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The Voice

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To Know Him and To Make Him Known

Dear Congregation,

As April unfolds and the earth awakens in color, we are reminded of one of the simplest yet most memorable symbols of the Easter season: the brightly dyed eggs. Though Easter eggs are not symbols of Christianity alone, each beautiful hue – red, yellow, blue, and green – reflects not only the beauty of spring but also the radiant promise of new life we receive through Christ Jesus. In their variety and brightness, the colored eggs echo the truth at the heart of our faith, that resurrection transforms everything. What seemed lifeless bursts forth with beauty. Through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we are invited into a future not marked by despair, but by color, hope, and renewal.

This Easter, you're invited to celebrate that promise with us in worship on Easter Sunday. The first service is a service with Immanuel Baptist Church at 6:30 a.m. in the amphitheater at Noble Park. Then, at 10:45 a.m., we will gather in the sanctuary with our church family. You're also invited to participate in a beloved Easter Sunday tradition that day: to bring colorful flowers to decorate the cross at the front of the sanctuary. As the cross is filled with blooms, it will become a living symbol of resurrection.

As we move beyond Easter Sunday into the rest of April, may that same brightness stay with you. When days feel uncertain, remember

the empty tomb. When the world feels heavy, remember the colors of Easter – signs that life in Christ always has the final word. Christ's resurrection is not just a moment we celebrate. It is a promise we live each day.

May this season fill your heart with renewed hope, your spirit with joy, and your life with the vivid colors of grace. Come and experience the joy of resurrection this month in word, song, and community.

With Resurrection Hope,
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APRIL WORSHIP

April 2- Maundy Thursday
The Good News is...Even Judas Gets His Feet Washed
John 13:1-35

April 3-Good Friday

April 5-*The Good News is...Here!*
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12-*Christ Is In the Room*
John 20:19-31

April 19-*On the Road Again*
Luke 24:13-35

April 26-*"Boo!"*
John 10:1-10

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, April 2-Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday, April 3-Good Friday Service
- Sunday, April 5-Easter Sunrise Service at Noble Park 6:30am
- Sunday, April 5-Easter Service 10:45am
- Sunday, April 5-Easter Egg Hunt immediately after Worship on the front lawn
- Monday, April 6-Office Closed
- Monday, April 13-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom
- Monday, April 13-LILs 6pm at Piper's
- Tuesday, April 14-PW Circle 10am
- Thursday, April 16-TOTs 6pm at Paducah Beer Werks
- Monday, April 20-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom
- Tuesday, April 21-Book Club at Shirley Wrinkle's house 1:30pm
- Tuesday, April 21-Session 7pm
- Wednesday, April 22-Family Night Supper & Children's Program 5:45pm
- Monday, April 27-Bible Study 12pm in Memorial Hall & on Zoom

Treasurer's Report-February 2026

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Income	90,436	70,897	19,539
Expenses			
Benevolences	7,526	9,898	(2,372)
Church Staff	47,544	50,582	(3,038)
Administrative	9,460	7,560	1,900
Worship	647	1,275	(628)
Christian Life	2,940	1,958	982
Property	5,059	7,035	(1,976)
Missional Outreach	65	467	(402)
Buddenbaum	948	833	115
	74,189	79,608	(5,419)
Net Total	16,247	(8,711)	24,958

The summary operating statement for February is presented above. Due to early giving and no expense surprises, we are nearly \$25,000 ahead of budget after the first two months of the year. Your continued financial support of First Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer

April Birthdays

1~Kaye Boyd	18~Pattie Cromwell
2~Steve Durham	19~Ken Marvin
4~Andee English, April Wolfrom	20~Jane Blue
5~Camden Courtney, Kate LeBuhn, Robert Worden	21~Julie Golightly, Marshall Hammonds
6~Kieran Bowden, Julie Tennyson	24~Gena Miller
8~Soncie Martin	25~Suzanne Borodofsky, Anita Ross
10~Charity Gar, Debbie Hall	26~Kristen Courtney
11~Whitni Stratemeyer	27~David Wrinkle
13~Carl LeBuhn, Linda Suitor	29~Eunice Poore
14~Johanna Rhodes	
15~Erin Coale	

April Anniversaries

4~Scott Marcum & Julie Tennyson	29~Carl & Polly LeBuhn
12~Richard & Karen Glass	
26~Sandy & Jean Meredith	

Wonderful Wednesdays

The children of Wonderful Wednesdays are continuing their study of the miracles of Jesus and will share their "Miracle" songs with you at the April Family Night Supper on April 22nd at 5:45pm. Please make plans to share a meal and support our children in the growth of their faith.

We were grateful to be able to make prayer rocks for our congregation during the Lenten season. They have wanted to make these for quite some time. We hope they brought you joy as you traveled through Holy Week. Our children range from age 4 through 5th grade. They meet weekly from 4-5:30pm for snacks, music, study, and crafts and can always bring a friend!

Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will be gathering on Tuesday, April 14th at 10am in the church library. Viola Blackwell will be leading us through Lesson 8 of the Horizon's Bible Study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." All women of the church are "Presbyterian Women" and are invited to join us for our monthly Bible study and projects.

Please bring individually packaged snacks for the Hospice Care Center: peanut butter crackers, protein bars, sweet snacks, fruit snacks, etc.

Upcoming PW Projects:

Each quarter our church is assigned an item to be used by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program for storm relief victims and also for school kits. In an effort to be fiscally responsible, we order the assigned items from Amazon and ship them directly to the warehouse in Ferncliff, Arkansas. In April - June, we will be funding single packaged toothbrushes and large erasers. Any and all donations can be made to First Presbyterian Women which will allow us to increase our donations churchwide.

We will also be assisting several local churches in supplying snacks for the Hospice Care Center at Mercy Health. Items needed are individually packaged snacks such as: peanut butter crackers, protein bars, sweet/salty bars, sweet snacks, fruit snacks, mints, etc. Our first collection will be April 14th.

Community Kitchen at Broadway Methodist Church

Throughout the year our First Presbyterian congregation provides and serves lunch for Paducah community members in need. The lunches are hosted in the dining hall of Broadway Methodist Church. Anyone who would like to volunteer for the program or find out more is invited to call the church office or put a note in the offering plate, and you'll be contacted by those who organize the group. Our next date to serve is April 12.

Children's Corner

The children of the church spent the Fall studying the order of worship so that they would be able to participate in worship at “their table.”

Let us continue sharing what we learned:

***Prelude**-the time when we bring our conversations to a close and prepare our hearts for worship...

***Offering** – A time when we present our monetary tithes to the church for operations and missions

***Offertory Response** – Praising God for all the blessings bestowed upon us

***Prayers of the People** – A time to join in prayer as a body of Christ for our church, our community and the world

***The Lord's Prayer** – A chance to recite the prayer that the Lord taught us

***Hymn** – A final hymn that typically summarizes the message we heard in the sermon

***Charge and Benediction** – A challenge from the pastor to take us into the week with a blessing to follow

***Postlude** – the time when we sit, listen to the music as we draw the worship service to a close

Thank you for continuing to model appropriate worship behavior for our children.

Book Club

Book Club will be meeting at the home of Shirley Wrinkle on Tuesday, April 21st at 1:30pm. If you think you might be interested in Book Club, don't hesitate. All are welcome!

We will be discussing *Songs of the Dead Road* by Carolyn Newton.

Thank you!

I am delighted to share that the Living Waters for the World and Rotary Nigerian Water Project grant has been approved. First Presbyterian Paducah's generous support has played a vital role in making this possible, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment.

The people of the Ajaba community in Benue State, Nigeria, extend their heartfelt thanks. Your contribution will help provide reliable access to safe water – something they have long hoped for – and will make a lasting difference in their daily lives for years to come.

Because of your generosity, this dream is becoming a reality.

Thank you for being an essential part of this meaningful project. We will keep you updated as the work moves forward.

Yours in Christ,

**Ralph Young, Charity Gar, and Viola Blackwell
Benjamin Gar, Rotary Club of Makurdi, Nigeria**

Glass Call for Recycling

First Presbyterian's Missional Outreach Committee recycles glass. All interested First Presbyterian families are welcome to participate.

If you are interested, spring collection is happening now. Bring your clean glass bottles and jars to 323 Hilldale Road (Hutch Smith's house) between now and Easter.

Have the glass separated by clear and colored glass. Set your boxes on the table under the carport.

After Easter, collect and save your glass at your home until the next Glass Call this summer.

Tag Sale

Let us help you with your spring cleaning. We will be hosting our annual Tag Sale on **Saturday, May 2nd** in Fellowship Hall from 7am-12pm. We accept any gently used or new items that are taking up space in your home that you no longer need. We do not accept clothing. We will begin accepting items in Fellowship Hall on **Thursday, April 23rd** from 8am-4pm. Bring your items to the kitchen door. All proceeds from the sale benefit our youth who will be attending Montreat this summer. If you would like to assist in set up, pricing, or PR, contact Chris Krueger or Viola Blackwell.



Come join in the fun as we hunt for Easter eggs on the front lawn following worship on Sunday, April 5th. All children are welcome to attend.

Easter Cross Flowers

As we gather to celebrate the joy and hope of Easter Sunday, we invite everyone to help decorate the cross with fresh flowers. Please bring flowers to place on the cross as a symbol of new life and the resurrection. Together, we will transform the cross into a beautiful reminder that Christ is risen indeed!

Family Night Supper-Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:45pm

Join us Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:45pm for our Family Night Supper. We will be serving chicken tenders and you are asked to bring a potluck dish to complete our meal. The children will be presenting the program for the evening with songs from their "Miracles" study. We hope to see you there.