

Service of Divine Worship

4th Sunday of Easter, Confirmation Sunday

May 11, 2025

Assemble in God's Name

Life Together

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude: *Little Brown Church*

Anna Laura Paige

Hallelujah Ringers & Tim LeVan, piano

***Call to Worship:**

If you are suffering now, be glad and take heart.

We will shout for joy when Christ's glory is revealed.

Cast all your cares upon the Lord, who cares for you.

The God of all grace will support and sustain us.¹

Come, let us worship God together.

***Opening Hymn #144: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, father and mother to orphans, protector of outcasts, provider for the needy, savior of all: We confess that we have neglected the work you entrusted to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, and in our witness to your love for us, and for all. God of mercy, restore us. Support us. Strengthen and establish us, that we may do your will on earth, until you come again.²

Silent, Personal Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon:

Friends, forgiveness comes from God, who does not count our sin against us. For God has reconciled us through Christ, and entrusts to us the message of reconciliation.

Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Alleluia! Amen.

***Song of Joy, Hymn #122, verse 3: Thine Is the Glory**

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!

Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love:

Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

*** 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:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.³

Children's Time

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Ministry of Music: *Committin' This Day*

Aaron Johnson

Heritage Choir & Alana Plessinger, flute

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Sermon: *Surrounded by Love*

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn of Response #171**, verses 1, 5 & 6: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

Confirmation/Commissioning

*** Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed*, traditional

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory

*** Hymn # 592:** Doxology

*** Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Sending #387:** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

**Those who are able may stand*

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³ Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 1993) 60.

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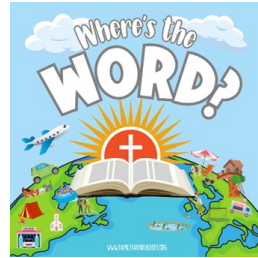
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Where's the Word?

Children's Ministries has prepared a fun packet of Bible resources for all families with children aged Birth – 12th grade. We can still spend time in the Word, even when we are on vacation. Pick up your *Where's the Word?* travel bag, outside of Susie Faas' office and continue to deepen your family's faith through the summer.



Mission Opportunity for All

As part of our Matthew 25 Initiative, one of our learning groups is planning a trip to *Matthew 25 Ministries* in Blue Ash on the morning of *May 15*. We will have a time of education through their Global Village, a mission project, and lunch together. All are welcome! If you would like to join us, or need more information, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Let's Play Golf for FPWC! "GolfForHome" 7:30am, Monday, 5/19/25

How about 18 holes of golf on the beautiful Heatherwoode Golf Course, at 88 Heatherwoode Blvd. in Springboro to support Family Promise Warren Co.? \$100/golfer, \$400/foursome; 7:30-9am: Breakfast (included); 9am: Shotgun Start Scramble; 1-2pm: Lunch (included) & Awards. Golfers are encouraged to register online by scanning the QR code on the Mission Bulletin Board in the Atrium, or by visiting <https://golfforhome.golfgenius.com/>.

Prayer List

Joys:

- Michelle Schumm—spinal neck fusion surgery on 4/29 was successful
- Ann LeVan completed her 2nd Flyng Pig 10k using a recumbent bike.
- Justin & Leah—Sarah Falck's nephew & wife - 1st Anniversary and the birth of a baby.

Concerns:

- Angel—Wife of Tim LeVan's colleague—Hospice care with kidney cancer

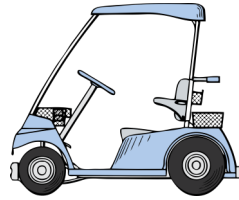
Continued Prayer:

- Church Land Sale – that all remaining obstacles be removed.
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, Israel & Gaza, and for peace.
- Larry Andrews—Recovery from Cervical Ablation for severe neck pain on 4/18
- Stephanie Baird—friend of Pat Brandt—Lyme disease
- Bill - Karen Saterfield's brother-in-law – kidney failure
- Robert & Tricia Boies—friends of Pat Brandt—Robert has serious health issues
- Chandler – friend of Karen Saterfield – grand mal seizure
- Bob Dean—friend of the Kleins—pancreatic cancer
- Hazel Dotson—friend of Connie Ison & Sheri Miller—broken hip & arm
- Cathy Ewing's parents – decisions about Marty's cancer, which has spread.
- Barbara Garrett—Sarah Falck's aunt—Hospice care
- Betty Hecht—Leah Jacob's mother—hospitalized
- Debbie Jarvis—Kyle Homan's niece—breast cancer
- Annie Lopez – wife of Tim LeVan's colleague – treatment for breast cancer
- Pat Massey – Karen Saterfield's Mother – Cardioversion & Pacemaker
- JoAnne McCaulou—at Mason Christian Village Grace Center, room 406
- Tom McGrath—friend of the Kleins—throat cancer
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Lynn Regenhold—friend of Joanne Foster—cancer has returned.
- Steve Ritz—health issues
- Sandra – Joan & Frank Gallina's cousin – surgery 4/28 for macular degeneration.
- Carl & Gaye Sanker
- Randy & Teresa Stanford

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

Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars! This year's Tennis Tournament Golf Cart Driving Youth Fundraiser will be August 5-18th. We will need many volunteers to fill the schedule. See Al Steverson with any questions.



Apply Now For No-Interest Heritage Education Loans

EDUCATION



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: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meats (Spam, Vienna Sausage, Potted Meat), Canned Pasta with Meat (Lasagna, etc.), Beef Stew, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Peas, Rice-a-Roni, Cereal (other than Cheerios).

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!

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



Family Promise Warren County Hosting Week Starts 6-01-2025 !

Our 3rd Hosting Week for FPWC for 2025 begins on Sunday, 06-01-2025! Sheri Miller and Nelson Kennedy are asking those of you have been trained at a FPWC training session, to volunteer for one of the 42 volunteer positions that are needed in that week. Our Mason Partner Churches will probably fill 16 volunteer Host positions, leaving 26 other Host positions for HPC to fill.

Sign up on the list of needed volunteer Host positions in the Atrium, or tell, call, text, or email Sheri Miller or Nelson Kennedy.

HPC needs more trained volunteer Hosts for our future Hosting Weeks. If you would like to be trained for this wonderful Host experience, please contact Sheri or Nelson.



Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 11, 4th Sunday of Easter, Confirmation Sunday, Mother's Day

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

Monday, May 12

7:00 pm: Deacons' Meeting; Mason City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

8:00 am: Men's Bible Study

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:00 pm: Presbytery Gathering at Bethel Murdoch PC

Wednesday, May 14

9:30 am: Hope Circle

5:30 pm: VBS Decorating

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice

Thursday, May 15

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, May 16

2:00 pm: Endowment Meeting

Saturday, May 17

Sunday, May 18, 5th Sunday of Easter, Mission Trip Commissioning

9:00 am: Sandusky Trip Meeting

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

11:30 am: NC Mission Trip Planning Meeting

Sanctuary Flowers This Week are given by Susie Faas in Loving Memory of Patty Faas.

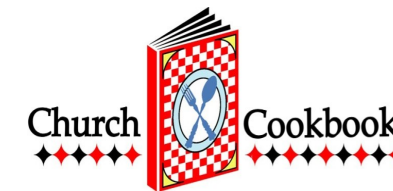
The Worship Leader this Week is Leslie Dauer-Creek

Birthdays this Week: Alana Plessinger, Lucy Atkinson, Emerson King, Emma Niehaus



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 sign-up sheet in the Atrium.



Heritage Presbyterian Cookbook

Presbyterian Women will be publishing a cookbook. Recipe submission forms are in the Atrium, under the PW Bulletin Board. We are ready to accept all recipes! Contact Libby McKean or Joanne Foster with questions.



***HPC Sending Adult Mission Team Meeting:
Sunday May 18, 11:30am***

Anyone interested in joining in our first mission team since Covid, please stay after Worship for a planning meeting on Sunday, May 18. 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.

**Sandusky Mission Trip Meeting:
Sunday, May 18, 9am**

There will be a Trip meeting for all Sandusky participants, next Sunday, May 18th 9 – 10 am.

There is still room if you would like to attend. Youth completing grades 3 – 7 and chaperones are invited. Contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org



Sandwich Mission Update: Thursday, April 24, 2025

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 34,416
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 263 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 255
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 39

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.

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