

# First Presbyterian Church

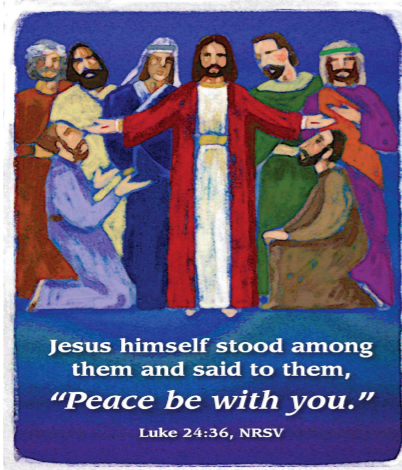
Clarksburg, West Virginia

Rev. John F. Koerner

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April 18, 2021



Ten Forty-Five

## Third Sunday of Easter

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Organ Prelude

"Simple Gifts"

Joseph Brackett

Welcome

\* The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Announcements

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!**

Walk in the light of his love.

**Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.**

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord.**

Let us pray.

From Homiletics Magazine

**All honor and glory and praise be yours, O holy God, for the tomb is empty, and Jesus Christ is risen! Hallelujah! By this one act you changed the course of human history. Once and for all, you bridged the chasm created by our sin. Finally, and forever, you shouted a resounding, "No!" to suffering, evil, fear and death. With authority and power, you ushered in your kingdom and proclaimed Jesus Christ as Lord. We join all creation in singing our praise, pledging our allegiance and offering our lives in worship and service, for Jesus Christ is risen today! Hallelujah! Amen.**

\* Hymn (see insert)

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Easter Hymn*

\* Call to Confession

Beloved, we are God's children because of the love God has for us, yet we sometimes fail to respond to God's outpouring of love. Let us confess our sins together.

\*Prayer of Confession

From Homiletics Magazine

**Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us.  
Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*Congregational Response- "Gloria Patri"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn #304 "Jesus Loves the Little Children (verse 1)  
Children of the Church Dawn Woodburn

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Let us pray together.  
**Gather us around you, Lord Jesus, as you did your disciples so long ago.  
Speak to us through your word read and proclaimed. And grant that our  
lives may be transformed by this meeting with you. Amen.**

First Scripture Lesson Acts 3:12-19  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Luke 24:36b-48  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Affirmation: *I am a child of God. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.  
I believe he has the power to change my life and your life.*

Sermon "The Scars" Rev. John F. Koerner

Piano Interlude - "Be Still My Soul" Jean Sibelius  
silent reflection and prayer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed  
\*Hymn (see insert) "Because He Lives" Resurrection

Installation of newly elected Deacons

Litany

There are different gifts.  
**But it is the same spirit who gives them.**  
There are different ways of serving God,  
**But it is the same Lord who is served.**  
God works through different people in different ways.  
**But it is the same God whose purpose is achieved through them all.**  
Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,  
**To use it for the common Good.**  
Together we are the body of Christ,  
**And individually members of him.**

Questions for the congregation:

Do we, the members of the church, accept Kandy and Beckie as Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? If so please answer, **"We do."**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? If so, please answer, **"We do."**

Prayers of the People

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Gathering - electronic gifts may be made through our website [www.clarksburgfpc.org](http://www.clarksburgfpc.org)  
Offertory Anthem "If That Isn't Love!" *Suzi Heger*  
\*The Doxology  
Prayer of Dedication

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* Hymn 308 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" *Kingsfold CMD*

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem, Of shepherds watching there, and of the news that came to them from angels in the air: The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today; Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing alway.
2. O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy, O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy: For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow; Now spreads the fame of His dear name on all the winds that blow.
3. O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill, Of Him who walked upon the sea and bade its waves be still: And though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll, when faith has heard the Master's word, falls peace upon the soul.
4. O sing a song of Calvary, Its glory and dismay; of Him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away: For He who died on Calvary is risen from the grave, and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Congregational Response "First Song of Isaiah" (chorus only) x2

**Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

\* Organ Postlude "In Christ There is No East or West" *Alexander Reinagle*

Endnotes

1. —Nancy C. Townley, based on 1 John 1:5-7, and posted on the Worship Connection page of the Ministry Matters website, [ministrymatters.com](http://ministrymatters.com).

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Liturgists.....	The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church
Officiant and Preacher.....	Rev. John F. Koerner
Worship Leader.....	Rev. James A. Harris
Minister of Music.....	Jeanne Harris
Organist.....	Dr. Mary Kay Devono
Acolytes.....	Hannah Burnett & Gia Corsini
Parish Associate.....	Rev. Charla Waters Koerner
Parish Associate.....	Rev. James A. Harris

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<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/5517202>**

CHURCH NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 18, 2021

Deacon Greeter: Megan Strange

Ushers: Lance Kuhens, Jason Burnett



**Welcome to worship as we continue to rejoice in the good news of Christ's resurrection.**

**Prayer group** will be meeting in the church parlor on Tuesday at 10 AM.

**Nurturing Faith-April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter: Read 1 John 3:1-7**

The children's song "If Anybody Asks You Who I Am" contains the words, "If anybody asks you who I am, tell 'em I am child of God." The concluding verse changes it a little bit to "If anybody asks you who are you, tell 'em you're a child of God." The author of the first letter of John reminds us that we are all children of God, not because we are always good and loving, but because God loves us. As God's child, how might you share God's love with others?

**Flowers-** I have openings for flowers for the reredos for the whole month of May.

**Special Concerns-** Please let us know if anyone needs to be added or removed from the Special Concerns / Prayer List. The prayer chain operates every day. Just let Pastor John or Harriett Northey know if there is a concern.

**Mustard Seed** sends thanks to all the generous donors and volunteers who continue our feeding the hungry and clothing the needy. In March we gave out 229 large food orders to help 693 people. Many more households combine to economize and to care for members in poor health.

Our special needs now are shampoo, shorts & blue jeans for children and men, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal and canned corn and beans

**FOR CHURCHES IN OUR PRESBYTERY**

First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill  
Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio

**SPECIAL CARE FACILITIES:**

Sara Graham, & Amy Garrett

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN FAMILIES:**

MORRISON, Micah and Maria, Victoria and Carter; MYERBURG, Andrea;  
NICKERSON, Gary, Karen, Brad, Morgan; NORTHEY, Jeff, Melissa, William, Graham;  
NORTHEY, Phil, Camie, Brayden, Abigail; NORTHEY, Wayne and Harriett; NUZUM,  
David, Sandi, Casey, Courtney, and Jared; OGDEN, Dick and Sally; OLDAKER, Kenneth;  
OLDAKER, Wilma; PALETTA, Anthony and Mary Beth; PALETTA, AJ;  
PALETTA, Mary Virginia

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Tuesday April 20th**  
Prayer Group 10:00A.M.  
in the church parlor

**Wednesday, April 21st**  
Bible Study 3:30 P.M. Zoom and in person  
Session 5:30 PM zoom and in person

**Friday, April 23rd**  
AA meeting at Noon

**Attendance for April 11:** 28 in person, 13 on Facebook

Please pray for David Corsini. He was readmitted to the hospital.  
Prayers for Susie Saunders.

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the ba - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - disc. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.  
 MUSIC: *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

EASTER HYMN  
 7.7.7. Alleluia

## Because He Lives

Because I live, ye shall live also. — John 14:19

RESURRECTION

William J. Gaither

Final chorus arranged by Ronn Huff

a Gaither  
 um J. Gaither

1 God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus, He came to love,  
 2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by, And feel the pride,  
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er, I'll fight life's fi -

1 heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my  
 2 and joy He gives; But great - er still the calm as -  
 3 nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to

1 par - don, An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 2 sur - ance, This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
 3 vic - tory, I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row, Be - cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

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fu-ture. And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

*Congregation sing melody in unison; accompaniment play as written.*

3 lives. ( Be-cause He lives I can face to -

mor - row; Be-cause He lives all fear is

gone; Be-cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives! )