

Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music

Rev. Melick

***The Doxology #606**

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

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

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***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 and the power and
the glory forever. Amen.***

***Sending Hymn #539** *We Will Go Out With Joy*

***Charge and Benediction**

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***Congregational Response** *Threefold Amen* Hymn #601

This Week at FPC

April 26 – Acolyte Training following service
April 26 – Sandwich Ministry following service
April 26 – 1:00pm, 4H meeting in The Gathering Place
April 29 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
April 30 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle

Mark Your Calendars

May 3 – 3:00pm, Annual Joint Concert at Performing Arts Center
May 6 – 6:00pm, Messy Church
May 6 – 7:30pm, Choir Practice
May 7 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
May 13 – 10:00am, Miriam Circle
May 13 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
May 14 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
May 16 – 12:00pm, Ladies Tea
May 17 – Session Meeting following services
May 20 – 7:00pm, Choir Practice
May 21 – 6:30pm, Elizabeth Circle
May 16 – 12:00pm, Ladies Tea

Annual Joint Concert – Eaton Area Community Band and Ohio Valley
British Brass Band is performing on Sunday, May 3 at 3:00pm at the
Performing Arts Center. Everyone is welcome!

Ladies Tea – Saturday, May 16 at 12:00pm, held at Cullen & Melissa
Phillips home at 203 W. Main St., Eaton. Reservations are required.
Cost is \$10, fill out form and place in envelope marked Ladies Tea. You
can also reach out to Ann Murray 937-336-0116

Common Good Food Bank - They are in need of the following:
Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Protein, Breakfast Foods, Canned Soup

Blessing Box – Pop top meals, breakfast bars, and hygiene items.

Mission Rummage Sale – Start gathering items for this year's
Rummage Sale. Date for the sale is June 4th & 5th. More information to
follow.

Prayers of First Presbyterian Church Family and Friends
"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you"
~Jeremiah 29:12

In our continuing prayers:

Countries at War
Sarah Gregg - continuing cancer treatment, Cy Acheson's granddaughter
Cy – pray for strength and healing
Logan Eifort – stable but still needs prayers, Keith & Chris Jones grandson
Stacey Creech – prayers for breast cancer treatment, Margie's friend
Jack & Nancy Turner – recovering at home
Deb Tinstman – lymphoma, Molly Hurd's aunt
Ron Mickelson – continuing prayers
Diane Kasten – recovery at home

Remember and Uphold:

Diane Kline – Vancrest
Alice Lindley

Our at Home Shut-ins

Marge Jordan, Julia Withrow, Zoe Barnes

For our Nation and those who serve

Church Members & Friends In The Service

Mac Altom/ U.S. Army	Zack Pool/ Air Force
Addam Moore/ U.S. Marines	Jeremy Barnes/ Navy
Tanner Crabtree/ Army	Brett Barnes / Navy
Cameron Rife / U.S. Navy	Laura Soper/ Air Force Reserve
Nicholas Rife / U.S. Navy	Cliff Garey / Navy
Grant Davis / Army Reserve	Ryan Kiracofe / Air Force
Richard (Alex) Trogdon/ Navy	Drew Roach / Navy
Grace Wagner/Basic Training	Ryan Hall / Army
Miguel Martinez/Army Reserve- Active now	Justin McIntosh, Army National Guard
Michael Richwald, Air Force National Guard	

Please contact our prayer chain coordinator, Ann Murray, 937-336-0116, email: annmurray916@yahoo.com, call the church office, 937-456-3754, office@eatonfpc.org, or drop a note in the offering plate with updates.

***Our Response of Praise – #581 Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Choir Anthem *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Children's Message *Jesus Commissions the Disciples* Rev. Melick

Prayer for Illumination Susan Schaurer
(adapted from Howard Thurman, "Give Me the Listening Ear"
Meditations of the Heart)

Gospel Scripture Reading John 10:1-10 Susan Schaurer
New Testament Scripture Reading Acts 2:42-47

Response:
Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Living in Community* Rev. Melick

***Reflection Hymn #769** *For Everyone Born*

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed* Rev. Melick

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*First Presbyterian Church
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026*

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Melick

Prelude

Introit

Praise Him

Choir

Call to Worship

Susan Schaurer

Liturgist: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

All: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Liturgist: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

All: Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!

Liturgist: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

All: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!

*Opening Hymn #93 *Lift Up Your Heads, He Mighty Gates*

Litany of Confession and Passing of the Peace
Call to Confession

Susan Schaurer

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness and Passing of the Peace

Liturgist: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WORSHIP AT HOME

Question for Reflection

Acts 2:42–47 describes what life was like in the early church. How do these words guide today's church?

Household Prayer: Morning

Acts 2:43–47

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day. Help me to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today, and fill my heart with gladness and generosity, that I may generate good will wherever I go. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Psalm 23

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day. As I lie down to sleep this night help me to imagine green pastures and still waters, and to remember all the ways you have set a table before me and filled my cup to overflowing. Amen.

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First Presbyterian Church



April 26, 2026

*Our Mission:
Listening to God's call, following in the way of Jesus
and serving neighbors through the Spirit.*

~Approved by Session November 2016



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