

Service of Divine Worship

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day

April 20, 2025

Assemble in God's Name

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude: *Were You There with Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*
Karen Mail, Soprano & Alana Plessinger, flute

Richard Heffler

Flower Processional: *Bell Peal*

Hallelujah Ringers

*Call to Worship:

The darkness is gone!

Bright light floods into this new day of hope.

Those who went to the tomb received good news.

Christ was not there!

Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!

Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!¹

*Opening Hymn #123: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Congregation and Hallelujah Ringers

with Ann LeVan, piano & Tim LeVan, organ

Call to Confession

Dear friends, on this morning of hallelujahs, we must confess how human we are. We accept the witness of angels at the tomb, but find it difficult to live the lives of compassion and reconciliation that this hope demands.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Bring us new life, Dazzling God: where we are tired and stressed, give us the energy to serve your creation; transform our hardened hearts into fountains of grace; forgive us of all the damage we have done to others and to your creation and lead us in a new direction; fill us with the Joy of your Spirit, in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silent, Personal Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon:

God, our Creator, gives us new life; Christ, our Redeemer, prepares a Table for us; Holy Spirit, our Joy, calls us to service. The tomb is empty, sin is powerless, death is defeated forever. People of God, the good news is this; He is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Thanks be to God, Amen!²

***Song of Joy, Hymn #113**, verse 1: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!

All creation, join to say; Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply, Alleluia!

* **The Peace:** *"The Peace of the Lord be with you." "And also with you."*

*As a sign of reconciliation please share the Peace of Christ
with your brothers and sisters.*

Proclaim God's Word

Unison Prayer for Illumination:

Your Word, O God, enlightens our path and shows us the way to go. Open the ears of our hearts and speak to us now that we may know your desire for our lives, and respond with joy. Amen.³

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *On the Third & Allen Pote*

Heritage Choir with Ann LeVan and Tim LeVan, pianos

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 28:1-10, 6:25-34 (NRSV)**

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

Sermon: *Do Not Be Afraid!*

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn of Response #105:** *Because You Live, O Christ*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People, Concluding with The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *Just Because He Lives*

Joel Raney

Hallelujah Ringers & Tim LeVan, piano

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Sending:** *Hallelujah*

Handel

The Congregation is invited to stand and sing

Ann LeVan & Tim LeVan, pianos

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Ann LeVan & Tim LeVan

**Those who are able may stand*

¹ Nancy C, Townley: <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/2507/worship-connection-easter-2021>

² <https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/04/02/easter-confession/>

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Join Us for a Mason Chorale Concert: Sunday, April 27 at 7pm

Celebrating our favorite Broadway Classics & Honoring our Musical Mentors

Sunday, April 27th at 7pm at HPC

Tickets for HPC Members are \$10, other adults are \$15, students \$10, Kids 6 and under are free. Get your tickets online at www.masonchorale.org or at the door.



Calling All High School & Post High School 2025 Graduates!

Graduate Recognition will be on Sunday, May 4th during the Worship Service.

We will present our high school graduates to the congregation. Other graduates will be asked to stand and be recognized.

All graduating high school & other graduates should submit the following:

- Name of the school you will be graduating from
- Any specific plans for the Fall, including your chosen college, major or job
- High School Seniors, please include 5 photos
- Other graduates, please include 1 photo

Send all the above info to: youth@hpcmason.org

Prayer Requests

Concerns:

- Michelle Schumm—spinal neck fusion surgery 4/29 to relieve pain
- Larry Andrews—Cervical Ablation for severe neck pain on 4/18
- Drew Fisher—recovery from surgery
- Stephanie Baird—friend of Pat Brandt—Lyme disease
- Hazel Dotson—friend of Connie Ison & Sheri Miller—broken hip & arm

Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Israel & Gaza, and for peace.
- Robert & Tricia Boies—friends of Pat Brandt—Robert has serious health issues
- Dave Durham—friend of the Plats' - Osteoporosis & kidney problems
- Cathy Ewing's parents—navigating scan results and ongoing health challenges
- Bob Fisher – Drew Fisher's dad – diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Jamey Focke—appointment with back surgeon
- Barbara Garrett—Sarah Falck's aunt—Hospice care
- Skip Glander—Anita Segreto's brother—Stage IV lung cancer.
- Betty Hecht—Leah Jacob's mother—hospitalized for pneumonia due to coronary heart failure
- Debbie Jarvis—Kyle Homan's niece—breast cancer
- Jenny—Michelle Romans' mother—recovery from 3/31 surgery for early stage breast cancer
- Charlie McCaulou—results of testing
- JoAnne McCaulou—at Mason Christian Village Grace Center, room 406
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Ellen Reiter – former coworker of Rick Davis – hospice care
- Leigha Riley—niece of Joanne Foster—miscarriage
- Steve Ritz—health issues
- Carl & Gaye Sanker
- Randy Stanford—lung cancer, broken foot
- Teresa Stanford—home recuperating
- Roni Swihart—recovery from herniated disc

In Memoriam;

- Jeanette Fay, Ray Fay, Chris Case and family – Bob Fay claimed the victory of the resurrection on Saturday, April 5th. Visitation 10-11:30am, Service 11:30am followed by a luncheon at HPC on Saturday, April 26.

Intercessory Prayer: Trinity Presbyterian Church
Call the church office, 398-7671, to add requests.

Special Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 4th after Worship



The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting following Worship on Sunday, May 4. We will discuss and vote on an eminent domain land sale of a 0.165 acre section of our land to the City of Mason, who plans to widen Mason-Montgomery Road by adding a turn lane.



Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

HPC can help cover these post-secondary education costs through interest-free loans of up to \$2,500 a year. The loans are available to Heritage church families and other Christian students and are provided by the Thompson-Baxter and Cheryl Whitacre Education Funds established through memorial bequests administered by the HPC Endowment Committee. The church loans have helped make college and advanced study possible for students enrolled in higher education institutions for over 40 years.

Contact Susan Brose, Business Manager at sbrose.hpc@gmail.com for loan application forms. Submit applications by July 31 to give the Endowment Committee time to review the requests and finalize the loans before tuition is due.

Loans are made for \$1,250 per semester, \$2,500 per school year, for a maximum of four years and \$10,000. Loans are interest-free with a repayment schedule beginning 12 months after the final year of education.

Community Cupboard

Most Needed Items: Shelf stable milk, canned pasta with meat, tuna, canned chicken, Spam, beef stew, potatoes (boxed, canned, dry mix), flavored rice, gravy



Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS: June 23-27, 6-8:30pm

One of the highlights of summer is Vacation Bible School. Come and be a part of faith and fun, as we are called together to serve.

Through Bible activities, crafts, games, science, snacks, and mission, we will be part of an amazing community of fun and learning about the Bible.

There are many ways to be part of VBS!

- ⇒ **Attend:** Children age 4 – upcoming 5th graders are welcome. Register at <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2025>, or in the Atrium
- ⇒ **Donate:** There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.
- ⇒ **Volunteer:** We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens (upcoming 6th graders and older)

If you love God, and love to have fun, you will love VBS! How do you want to be a part of VBS?



VBS Decorating: Wednesdays in May from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

We need help creating the decorations to transform our building for Vacation Bible Study. If you can trace, cut, or glue, we would love to have you join us! Some take-home projects are also available. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 20, Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday

8:30 am: Easter Breakfast

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Monday, April 21, Easter Monday

The Church Office is Closed

7pm: Finance Committee Meeting; Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 22

8:00 am: Men's Bible Study

10:00 am: Crafting Group

7:00 pm: Transformative Justice Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 23

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, April 24

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, April 25

12:00 pm: May Good News Info Due

Saturday, April 26

10:00 am: Visitation for Bob Fay

11:30am: Funeral for Bob Fay, followed by a luncheon

12:00 pm: Food with Friends (in Rooms 22/23 this month)

Sunday, April 27, 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 am: Sunday School for all Ages

10:15 am: In Person Worship & Livestream Worship on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

5:00 pm: Kids of the Kingdom, 'Tweens & Legacies

5:30 pm: Third Way Base Community

7:00 pm; Mason Chorale Concert

The Worship Leader this Week is Diane Sherrard

Birthdays this Week: Jeremy Schumm, Peyton Mills, Leah Jacob & Patty Schnetzer



Inquirer's Class: Sunday, May 18, 11:30am-1:30pm

HPC will hold an Inquirer's Class for those who are seeking Membership on Sunday, May 18 after Worship. A lunch will be provided. Childcare is available upon request. Please sign up using this link: <https://hpcmason.breezechms.com/form/cb992769> or on the Signup Insert.



Heritage Presbyterian Cookbook

Presbyterian Women will be publishing a cookbook just in time for the holidays. Watch the PW bulletin board for details on how you can submit your favorite recipes. Think of all the food you have enjoyed at church potlucks and breakfasts, and ask the cooks to submit the recipes! Contact Libby McKean or Joanne Foster with questions.

HPC Sending Adult Mission Team

Get out your gloves and hammer. Sign-up sheets are on the Mission bulletin board in the Atrium. Our first mission team since Covid, we're going to the mountains in western North Carolina that were so hard hit by Hurricane Helene last fall. All able bodied members are welcome to join us.



Bible Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation May 4, 9-10 am

As we close out a great school year of Sunday School and Bible Study, let's celebrate! All are welcome! If you attended Sunday School, Bible Study, or studied scripture on your own – come and enjoy fellowship and breakfast. We will also take some time to appreciate those who taught us this year. Please use the link <https://bit.ly/HPCsundayschoolmay4> to let us know you are coming or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Sandusky Mission Trip: June 4 – 8



We are beginning to plan our annual mission trip to the Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center. This year, we will include children who have completed 3rd grade – 7th grade. Please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org, if you would like to attend, or would like more information about this trip.



Sandwich Mission Update: Thursday, April 10, 2025

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 34,279
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 262 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 253
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 48

You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing!

“For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” Matthew 25:35.

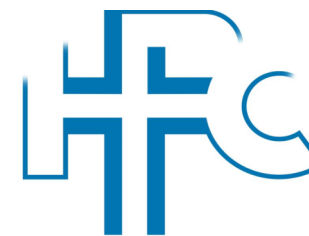
“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25:40.



2025 Pledges & Gifts

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2Wjfb2m>

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In Memory of Patty Faas

In Honor & Gratitude for our HPC Congregation

Sheri Miller

To those we have lost this year

Judith Olsen

In Memory of Family

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In Honor of all Church Singles Activities

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Greeters

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Specific Date(s) _____

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