

Service of Divine Worship
5th Sunday after Easter, Communion
May 3, 2026

Assemble in God's Name

Life Together

Welcome & Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude

***Responsive Call to Worship:**

As the Creator and the Savior are one,

may we all be one.

So that the world may see Christ,

may we all be one.

So that the nations will know the love of God for them,

may we all be one.

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,

may we all be one. Come, let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn #430:** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession:

Creator God, by your design we are whole people,

yet we deny this gift of wholeness when we have been willing to be entertained but not changed;

We have allowed our insights to harden into cliches;

We have seen our youth as "the future of the church", but not as valuable members of the church today;

We have called on you only to hear the sound of our own voices;

Forgiving God, who makes community from the raw materials of our lives, teach us the humility to learn from all of your beloved children. Restore to us wholeness through the Oneness we have in your son, our risen Savior, Christ Jesus.

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.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Song of Joy, Hymn #579:** *Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end, Amen, Amen.

*** 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. ¹

Children's Time

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *The Summons*
Heritage Choir

Tom Fettke

Scripture Passage: **Philippians 1:1-6**

Sermon: *With Great Joy*

Reverend Sarah Sparks-Franklin

Respond to God's Word

***Hymn of Response #339:** *Be Thou My Vision*

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation/Commissioning

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

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Joys & Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer (*Unison, Blue Hymnal page 16*)

All: Our Father...

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took the bread...

The Bread— *"This is my body broken for you."*

Please partake of the bread individually.

The Cup— *"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood."*

Please hold the cup until directed.

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Sending** #499, verses 1 & 4: *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

* *Those who are able may stand*

¹ Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 1993) 60.

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Order of Worship

Pastor: *Rev. Sarah Sparks-Franklin*

Parish Associate—*Rev. Jacquelyn Pinkowski*

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Director of Music Ministries—*Karen Mail*

Youth Assistant—*Ben Schnetzer*

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Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations and Welcome to the HPC Confirmation Class of 2026!

- Addison Brooke Hinerman
- Alena Schneiderman
- Elise Tymitz

Adult Mission Trip

There will be a meeting today, May 3rd to discuss interest and possible location and date. Meeting will be in room 14/15 at 11:30am. A sign up sheet will also be on the Mission Board. Please fill out all the information so we can keep you in the loop.



Sandusky Mission Trip

We are preparing our annual mission trip to the Sandusky Presbyterian Outreach Center June 3-7, 2026. This year, children completing grades 4 – 8 will be included in the trip. If your child is interested in going on the mission trip, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org.

Prayer List

Concerns:

- Sandy White—ongoing cancer treatments
- Mollie Robinson—at UC Clifton with a tumor on her hip
- Deanna Taggart—heel surgery on April 31
- Greg Sturk—pain in upper left shoulder

Continued Prayers for:

- Prayers for peace in the world.
- Prayers for all who battle mental illness.
- Prayer for the military serving around the world
- Todd Atkinson & family—Chris Atkinson’s brother—aftermath of tornado in Kenosha, WI. Todd’s and family are safe and their home is standing, though damaged.
- Morgan Gardner –friend of Morgan Perkins—recovery from scar tissue removal surgery & postpartum complications
- Lucy Ginther—recovering at home from descending aortic dissection
- Hazel—Connie Ison & Sheri Miller’s great-niece—Children’s Hospital for seizures
- Steve Hubbard—Judith Olsen’s son-in-law—results of follow-up doctor appointment
- John, Andrew & Rebecca—friends of Susie Faas—serving in the Middle East
- Kyle Homan—continued prayer for breast cancer treatments.
- Laurie Knobbe—cancer
- Lisa & family – friend of Lisa Niehaus – hospitalized with acute Pancreatitis
- Al & Jo Marggrander—Jo has been moved to memory Care at the Lodge
- Tom McCurley—childhood friend of Jim Spaeth—cancer
- Ty Mitchell—The Spaeths’ son-in-law—bone marrow biopsy
- Chuck Plats, Jr.—Neil Plats’ nephew—emergency open heart surgery
- Steve Ritz –health issues
- John Samol—Martha Bard’s son-in-law—Home recovering from 2/6 brain surgery. Please continue to pray for improvement.
- Son of Rick Davis’ daughter-in-law’s sister—Muscular Dystrophy
- Teresa Stanford—in nursing care at Majestic Care

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



Youth International Mission Trip 2027

We are in the early planning stages of a Youth International Mission Trip for the Summer of 2027. Students who have recently graduated and were unable to participate in an international trip while they were in high school are also invited to join. If you have any questions, please contact Al Steverson at 19asteve78@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more details in the near future!



Let's Play Golf for FPWC Tomorrow, May 4th!

"Golf for Home" will be great fun! How about 18 holes of Golf on the beautiful Heatherwoode Golf Course, at 88 Heatherwoode Blvd in Springboro to support our FPWC, Family Promise of Warren County! Golf for Home will have registration and breakfast starting at 8am, Monday, May 4th, \$125 per golfer, \$500 per foursome.

8 - 10am, Breakfast Included.

10am – Shotgun Start

2 – 3pm, Lunch Included and Awards.

Golfers are encouraged to register on line at <https://www.familypromisewarren.org/> or by calling FPWC at 513-934-5250.



Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS

June 22-26, 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.

This year's theme is ROAD TRIP, On the Go With God.

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 on-line at <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2026>

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?

Sign up in the Atrium or contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org

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

Help us create the decorations that transform our building for Vacation Bible School. 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, May 3, 5th Sunday of Easter, Confirmation Sunday, Communion

10:15 am: Worship Service

11:30 am: Adult Mission Trip Meeting

Monday, May 4

11:30 am: Lunch Bunch at Perkins

7:00 pm: Session Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am: Men's Bible Study

10:00 am: Crafting Group

Wednesday, May 6

5:30 pm: VBS Decoration Prep

6:15pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, May 7

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, May 8

10:00 am: HPP Graduation Ceremony

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10, 6th Sunday of Easter, Graduate Recognition Sunday,

Mother's Day

10:15 am: Worship Service

The Worship Leader This Week is Karen Saterfield

Sanctuary Flowers This Week are given by Al & Katie Steverson in celebration of all the May Birthdays.

Birthdays this Week: Luke Jacob, Michele Plats, Aaron Hoxie, Troy Pratt, Henry Schumm, Michael Fehrenbach

*You are
Invited*

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The HPC Church family is invited to help celebrate Lilly Steverson's Graduation and rescheduled Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, May 31st. The Eagle Court of Honor is at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary, with the Grad Party to follow from 5-7 in the Church Fellowship Hall.

Third Way Peace Fellowship Event May 16, 12-2pm at Yorketowne

Third Way Peace Fellowship is a mission that our HPC Mission Committee supports and partners with, much like we do with Family Promise and Our Daily Bread. As the weather is warming up, Third Way is heading back to Yorketowne, a manufactured home community in the Princeton City School District, to provide fellowship and a free meal to the members of that community on Saturday, May 16 from 12-2pm. The HPC family is invited to join Third Way during that time for fellowship, food, and helping out with cleanup. If you are interested contact Kai Huang or Jono Sparks-Franklin with questions!



Community Cupboard



HPC Community Cupboard

Our biggest need is for health/self care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. Even the small sample sizes are in demand. SNAP doesn't cover these items.

We Need: Boxed/Canned Potatoes, Pancake Mix (complete), Syrup, Jelly, Canned Meat such as Stew, Chicken, Spam, Chunky Beef or Chicken Soup, Canned Pasta Sauce



Sandwiches Delivered as of 4/26/26

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 40,132
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 307 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 305
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 37

You Sandwich Missionaries are amazing!

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

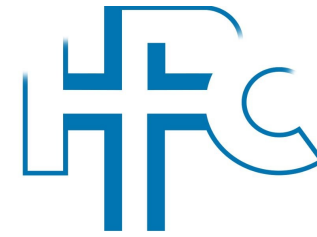
"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

2026 Pledges & Gifts

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



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