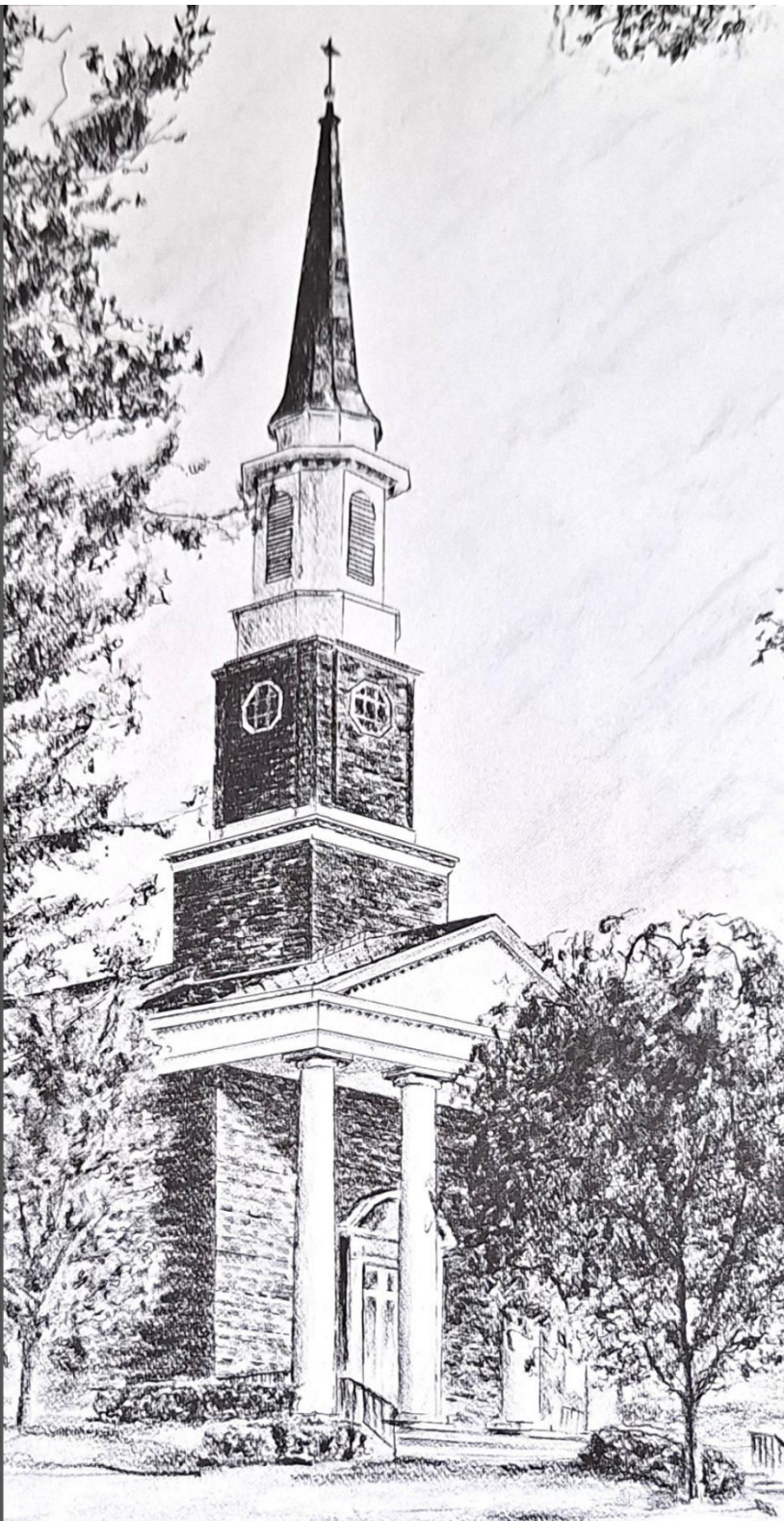


# Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025  
10:30 A.M.

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on Victimae paschali laudes*

GREETING

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away, and the tomb was empty. We gather here as Jesus' disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news: Jesus Christ is risen today!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

People, we are witnesses!

**Christ has died. Christ is raised. Christ will come again in glory!**

This is the good news.

**Jesus Christ, whose ministry we loved, has been raised. He lives! Let us worship God.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God whom death could not conquer, and whom the tomb could not hold: we praise you for winning our redemption. You raised Jesus, and your love lifts our hearts. Grant to us the great Easter certainty of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

*During the processional hymn, the items removed during Holy Week are returned to the sanctuary and the communion table is set.*

#### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Since sin and death came through Adam's disobedience, the resurrection has come through Christ and his perfection. As all die in Adam, we will all be made alive in Christ. Let us pray.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know the truth; that you rolled away the stone from the tomb and Christ is alive!

**Still we look for the living among the dead and are disappointed.**

You send us as messengers of an amazing truth.

**Still we look for the living among the dead and are overcome with how wrong we are.**

*A brief silence is kept for personal confession.*

Forgive us, we pray. Trust us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

**The resurrection of Christ has made us well! Amen.**

#### POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are united with Christ in a baptism like his. Remember your baptism and give thanks! **Amen.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOR EX

**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.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Having been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### \*HYMN 244

*This Joyful Eastertide* (vs. 1 & 2)

VRUECHTEN

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips to tell the shocking news of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 10:34-43 (N.T.. p129)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

I Corinthians 15:19-22 (N.T. p.176)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Luke 24:1-12 (N.T. p.90) The Gospel of the Lord.

**May Jesus Christ be praised.**

### SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 254

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From I Corinthians 15:1-6; Mark 16:1-9;  
Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice before God. Let us come before God with our tithes and our offerings.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*How Majestic is Your Name*

TOM TRENNEY

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

## SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sung by all: (Hymn 552)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues.*

#### THE 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.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Here at this table, we celebrate the resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. As much as we would like to stay here and continue to be fed, or continue to ponder the Easter miracle for ourselves, you send us out to testify and to sing about your mercies. We go at your direction, glad for life, glad for death's redemption, glad that we forever belong to Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

\*HYMN 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Carillon du Longpont*

L. VIERNE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Tamara Warren*

Communion Servers: *Marilyn Van Winkle & Debbie McCoy*

**You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:**

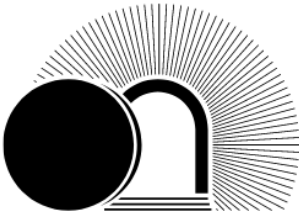
- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
  - \*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.50 is taken from your donation
- Online at [fpcobky.com/give](https://fpcobky.com/give)
  - \*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.30 is taken from your donation
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



## Welcome!

We are thankful for your presence with us today. If you are visiting and in search of a church home, we would love to talk with you about our faith community. Please reach out to the church office for more information (270-864-1467 or [office@fpcobky.com](mailto:office@fpcobky.com)). You can sign up for our weekly email newsletter on our website, [fpcobky.com](http://fpcobky.com), to learn more about what is happening in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

Diversity is a gift we embrace that helps us understand the fullness of God. Therefore, First Presbyterian Church seeks to welcome all people into the life and leadership of our congregation.



*The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

PSALM 118:22-24

## The Life of the Church

**Thank you to the Men's Bible Study** for our delicious breakfast!!

**The church office will be closed** tomorrow, Monday April 21, 2025.

**The KWC Choir** will be having a concert on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00, here in the sanctuary. All are invited to come support our singers and Patrick.

We are looking for volunteers to help answer the phones on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00-2:00. A sign-up sheet is on the **Helping Hands** table

**Financial Update** Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Year-To-Date (Thru Mar.)**

Income: \$ 122,732.42

Expense: \$ 113,453.20

Balance: \$ 9,279.22

### **Month To Date**

Income: \$ 12,190.00

Expense: \$ 19,391.35

Balance: - \$ 7,201.35

### **Week of April 13**

Income: \$ 7,795.00

Expense: \$ 7,024.03

Balance: \$ 770.97

# EASTER FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In Memory of Kate & Hewlett Bell and  
In Memory of Maxine & Jerry Price  
BY JERRY & GLENDA PRICE

In Memory of Stacey Cooksey  
BY DEBBIE HUTCHINSON

In Memory of Bruce Handy  
BY JANA WOODSIDE & FAMILY

In Memory of Joyce & Frank Faith  
BY PATRICIA FAITH SMEATHERS

In Memory of W. Dale Guyer, Jr.  
BY SUZANNE GUYER

In Memory of Lois Edine Traylor & John Thomas Townsend  
BY CRED A HEFFELFINGER

In Memory of Dayton Hicks Heffelfinger, Sr.  
BY CRED A HEFFELFINGER

In Memory of my parents,  
Mary Jane & Harris Shevelson  
and my brother, Ned Shevelson  
BY MARY LOU TAYLOR

In Memory of Nancy and Leroy Melvin  
BY NANCY HARRISON



In Memory of Mimi Davis

BY BRETT DAVIS

In Memory of Jane Stevenson

BY BRETT DAVIS

In Memory of Ashlyn Elizabeth Dube

BY STEPHANIE, ANDREW, AND ALEXIS DUBE

In Honor of Mary Dixon and Gene Baker

BY PATTI BURNS TAYLOR

In Memory of Tom and Phyllis Payne and

Dr. Fred & Vivian Roach

BY TOM AND CAROLINE PAYNE

In Memory of Roger and Mark Ayer

BY MARILYN AND BILL JANSING

In Memory of Esther Jansing

BY THE JANSING FAMILY

In Memory of Howard McClure

BY ANN BRUNER MCCLURE

In Honor of Nancy Kramer

BY THE STAN KRAMER FAMILY

CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

**The HELPING HANDS sign-up sheets in our hallway  
show current VOLUNTEER NEEDS.**

**For more information, call the church office**

**Choir:** *Patrick Ritsch* If you love to sing, consider our Chancel Choir. Our choir practices on Wednesday evenings and sings for weekly and special services.

**Companions Ministry:** *Debbie McCoy* Every member has a Companion. These are compassionate volunteers who are in regular contact with one or more church goers by phone, email, mail, or in person.

**Church Workdays:** *Tom Furlong* One Saturday in Spring, Summer and Fall, we work together on tasks both inside and outside the church building. Together we cleanup, fixup, and beautify our spaces.

**Greeter, Liturgist/Communion:** *Marilyn Ericksen* Greeters welcome church goers on Sunday mornings at our Griffith Ave. and Clinton Place doors. Liturgists lead prayer, read scriptures & serve bread. Servers offer the cup.

**Kid's Kirk:** *Stephanie Dube* Engaging children in the Sunday Bible story using language and activities they understand. During the sermon time.

**Kitchen Clean Up:** *Just Come* With every church meal there is set up and clean up. Many hands make short work. Come to the kitchen and pitch in.

**Marketing and Publicity:** *Marilyn Ericksen* Come help with writing, photos, news outlet interface and social media content. Creatives and Techies wanted!

**Office Volunteer:** *Debbie Hutchinson* At times we need people to answer phones/take messages in the church office for two-hour shifts.

**Sunday Nursery Care:** *Jerry Price* On a rotating basis, during worship & special events, we offer nursery care for children ages 0-4. Volunteers serve on a rotating basis.

**Vacation Bible School:** *Stephanie Dube* Held in June or July, you can help for one day or all 4 days with storytelling, music, crafts or snacks.

**To accomplish our MINISTRIES and MISSION,**  
**FPC has working groups (called committees) listed below.**  
**For more information, call the church office 270-684-1467.**

**Christian Education:** *Mary Lou Taylor* Provides leadership for the Spiritual Formation of children, youth and adults. It includes Sunday School classes, Weekday Studies, Nursery Care, and Vacation Bible School.

**Congregational Care:** *Debbie McCoy* Engaged in the ministry which links every church goer to a Companion. Responsible for home calls, visits, meals for grieving or those touched by illness.

**Congregational Life:** *Debbie McCoy* Provides leadership for intergenerational fellowship events, special meals, activities and the kitchen.

**Finance:** *Pat Corkran* Responsible for oversight of all church financial operations including budget and annual giving campaign.

**Mission:** *Allison Bates* Provides leadership and vision for targeted giving and personal involvement with hungry, homeless, and struggling people in our city, county, and beyond.

**Outreach & Evangelism:** *Marilyn Ericksen* Responsible for welcome and hospitality. Promotes our core belief that *all are welcome*. Oversees information sharing with news outlets and social media, i.e., church marketing and publicity.

**Personnel:** *Jerry Price* Responsible for engaging, assessing, and supporting church staff, includes maintaining relevant documents.

**Property:** *Tom Furlong* Responsible for the care and maintenance of our church's physical and technological space. Coordinates volunteer church workdays.

**Worship & Music:** *Marilyn Ericksen* Production and vision that supports the worship life of the congregation: leaders and crew for communion, liturgical art, sound, recording and livestream.



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### SESSION

Debbie McCoy, Clerk  
Allison Bates  
Pat Corkran  
Marilyn Ericksen  
Tom Furlong  
Debbie Hutchinson  
Don Preuss  
Jerry Price  
Patti Price  
CeCe Robinson  
Mary Lou Taylor

### DEACONS

Marilyn Baker  
Rayma Bramschreiber  
Judy Hughes  
Linda Kabalen  
Karen Taylor  
Patti Burns Taylor

### STAFF

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington  
Interim Pastor

Stephanie Dube  
Director of Children's &  
Youth Ministriest

Sasha O'Bryan  
Office Manager &  
Pastoral Assistant

Patrick Ritsch  
Director of Music

Candice Baize  
Custodian

Debbie Hutchinson  
Bookkeeper