



# THE CHURCH MOUSE

First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Georgetown, KY 40324

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
GEORGETOWN, KY

*Palm Sunday  
Worship 11: a.m.*

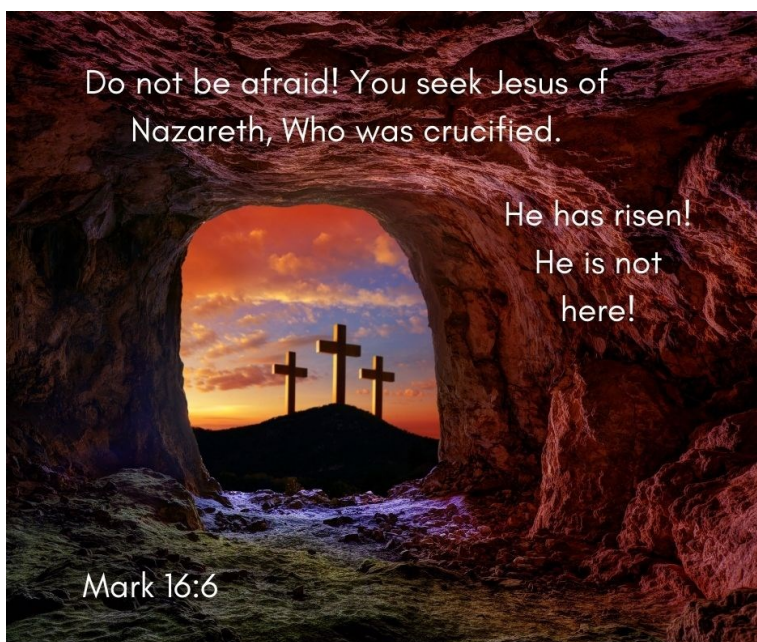
*Maundy  
Thursday  
Communion  
6 p.m.*

**HOLY WEEK  
2024**

*Good Friday ~ noon  
Georgetown College  
Chapel*

*Resurrection Sunday  
Sunrise Service  
7:15 a.m.  
Worship  
11:00 a.m.*

*Holy Week Special Events*



### ***Pastor's Corner***

Fear does terrible things to people. When people came to the tomb early on that first Resurrection Sunday, and they saw that the body of the Lord Jesus Christ was gone, they also saw angels who told them that Jesus had risen from the dead, and they were, most naturally, afraid. But the angels tell them not to be afraid. The angels know what these first seekers were after, they are looking for Jesus. But they were looking for a dead Jesus, not a live, risen, Savior. The message is simple: God has brought joy out of sorrow, life out of death, immortal, indestructible, glorious power out of the Incarnation. The Lord they followed in His mortal lifetime is now their alive-again King already reigning in eternity. And during those next precious 40 days on earth the Lord Jesus would appear to more than five hundred people, and many would see extraordinary miracles.

Sometimes we get so focused on the immediate problem that we cannot see the glory. Sometimes we are so drawn into our fear that we do not give God the trust He deserves. After all, the Lord Jesus proved Himself over and over to His followers during His lifetime with extraordinary teaching, with signs and miracles, and told them – multiple times - that He would die and rise again, and yet they still are looking in an empty tomb on Sunday morning. Fear brought them to the tomb. Fear made them think the devil could win. Fear made them look for the living among the dead.

Challenging times in our lives, in our world, and we are tempted to fear, to think this crisis or that problem will never end, to rush around trying to do something, when really all we can do is wait. We are like the disciples waiting in the upper room, the women waiting in the cold hours before dawn. But we must not fear, because the God Who has taken us through years of life will not abandon us now. Why? Resurrection power is at work in our lives just because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. He is faithful. His perfect love casts out fear. So in facing extraordinary circumstances, we don't need to fear. The Son of God defeated all the sin and sorrow, all illness and death, the devil and even hell itself. Then He came back to life to prove it. The tomb is empty. Don't be afraid.

In His service,

Rev. Elizabeth Stone

## CLERK'S REPORT

Session has taken the following actions:

- approved the use of the Annex by Cub Scout Pac 167 to prepare for pinewood derby
  - approved the use of the Annex on 09/24/2024 for a baby shower
  - the next stated session meeting will be 03/20/2024 at 5:30 pm

Attendance (includes Church School)

02/04/2024 : in sanctuary, 53 (Cub Scout Sunday)

02/11/2024 : in sanctuary, 37

02/14/2024: in sanctuary, 17 (Ash Wednesday)

02/18/2024 : in sanctuary, 32 (Congregational meeting)

02/25/2024 : in sanctuary, 43

## COMMUNION

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 03/03/2024.

Traditional communion will be served during the Maundy Thursday service on 03/28/2024.

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 04/07/2024.

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**FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

**COMING EVENTS**

We are engaged in a very full and inspiring Lenten season as we approach Easter Sunday.

**Highlights include:**

***Friday, March 1 – World Day of Prayer. The Sanctuary will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation.***

**Sunday, March 3 – Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, March 28 – Maundy Thursday worship service with Communion, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, March 29 – Good Friday – Possible Community Service. Time and location to be determined.**

**Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday. Sunrise service outdoors in the parking lot at 7:15 a.m., Indoors in the Annex if weather dictates, followed by breakfast in the Annex provided by the worship committee.**

**Easter Worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00.**

**Liturgists Needed**

We encourage anyone who would like to help lead a Worship service to volunteer as a Liturgist. Just pick a Sunday and sign up on the roster outside the Church offices.

**Volunteers Needed to Support our Worship Outreach Effort**

**Would you like to enjoy the unique perspective of Worship from our Church balcony, while also helping our homebound congregants participate in our Worship services? Consider volunteering to manage the audio and video feed during our Worship livestream. Training will be provided to anyone who would like to volunteer for the occasional Sunday, or for a more routine role as A/V director. To volunteer, or for any questions, contact the worship Chair.**

**Worship Committee Meetings**

The Worship Committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have an issue or concern regarding Worship, Fellowship, Membership, or Christian Education issues, or if you would like to be a member of the Committee, please come join us!

### EASTER LILY Order Form

**Deadline, Palm Sunday, March 24, 12 noon**

Again this year you have the opportunity to order Easter Lilies to adorn the church on Easter Sunday. These may be in honor or memory of a loved one or "just because." After the 11:00 am service, the plant is yours.

Please submit this form along with your payment:

\_\_\_\_ Number of Easter Lilies

\_\_\_\_ Payment, @ 10.00 per plant, payable to First Presbyterian Church

\_\_\_\_ (circle) in memory or honor of

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Please put your order in the offering plate or via mail slot at Mulberry St. entrance, or by mail, PO Box 533, Georgetown, KY 40324. Note: If mailing your order, please send an email to the church office ([presbyterian502@gmail.com](mailto:presbyterian502@gmail.com)) with your ordering information in case of any mail delays. That way we know to be looking for it.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

**Adult Sunday School Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

We continue to offer two Adult Sunday School Classes. **Adult I** meets in the Church library and uses current books by Christian writers to discuss how modern issues impact our faith journeys. Here's the address to join the class via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88041635485>

**Adult II** meets in the downstairs classroom. The class is half-way through a year-long reading and discussion of Brian McLaren's book *The Road Is Made by Walking*. Each week he chooses several scripture passages related to some aspect of living out our Christian faith and starts an interesting and thought-provoking discussion. We would love to have new people join these activities.

As you know, we are in the season of Lent. Taking part in some new activity or spiritual discipline is a traditional way to Observe the season.

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The weekly Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. You can join through an internet computer connection or by phone. We are currently working our way through the Gospel of Luke. **Here's the Zoom address:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82346112262>

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### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet **Monday, March 4, beginning at 9:30**. We will discuss Lesson 7, "An Ethiopian Eunuch Encounters the Good News of Jesus," in the current *Horizons* Bible Study titled Sacred Encounters.

The March meeting of the **Nite Circle** will be **Monday, March 4, at 6:30 at the church**.



### MESSAGE FROM THE PW MODERATOR

**Hello PW Sisters,** The Triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is August 8-11, 2024 in St Louis MO. There are Scholarships available for anyone who may want to attend. The scholarship covers the \$450 registration fee and some car travel expenses. Deadline for scholarship applications is March 1st.

### PW Presbytery Spring Gathering Announced

ALSO, Please mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 13, 2024**, the Annual Spring Gathering of Transylvania PWs at 1st Presbyterian Church, Richmond KY. It will be in-person **AND** by **ZOOM**. COST is \$15 per person, including lunch. More info will be given at CIRCLE meetings and in The Mouse.



**ON-GOING NEEDS:** Paper goods - large and small plates, bowls, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels .These items are the main ones that our church has approved to supply) Also needed are personal care items and clothing.



### AMEN HOUSE BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

A special invitation

“We would love for you to join us in a one hour tour of the AMEN House. We will cover how all of our programs work and what’s coming next for the AMEN House. Do you have a friend or family member that you would love to share the AMEN House with? Please share this invitation and they are welcome to join you. Tour dates are available in March. You can see the full schedule of options and sign up at the AMEN House website. Just reach out to the AMEN House Director of Donor Relations who will block off a tour for you or your group and explore other dates.

### AMEN House Wish List

#### Food Pantry Needs

- **Knorr pasta sides**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Canned Soup**
- **Heavy duty grocery bags (Kroger Click List bags)**
- **Hand Warmer Packs**

### Project Prom Dress Give-A-Way

The AMEN House Project Prom Dress Give-A-Way is underway. While they have a supply of garments, additional dresses and accessory donations are needed. These can be dropped off at the AMEN House Thrift Store, preferably before March 1, Tuesday-Friday, 9am –2 pm.

# MARCH 2024

**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

1 **World Day of Prayer.** Church open from 10 am-4 pm for anyone desiring

3) 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School 11 am Worship with Communion	4 9:30 Morning Circle 6:30 Nite Circle	5	6 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	7) 10:30 Bible Study via Zoom 1 pm Worship Committee American Spiritual Ensemble concert	8	9
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4) 4th Sunday in Lent <b>Daylight Saving Time begins</b> 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School	11	12	13 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	14 10:30 Member-led Bible Study via Zoom	15	16
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17 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School 11 am Worship	18	19	20 5 pm Session 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	21 10:30 Member-led Bible Study via Zoom	22	23
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24) Palm Sunday, Holy Week Begins 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School 11 am Worship. Noisy Offering 4 pm GC Chorale concert	25	26	27 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	28 10:30 Member-led Bible Study via Zoom 6 pm Maundy Thursday service with communion	29 Good Friday Community Good Friday Service TBA	30
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31 Easter Day.  
7:15 Sunrise service followed by breakfast  
11:00 *Worship Service*

\* SSS Second Sunday Supplies for the Gathering Place