

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING

Lord God, thank you for the blessings
you have given us year after year.
Help us to wisely use the time you have given us.
Lead us, while we remain here on earth,
to serve you through all the people around us
who are in need. Amen.

Sharing of JOYS and CONCERNS of the CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN UNISON

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.

Go Out as God's People in the World

*Closing Hymn No. 339: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE



Palm Sunday is traditionally the Sunday we treat our children to the Easter egg hunt. This year we will invite the children for this activity on April 7 to allow plenty of time for the hunt and not interfere with the important business of Palm Sunday's congregational meeting following the service.

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March 31, 2019

FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE CALL:

The Rev. Gary M. Brose at 513-260-8230

I have set before you
LIFE AND DEATH.
blessing and cursing:
therefore
Choose Life
that both thou & thy seed may live
DEUTERONOMY 30:19

CHURCH STAFF:

Transitional Pastor: The Rev. Gary M. Brose

Today's Musician: Laura Keesor

Custodian: Tim Klinker

Nursery Attendant: Linda Flowers

Administrative Assistant: Denise Metzger-Kelling

Today's Elder Assisting: Sally Kean

Worship for The Lord's Day

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. March 31, 2019 Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Gathering of God's People

RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL

WELCOME: *Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ,
that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you,
our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.*

GREETING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*As God has greeted us with his peace,
so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Also See Old First News Bulletin Insert)*

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP *(Please sign & pass the black pew pads)*

PRELUDE

*Call to Worship *Psalm 78*
Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
We will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord, and the wonders that you have done.
Tell your children and your children's children that they should set their hope in God.
And not forget your works, O God, but keep your commandments.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 110 *(1st Tune)*: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*PRAYER of CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. We question your judgment when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we pursue. We seem to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy upon us and deliver us from self-deception. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE of PARDON

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE NO. 546:

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, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

By Jamie Bowlby

SCRIPTURES:

Deut. 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:17-26

SERMON: "Choose Life"

By The Rev. Gary M. Brose

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *(Philippians 2:9-11)*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*Hymn of Response No. 378: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Response to God's Word

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

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

PRAYER LIST: (New prayers should be given to Denise in the Church Office.)

- Prayers for the victims/families of the New Zealand Mass Shootings;
- **Sympathies to the Family of Essie Mae Coffey** (Shirley Beckner's Mother) age 97, who passed away Sunday, March 24; Funeral was Thurs., March 28;
- **Sympathies to the Family of Wayne Burdette** (former member) age 73; who passed March 21 after a stroke / heart attack; Celebration of Life on March 30;
- **Sympathies to the family of Joe Conrad** (Tami Conrad's brother-in-law), age 66, passed away suddenly March 6;
- **Emily & Brian** (Kathy Wallace's friends) – we rejoice with the safe delivery of baby boy, Calvin, on Feb. 18.
- **Jane Crawford**, (Don's sister-in-law) pre-leukemia/chemo/further treatments/ultimately will need a bone marrow transplant;
- **Chris Goldsmith** (Beth Thornton's nephew), burned in gas explosion in PA / mid Dec. / expecting 3-4 mth. Hospital recovery;
- **Faye Hammond** (Betty Gieseck's mom) now home with hospice care;
- **Jerry Joyner** (Dee Spaulding's brother-in-law);
- **Kela** (Shirley Beckner's sister), needs prayer to lift her spirits after having a hard time with back surgery that she had;
- **Sherri Kirkbride** (Kim Lightle's family member) has 3rd degree burn on her hand that will need a skin graft;
- **Praise for Ken Mathews**, who is recovering well after surgeries!
... We'd like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, cards and concern as we dealt with Ken's medical procedures these past 2 months... Ken & Joyce Mathews
- **Larry Mock** (Diana's husband), hospitalized with pneumonia;
- The O'Toole Family needs our prayers as they have had many personal, family and health issues that have kept them very busy this past winter;
- **Winston Page**, pancreatic cancer;
- **Pat Shaffer** (Teri Charles' sis.) recovering from back surgery / lung issue;
- **Tom Watt** (Lords' friend) spends the winter in FL, has been hospitalized for pneumonia / has to be medically evacuated back to Ohio for rehab;

Congratulations to Shelly Vanko (Grandma) & Joan Mauger (Great-Grandma) on the birth of new grandson, James Vanko (Shelly's son, Tim Vanko's son)!!!

Church Family & Friends with Cancer:

Rich Arasmith, Brenda S., Dale Fry, Paula Hawley, Jim Hess, Micki Mason, Carol P., Winston Page, Kristi Rudolph, Jon Thom

Church & Family Members at Home/Care Centers:

Connie & Victor DeRose, Faye Hammond, Claudia Johnston, Anne Nixon

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Childcare offered 9:30 – Noon in the Lower Level Nursery.
If you are visiting today, we thank you for your visit and hope you enjoy the
“Welcome Packet” provided by our Church Greeter.

Please call the Office or an Elder for any prayer needs and emergencies. Call the office at 740-927-4796 and leave a message for changes in the weekly prayer list, updates or announcements. PLEASE NOTE: Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship. If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

**After Worship, please join us in Fellowship Hall,
for coffee & light refreshments!**



WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School 9:30 a.m. / Worship at 10:45 a.m.
MONDAY: Clogging, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Cub Scout Pack #4021, (Every Monday), 6-8 p.m.
WEDS: Karate Class, 6:30 to 8 p.m. –
Illumin8 & Adult Bible Study – Every Week, 6–8 p.m.
THURSDAY: Girl Scout Troop 386, 6-9 p.m. (Every Week)
FRIDAY: Daisy Troop, 6:30–8:30 p.m. (Every other Week)

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 14 following Worship
-- Come Meet the New PNC Pastoral Candidate
Next Session Meeting: Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Giving Totals for Sunday – March 24, 2019:

Deacons \$23
Missions: OGHs \$225 / Per Capita \$109 Rentals \$2,540 Plate \$2,169
Past Attendance & PLATE Offering - Budget needs \$3,700 plate offering weekly
March 3: 29 / \$3,883 March 10: 32/\$3,717 March 17: 38/\$2,225 March 24: 3/\$2,169

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

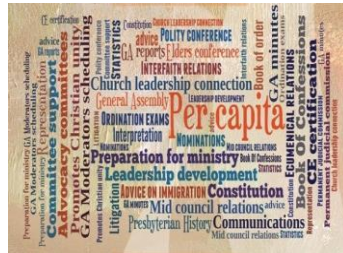
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| 2 Fred Goldstein | 3 Claudia Johnston, Jeff Ladd |
| 4 Angie Hammond | 5 Connor Zeller |
| 6 Mike Slaymaker, Jennifer & Jeff Ladd | |
| 7 Melanie Goldstein-Hoskinson | |
| 9 Judy Baird, Laura Buschelman, Jon & Karen Davis,
David & Celler O'Toole | |
| 10 Paul Ray Hammond, Jr. | 17 Jennifer Ladd |
| 18 Michael & Patrick O'Toole, Avery Wildman | |
| 19 Pam Parkinson | 23 Anne Nixon |
| 26 Donald Crawford | 28 Kennedy Wildman |

Kroger Community Rewards:

Did you know you can link your Kroger Rewards card to First Presbyterian Church? Kroger Community Rewards donates money to your favorite charity every time you use your Kroger card. All you must do is go online to Kroger.com and create an online Account if you haven't done so already. Go to the Savings & Rewards Section and choose Community Rewards in the drop-down menu. Sign in. Click on enroll. Search for First Presbyterian Church-Pataskala or PAI28 and enroll. Doing this does not affect your regular Kroger Rewards or Gas Points. And, once you enroll, you no longer have to re-enroll. The more folks we have registered the more money Kroger donates to our church. *This Reward Program helps earn money to support the Local Missions of our Church! Your support is greatly appreciated! If you have any problems, please call Denise Kelling (614-560-6022) or Chuck Long (740-927-6056) for assistance.*



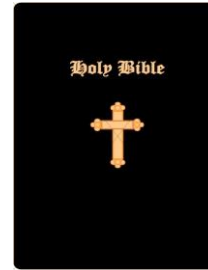
PER CAPITA TIME: The amount per person this year is \$35.75. You may place your giving in the offering plate or mail to the church. Please mark your checks in the memo as: Per Capita. Thank you in advance!



Stop by the West Licking Historical Society Museum to see First Presbyterian Church's display. The museum hours will be 1:00 - 3:00 P.M. on Sundays, beginning April 7. Church Members, Judy Baird and Sally Kean, collaborated in this amazing display! It was a true labor of love!



LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Wednesdays, March 13 – April, 17

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY –The Lord's Prayer

Study lasts for six weeks 6: 30 to 7:15 p.m.

Choir Practice to immediately follow.

We will use The Lord's Prayer as a model to renew our understanding and commitment to pray.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 7

Easter Egg Hunt following Worship

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Service at 10:45 a.m.
Congregational Meeting to Follow

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunrise Service is at 8 a.m. /Fellowship Hall
Traditional Service is at 10:45 am. / Sanctuary