

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts
as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
forever. Amen.

OFFERING

In this season of Easter, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us in Christ's dying and rising. As we present our offering today, let us give with thankful hearts, trusting that God can do amazing things through the gifts we offer in Jesus' name.

***RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God,
Whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God,
along with our gifts we offer you our thanks for your steadfast love,
our foundation when things around us seem uncertain. Bless these
gifts and the ministry of our congregation; and bless the mission we
undertake as part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. May what
we offer spread the blessings we know to others, in the name of Jesus
Christ, our Risen Lord.**

SENDING

***HYMN** "Thine is the Glory" 238

*BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE** Lift High the Cross (chorus, verse 3, chorus) 826

*POSTLUDE



OHIO UNITED

Presbyterian Church



*Loving God,
Loving Neighbors;
Helping Our Neighbors to Love God*

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday in Easter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Kalyrn Stewing

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Leader: Let us share this peace with one another...

(please share the peace of Christ with those around you)

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for the worship of God.

PRELUDE

Alli Feszko

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

In life, in death, and in life beyond death,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In success and discouragement, in fear and in hope,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

Of the poor and broken, of the sinner and the sinned against,

The Risen Christ is Lord.

In Church and community, in our hearts and our homes,

The Risen Christ is Lord, and so we gather to worship in his name.

***PRAYER OF ADORATION** (unison)

Liturgist Denise Mathias

**God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow,
we rejoice in this new day you have made.**

**We praise you for the abundant life with which you bless us,
and for all the beauty that surrounds us as spring takes hold again.**

We praise you for your son, Jesus,

and the power of new life promised in his resurrection.

We praise you for your Spirit at work in human history,

to restore and redeem our hope with that power of new life.

**God of steadfast love,
we worship you with the Spirit and the Son,
and claim your gift of new life,
even in the face of any doubt or danger within the world you love.
All praise, honor and glory be yours, O God,
now and evermore. Amen.**

***HYMN** “Praise the Lord! God’s Glories Show” 33

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of might and mercy,
in raising Jesus from the dead, you showed us your power
to defeat all that brings fear and sorrow to our lives.
In his resurrection, Jesus promised to be with us everywhere and
always. Yet we confess we are sometimes uncertain about your
promises. We doubt the promise of resurrection for our own lives.
Upheaval and anxiety eat away at our peace.
Forgive us when we struggle to trust your goodness
and your steadfast love for us.**

Silence is kept for a time of personal confession.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free from sin and sorrow.
In Jesus Christ, God offers us the gift of peace.
May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts this day.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen

RESPONSE “Be Not Afraid” 243

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM “Alpha and Omega”

CHILDREN’S CHAT Patti Strominger

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING Liturgist Denise Mathias

O God of Resurrection, breathe your Holy Spirit upon us now,
so that as your Word is read and preached,
we might hear, understand, and believe. Amen

FIRST SCRIPTURE Acts 5:27-32 Liturgist Denise Mathias

SECOND SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31

SERMON “A Little Bit Thomas”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (unison)

Excerpt from “The Confession of Belhar” (adopted by the PCUSA in 2016)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who
gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the
end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the communion of saints called from the entire human family.**

We believe

- that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church
as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God
and with one another;
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested
and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another;
that we experience, practice, and pursue community with one
another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly
and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;
that we share one faith, have one calling,
are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one name, are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause, and share in one hope;
together come to know the height and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ;
together are built up to the stature of Christ,
to the new humanity;
together know and bear one another’s burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
that we need one another and upbuild one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
pray together, together serve God in this world;
and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this
unity.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School

Children 3 yr - 6th grade during worship following Children's Chat

Adult Sunday School-9am to 9:45am

Sunday, April 27-Youth Group 7-8:30pm

Wednesday April 30-Story Time 9:30 or 10:30 am

Saturday, May 3-Work Day @9 am

Sunday, May 4-Youth Group 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, May 6-Women's Association Meeting @6:30pm

Wednesday May 7-Story Time 9:30 or 10:30 am

Friday, May 9-Youth Group Elevate Trampoline Park 7-10pm

Sunday, May 11-Communion

Keep Them in Your Prayers: Donna Olexick, Rich Kerlin, Paul (Karen Keller's friend), Lynn Smith, Peter Kerlin, Marcia Davis, Jack Gennaro, Tom Owczarzak, Paul Kulha, Jim Williams

In the Military: William Barth, Nick Hoth

Those who are not able to worship regularly: Sarah Jane Shaffer, Dolores Skinner, Pat Wozniak, Ella Mae Speiker, Edna Petrella, Dorothy Elko, Libby Urick, Trudy Boggs, Betty Solinski, Ed & Evelyn Lawson Everitt Laird, Betty Martin, Brenda Jones

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- Sunday worship 10:00 am
- Sunday School for our younger members (Grades Pre-K - 6th grade) during worship

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Custodian: Monica Ward

Treasurer: Chris Hurni

Youth Coordinator: Peggy Franzese

Organist Emeritus: Shirley Fluharty

OUR SESSION

CLASS OF 2027: Wendi Rybicki (2T), Christina Palmer

Michael Kamenski, Charles Hendrick

CLASS OF 2026: Joe Glatz, Jennifer Davis

Rich Palmer (2T), John Martin (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Chris Otto (2T), Casey Honess (2T),

Patti Strominger, Chris Mathias

OUR DEACONS

CLASS OF 2027: Eleanor Pike (2T), Bob Hurni (2T)

Chris Hurni, Ginny Adams

CLASS OF 2026: Dave Kocher, Ivonne Holsinger

Greg Holsinger, Dianne Kanitra (2T)

CLASS OF 2025: Dawn Psik, Terri Owczarzak

Denise Mathias, Ken Jones

