

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 18th, 2018

~ 5th Sunday of Lent ~

Prelude: Here Yet Awhile – J.S. Bach

Choral Response

Apostolic Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Preparation, Praise and Adoration

*Hymn: Hungry

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Anthem: Love Beyond Degree

Children's Time

Scripture: Matthew 27:27-31

Hymn: # 542 My Life Is In You Lord

Scripture: Matthew 27:32-44

Message: Salvation Refused

Anointing Service

Offering of Gifts

Offertory: Old Rugged Cross – G. Bennard

*Response: Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: # 562 Be Thou My Vision

*Charge, Blessing & Sending with Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Postlude: Heaven Came Down – J. Peterson

Choir Cantata



How Great Thou Art



Good Friday

March 30th @ 7pm

Easter Sunday

April 1st @ 10:45 am

The story of Easter has so many highs and lows. This year's choir cantata takes us through all of them. It begins on Good Friday, the lowest of the low. The very God of this universe, sacrificed for us. Then the cantata continues on Easter Sunday, the highest of the high. Jesus Christ is alive!

The first half of How Great Thou Art will take place at our Good Friday service. The second half will be song on Easter Sunday as part of our regular service.

Join us for Dinner prior to the Good Friday service at Moe's Original BBQ @ 5pm.

See Zac if you would like to be a part of performing this cantata.

The fourth offering of Alpha Is Going Strong! We have a nice group of about 5, but we're having an amazing time, regardless of the size. Our retreat is coming up Saturday, March 17th, St Patrick's Day. It's a high point of Alpha. We gather for the day and eat, watch videos and have lots of time for discussion, games and even a bit of down time. Please pray for the Alpha team and our guests that God would work in all our hearts and draw us closer to him. If you would like to know more about Alpha, please contact Peggy (740-323-2353) or Kim (740-877-0346) or go to www.alphausa.org.

~This Week at 1st Presbyterian~

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

9:15 to 10:15 am – Sunday School
10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour
10:45 to Noon – Worship
6 to 7:30 pm – Youth Group @ Hanover PC

MONDAY, MARCH 19

6:30 pm – Alpha Week 8

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

11-Noon – SPARK Lunch
8 pm – NA Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 am–No Cooperation Delivery
6:15 pm – Bell Choir
7:15 pm – Choir Practice

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

10:00 am- Good Morning Bible Study
6:30 pm- Session Meeting
6:30 pm – NA
7 pm - Women's AA

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

9:30 am - NCS 4th Grade Organ Concert

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

9:15 to 10:15 am – Sunday School
10:15 to 10:45 am - Coffee Hour
10:45 to Noon – Worship Palm Sunday

Today ~ Liturgist: Louise Whitis; **Sound Room:** Chris Bowles; **Extended Church:** Priscilla Hare; **Money Counters:** Carol Denison, Rose Gibson; **Nursery:** Diane Dobson; **Children's Sermon:** Rev Steve; **Greeters:** Karen Sillin, Kenita Keck, Christa Brace, Barb Jobes; **Coffee Hour:** Birtcher

Next Sunday (March 25th) ~ Liturgist: Carol Floyd; **Sound Room:** Ted Brace; **Extended Church:** Need; **Money Counters:** John Denison, Sandy Noland; **Nursery:** Sarah Bowles; **Children's Sermon:** Ann Robinson; **Greeters:** Ron Noland, Sandy Noland, Keith Hare, Lois Spangler; **Coffee Hour:** Kenita Keck

Prayer Chain Updates

– Tracee Barr will be taking over the prayer chain. So please send any prayer requests to her at hippieluv12@yahoo.com or 740-345-7682. If you would like added to the prayer chain you can email Tracee or the church office.



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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- **John Miller**, (A friend of Tina) who has throat cancer, and will undergo surgery.
- **Megan Wilmen**, (Kim Krick's niece) who is on a Mission Trip to the Dominican.
- **Carol Denison**, who is getting over an illness, and the flu.
- **Stephani**, (A friend of Diana Brand) whose father-in-law passed away.
- **Lillian Weekly**, who is heading to Florida to work on Missionary's cars.
- **Tara**, (Daughter of Diana Brands co-worker) who is dealing with serious head trauma.
- **Chuck & Patty Kessler**, (Friends of Valerie Whalen) that have health needs.
- **Shari Carrolls**, (Friend of Valerie Whalen) who is in the OSU Neuroscience Unit.
- **Nancy Lahue**, (Friend of Valerie Whalen) who has a broken femur.
- **Sonny Whalen**, (Husband of Valerie Whalen) who has prostate cancer.
- **Becky Schifer**, (Friend of Valerie Whalen) who is going thru a divorce.
- **Kelly McGee**, (Friend of Valerie Whalen) who is grieving the death of her son Bryan.
- **Family of Joe Johnston**, who passed away last week.
- **Jean Holman**, who is having blurry eyesight due to a fall.
- **Sheila**, (a family friend of Karen Fish) She is currently at home in Wisconsin, after a heart episode.
- **Steve Smith**, who is undergoing a new type of chemotherapy after it was determined that the other therapy was not working.
- **Jordan**, (the Baughman's Son) who is suffering from PTSD.
- **Lovona Parkhill**, who is at home recovering from a stroke.
- **Alpha** for those taking part in this session and for Alpha's continued ministry.
- **Dwight Gibson**, who is fighting an infection in his leg.
- **Gaye Gibson**, who is still healing from a broken ankle she suffered on Christmas Eve.
- **Chuck & Yvonne Holloway**, who are dealing with age.

Long Term Prayer Needs...

- **Becky Price**, sister of Tricia Denune, who had cancer surgery. Her prognosis is better than originally thought.
- **Jeff**, (Josh Mitzel's father), who is receiving a bone marrow transplant.
- **Shirley** (Barb Jobes' Mom), who has lung cancer and is having chemotherapy.
- **Bob Bracy**, (Karen Birtcher's brother-in-law) who has made his way home after his fall in November.
- **Ward Porch**, (son of Trip & Brittany Porch), who is being treated for cancer in his kidney.
- **Larry**, (Chris Bowles' Grandfather) who has cancer.
- **Our members in need of special care:** Dee Barber, Tracee Barr, Travis Edwards, Nancy Johnson, Donna Kinney, Eula Montgomery, Jean Nichols, Barb Ryan, Lovona Parkhill, Steve Smith, Phyllis Walker.



Anointing Service – Today, during Service. Lent is a season of preparation. We get ready to witness anew Christ on the Cross, and Christ Alive again. Are you preparing for this wonderful time? As Christians, we are often left unprepared for Christ due to the stresses of the day, physical ailments, sin, or distraction. Biblically and historically, the Church has used the anointing with oil and the laying of hands as a way to bring us back to wholeness and as a way to mark times of extreme change. This is a powerful tool that we seldom use in today's Church. Today, during worship, we will have a service of anointing and laying on of hands.

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NCS Organ Concert – This Friday - All 4th grades from Newark City Schools will be descending on our church, First Pres!!! They will be listening to one of the few pipe organs left in Licking County and to Baroque

composers such as Bach and Handel. First Pres folks are more than welcome to attend, but the sanctuary will be filled. Get a good seat early. Other music teachers in NCS will be performing, as well. We will be in need of helpers at the door, seating the children in the balcony and floor area, and getting the kids to and from buses. Please let Rev. Steve and/or Ann Robinson know, if you can help. THE CONCERT BEGINS PROMPTLY at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 10:30 a.m.



Adult Elective – The Adult Sunday School class continues our Lenten study “Jesus’ Final Week”. Each week focuses on a different day of Holy Week. The events that took place during Jesus’ final week on earth – Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the trial, Jesus’ death and his resurrection- are foundational to our salvation and our Christian life. The study focuses more closely on these amazing events, and we will gain new understanding about who Jesus is and how he loves you. Please join us at 9:15 in the Journey Room.

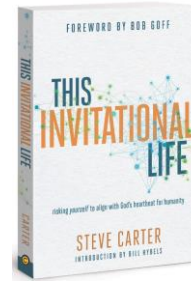


Wilson Gift Cards - The Evangelism and Outreach Committee will be taking orders for Wilson’s Garden Center Gift Cards between February 1 and March 31.

The cards will be sold by prepaid order.

Orders received by Sunday, February 25, will be delivered on Sunday, March 4. Orders received by Sunday, March 25, will be delivered on Sunday, April 1.

Order forms are available in the sanctuary on the sign-up table. Make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church with Wilson Gift Card in the memo line. Orders can be given to Debbie Blamer or dropped into the offering plate.



Trip to See Steve Carter – Steve Carter will be speaking after dinner on Saturday April 14th @ 6pm. He will be at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights. Steve wrote ‘This Invitational Life’ which the Adult Sunday School studied last year. Tickets are \$40 (\$31.25 for a table). See Peggy Lieb if you are interested.



Easter Morning Sunrise Service – Join us at Hanover Presbyterian Church for a Presbyterian Community Easter Sunrise Service at 7 am. The service will be outside - weather permitting. This will be a good opportunity to worship with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters. Please join us. After the service, we will all have breakfast together.



Mission Breakfast – Healing Arts Mission - Our own Keith Hare traveled many times to Haiti to work with Healing Arts Mission. On Sunday, April 8, 2018,

Evangelism and Outreach Committee and the adult Sunday School class will host a breakfast buffet during Sunday School hour. Keith will share about his work at the Healing Arts Mission in Haiti. Breakfast will be ready at 9:00 a.m. and Keith will begin speaking soon after. Come and enjoy breakfast and find out how things are progressing in Haiti. Don't miss the opportunity to hear about this exciting work.



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In this season of Lent, as we remember what Jesus has done for us, may we give a sacrificial gift that God may be pleased. Last year’s offering was \$906. May we match or exceed that amount this year. Coin banks are available in the sanctuary or simply write a check and note that it is for One Great Hour of Sharing. May God bless your giving! – Gaye Gibson

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