at 6:00pm in SonRise Hall: **tonight** and May 4th. Come and join the fun! Any questions, please contact Mary Craft.



Library News



Do you like to READ? Why not check out the Library at our First Presbyterian Church of Harrison. Our library books contain a wide range of topics such as Religion, Biography, and Fiction. There is also a book club which meets quarterly. This is a fun group where individuals select a book from our library to report on. EVERYONE is invited whether you are a reader or not. The next meeting will be Tuesday, **April 15**, at 10am in the library. Contact Phyllis Pridemore if you should have any questions.



Please fill out the form below if you would like to purchase a lily for Easter to be placed in the sanctuary for a loved one to be remembered or honored.

We must have your order (with money) into the church office no later than Monday, April 14. Each flower is \$15.00 and you may take your flowers with you after the Easter service. If paying by check, please make payable to "First Presbyterian Church" with "lilies" in the memo line.



No. of flowers @ \$15.00 ea. _____

Total Amount Enclosed\$ _____

NAME _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____



Our Administrative Assistant will be on **vacation** from Monday, April 28 - Friday, May 2. Please be aware that bulletins and the *Evangel* will be run early around this time, so don't dawdle in getting your announcement info to Judy! If you are available to help "man" the office, please call Judy and she will get you on the schedule.



Rummage Sale

We made \$3996!

Thanks to all who helped.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., Apr. 13	2 Cents a Meal
	8:30am Holy Communion Service
	9:30am Sunday School
	10:45am Worship Service
	6:00pm Young Youth Group (SonRise Hall, Clssrm. 1B)
Mon., Apr. 14	Evangel Deadline
	6:00pm AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
	7:00pm AI-Anon Meeting (Classroom 3B)
	7:00pm Bible Study (Conference Room)
Tue., Apr. 15	10:00am Library Book Club (Library) 5:30pm Outreach Committee (Library) 6:00pm Missions Committee (Parlor) 7:00pm Deacons Meeting (Conference Room) 7:30pm AA Meeting (Classroom 5A)
Wed., Apr. 16	12:00pm Prayer Group (Library) 6:00pm Christian Ed. Meeting (Classroom 5A) 6:30pm AOL's Den Meeting (Classrooms 1B & 2B) 6:30pm Webelos Den Meeting (Classroom 3B) 7:00pm Choir Practice (Music Room)
Thurs., Apr. 17	7:00pm Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service
Fri., Apr. 18	7:00pm Good Friday Service (Providence Presby)
Sat., Apr. 19	5:30pm AA Meeting (4th grade classroom)

Reminder for next week: April 20th

8:30 am **Service**

Tom Steuver

Setup

Karen Wolff

10:45am Service

Liturgist: Lisa Steuver **Head Usher:** Jeff Gibbs

Ushers: Tim Frenz, Debbie McCane, Ken O'Connor

Moments with Children: Olivia Steuerr

Communion: Deb Frenz, Mary Tabor,

Setup: Mindy Sindiong **Clean-up:** Mary Tabor



Senior Saints

Shirley Quinn Dick Morris **Vivian Talley** Sherry Schlager
Fran Myers Joy Riegel Kathryn Pierson Marian Brandenburg

Prayers For Our Church

Our Missionaries: Warmuths, Garrigans & Joneses;

Ed Flick: health issues;

JoJean Kleinfeld: possible procedure to place shunt
in brain;

Monthly Prayer Focus: Our senior saints;

Arlene Anderson: diagnosed with cancer;

Pam Biddle: has liver cancer and recovering from surgery;

Kathryn Pierson: recovering from a broken hip, may be home soon;

Mary Craft: has a broken elbow and recovering from surgery;

Tamela Hinson: recovering from foot surgery;

Bill Gregg: testing for cancer;

Carol Vassil: has cellulitis;

Ron Beathard: in hospital;

Prayers For Others

Deb Menninger: for Joey & Hank's health;

Marilyn Bourquein: for grandson, Kent's health;

Mary Ann Pickens: for her health and brother, Paul's health;

Marcia Merse: for husband, George, under special care at home;

For our loved ones with cancer: Kelly Sebastian, Jenny Swope, Valerie
Blessner, Carmen Garrigan, Leigh Ismael, Stacy Eckstein, and Beth Ann Willis;

Kelsey Loos: for brother, Ryan, deployed overseas;

Mary Craft: for her patient, Auggy, is in need of a miracle;

Phyllis Wolfram: for Gloria Minges, health problems';

Lisa Steuver: for co-worker, Judy Roesch, awaiting test results from brain
tumor biopsy;

Karen Wolff: for granddaughter, Kenzie, difficult pregnancy;

Ongoing Health

Needs

Louanna Smith

Arlene Anderson

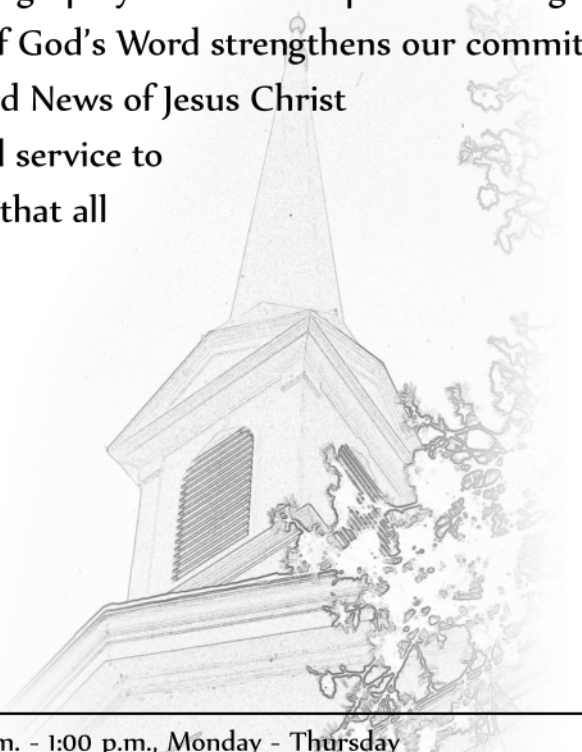
JoJean Kleinfeld



PRAYER CHAIN CALLS: The Prayer Chain is a group of people who are committed to praying daily for those requesting prayer. This ministry is administered through our Board of Deacons. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Mindy Sindiong at (513) 235-3778 during the day or Phyllis Wolfram 513-367-4578 during the evening.** For two weeks, the people on the chain will pray daily for the person or situation requested.

OUR CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Harrison, Ohio is growing in faith by building stronger relationships with God and community through prayer and worship. The reading and understanding of God's Word strengthens our commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through love and service to our neighbor so that all may experience God's grace.



Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Thursday

Bulletin Deadlines: Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.

Send all bulletin/Evangel items to office@harrisonpresbyterian.com, call the office (367-4301) or drop by the office.

Reminder: the Pastor's Sabbath day is Friday. He is available for emergencies only on that day.

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