



# THE CHURCH MOUSE

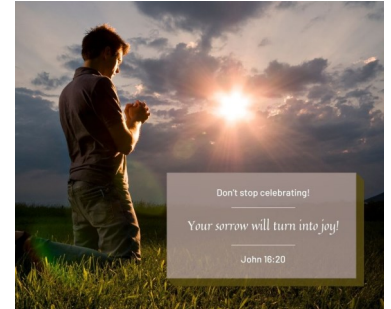
First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Georgetown, KY 40324

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## *Pastor's Corner*

Don't Stop Celebrating!

**This Jesus God raised up, and of that we are all witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that your yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." [Psalm 110:1]**



**Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you crucified. Acts 2:32-36**

This Jesus. Seven weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, Peter is preaching about Him. Central to the message is that Jesus Whom they crucified – **this Jesus** – has been raised from the dead and is alive forevermore, pouring out the Holy Spirit on believers. These women and men telling the mighty works of God in every language on Pentecost, they are witnesses of Christ's resurrection. It is the mightiest work of God, to bring life, eternal life, back into His creation, starting with the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead. Immortality restored. Souls redeemed. And they've known it for seven weeks. Been celebrating for seven weeks.

What was it like for those who loved Jesus – His followers – after the resurrection? The 11 remaining disciples, Jesus' mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Cleopas, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary the mother of James (lots of Marys), Salome, Joanna, the women who had come with Him from Galilee, the 2 on the road to Emmaus (including Cleopas), Thomas, all of these swelled the ranks of the witnesses to the resurrection. By Pentecost 120 witnesses have gathered and been praying for 7 weeks, so joyous that they keep celebrating, keep worshipping, keep praying. Waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit, they keep celebrating. Four weeks of Advent, 12 days of Christmas, 40 days of Lent, but the *longest* is our Resurrection Season: 7 full weeks of celebration.

In our American culture, Easter is a one and done. Chocolate-filled baskets, some new clothes, bunny pictures, egg hunts, and one of the two times most people attend church in the Christian calendar. But that is not the joy of the first disciples. People met on hillsides, in homes, and shared the inexpressible joy of redemption: grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, through the sacrifice and resurrection of their Lord, and the big payoff: eternal life for everyone who believes. How could they help but celebrate? For seven weeks. And them some more. Why? These witnesses told others, baptized others, and the celebration expanded to thousands.

Don't stop celebrating. We are heirs to the glory of Christ, the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. In the bond of Jesus, our risen Lord,

In His service,  
Pastor Elizabeth

## CLERK'S REPORT

*Session has taken the following actions:*

- *approved the use of the Annex on 09/21/2024 for a family gathering*
- *approved plan for distribution of new keys to "crash doors"*
- *approved continuing improvements to sound system*
- *the next stated session meeting will be 04/17/2024 at 5:30 pm*

*Attendance (includes Church School)*

*03/01/2024 : World Day of Prayer – church open for prayer and meditation*

*03/03/2024 : in sanctuary, 37*

*03/10/2024: in sanctuary, 42*

*03/17/2024 : in sanctuary, 42*

*03/24/2024 : in sanctuary, 54 (Palm Sunday)*

*03/28/2024 : in sanctuary, 31 (Maundy Thursday)*

*03/31/2024 : Resurrection Sunday sunrise service – 17*

*03/31/2024 : in sanctuary, 72 (Resurrection Sunday 11:00 am service)*

### COMMUNION

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

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**FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE****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.

**Worship Committee Meetings**

The Worship Committee **will meet Thursday, April 4** and 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!

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**Concerts and Plays**

- Georgetown Community Singers are celebrating 50 years of singing. They will present "Reflections" on Friday, April 26, at 7:30 at the Georgetown First United Methodist Church. Former directors, accompanists and singers, some of whom you know quite well, will be recognized. Tickets are now available from any choir member @\$10/ticket.
- The last concert of the semester of the Georgetown College Choral program (example pictured below) is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at 4 pm in the John L. Hill Chapel.
- The last of this year's Music for Mission series is Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. It features **Miguel Zenon and Luis Perdomo, sax and piano duo**. Attendance is free but an offering will be received benefiting The Nest in Lexington.
- Plan to attend the musical, **Grease**, at Woodford Theatre. The show goes from May 10 to May 26. Let us know your preferred Sunday to attend ( May 12, 19 or 26).



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet **Monday, April 1 beginning at 9:30**. We will discuss of Lesson 8, "Lydia Encounters Jesus in Worship," in the current *Horizons* Bible Study titled *Sacred Encounters*.

The April meeting of the **Nite Circle** will be **Monday, April 1, at 6:30 at the church**.

### MESSAGE FROM



### PW MODERATOR

**Hello PW Sisters,** The Triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is August 8-11, 2024 in St Louis MO. Please let the Moderator know if you're interested in going.

### PW Presbytery Spring Gathering Announced

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, **April 13, 2024**, the date of the Annual Spring Gathering of Transylvania PWs at First Presbyterian Church, Richmond KY. It will be in-person **AND** by **ZOOM**.



## AMEN House Wish List

### Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Saltine or Ritz Crackers
- Individual Dessert Packs
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Paper towels/toilet paper
- Kroger Click List bags

### Thrift Store Needs

- Spring/summer clothing
- Socks (new only)
- Underwear (all sizes, new only)
- Shoes
- Blankets
- Towels/washcloths



- Backpacks

**ONGOING 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. Next Second Sunday Supplies date: **April 14**.



## 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 progressing through a year-long reading and discussion of Brian McLaren's book *The Road Is Made by Walking*. Each week we choose 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.

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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>

**Young children** are invited to "Children's Church" during worship service.

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**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>Easter Sunday</b>	1 9:30 Morning Circle  6 pm Nite Circle	2	3  No Choir Rehearsal	4 19:30 Bible Study  1 pm Worship Committee	5	6
7) 9:30 Adult I and Adult II Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8 Solar Eclipse	9	10 6:50 Choir Rehearsal	11 10:30 Member-led Bible Study	12	13 PW Presbytery Fall Gathering, Richmond
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