

Order for the Worship of God

First Presbyterian Church

303 West Washington St. Napoleon, OH 43545

Easter Sunday - April 5th, 2026 -10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING

*Easter Litany

L The Lord is risen! Alleluia!

C Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

L From chaos before creation and the destruction of the flood,

C Lord of life, deliver us.

L From the devastating sacrifice and the armies of the enemy,

C Lord of life, deliver us.

L From the vanity of wickedness and the bread that only perishes,

C Lord of life, deliver us.

L From the power of the oppressor and the hardness of our own hearts,

C Lord of life, deliver us.

L From the valley of dry bones and the furnace of blazing fire,

C Lord of life, deliver us.

L From the belly of the beast and the disgrace of exile,

C Lord of life, deliver us.

L Let us pray ...

*Opening Hymn (Blue #123)

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10 (ESV pp. 992-993)

*Hymn (Blue #104)

"Christ is Risen! Shout Hosannah!"

Worship from the Psalms

(from Psalm 118:14-24)

L O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

C Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

L The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

C There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."

L I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

C Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

L This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

C The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

L This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

C This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and hungry and pass by those who mourn. We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace. We despise the weak and abuse the earth you have made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God...

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayers for Illumination
Sermon Text Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (ESV pp. 782-783)

Acts 10:34-43 (ESV pp. 1092-1093)

Pastor Bruce Brown

Message
Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

*Hymn (Blue #151)

*Offering

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

SENDING OUT

"The Day of Resurrection"

*Closing Hymn (Blue #118)

*Blessing and Benediction

L Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen!

L Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen!

L Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed!

L Go into the world in faith, living with hope, sharing Christ's love. For we are the body of Christ!

C Amen.

Departing Music



Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship. Thank you, Jana Schroeder, for being liturgist today.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary, you can give online using the **QR code** at right or donate from our **website**.



Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signup is at the back table in the sanctuary.

Connections Bible Study meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. They are studying *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate* by Jerry Bridges. Please talk with Patricia for a book.

We will be receiving the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering today. Envelopes are available in your pledge boxes and will be available in bulletins and in the back of the sanctuary.

Bruce will be on vacation from Monday, April 6th to Monday, April 20th. Ann Wasson, retired pastor for the Defiance Presbyterian Church will be preaching on April 12th, and Jason Armstrong, associate pastor at First Presbyterian, Maumee and founding pastor of Love First, Toledo, will be preaching on April 19th.

Connect to the Community will be meeting on Thursday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Operations meeting will be meeting on Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 p.m.

Our next **Friendship Lunch** is at Hill's on Tuesday, April 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Congregational Life will be meeting on Thursday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

Session will be meeting on Monday, April 27th at 4:00 p.m.

Our **Card of the Week** is going to Dollie Smith.

