

Service of Divine Worship

3rd Sunday after Easter, Teacher Recognition Sunday

April 19, 2026

Assemble in God's Name

Life Together

Welcome & Proclamation of the Good News

Prelude

*Responsive Call to Worship:

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

Risen Christ, you come to us, hidden and unrecognized, and you bless us.

We greet you with awe and wonder.

You give us your gifts, and nourish our souls.

We welcome you with gratitude and joy.

You give us the spirit of your peace, and call us to love.

We serve you with faith and hope. Alleluia! ¹

*Opening Hymn #111: *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, You are loving and kind. We confess to You our sins, for they are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear. See us free from a past that we cannot change. Open us to Your future, in which we will be changed. Grant us Your grace to grow more and more into Your likeness. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent, Personal Prayer

Responsive Assurance of Pardon:

Hear the good news! Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for

us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Song of Joy, Hymn #122, verse 2: *Thine Is the Glory*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;

Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

For the Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

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:

Holy Creator, reveal yourself to us in the reading and proclamation of your Word. Give us ears to hear your voice, eyes that see you among us, and hearts that are willing to follow where you lead. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen. ²

Children's Time: Teacher Recognition

Susie Faas

Ministry of Music: *Look Away to the Skies*
Heritage Choir

Joel Raney

Scripture Passage: John 21:1-19

Sermon: *Peter the Disciple Who Denied* ³

Reverend Gary Brose

Respond to God's Word

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

Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn

***Unison Affirmation of Faith:** *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another; that unity is, therefore both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain. That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *When You Call*

Schramm

Alana Plessinger, soprano with Ann LeVan, piano

* Hymn # 592: Doxology

* Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Sending #538:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

** Those who are able may stand*

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Order of Worship

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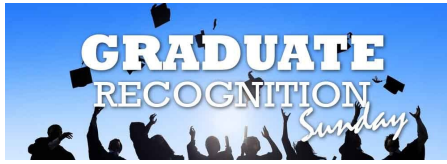
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Attention High School & Post High School 2026 Graduates!

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, May 10th 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 *by Friday, May 1st*:

- 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



SAVE the DATE: VBS June 22 – 26, 6:00 – 8:30pm

Vacation Bible School is one of our favorite seasons! Mark your calendars, so you don't miss any of the fun and faith at Vacation Bible School. VBS is available to all children age 4 through completing 5th grade. This year's theme is ROAD TRIP, On the Go With God. Sign up today! <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2026>

We are also looking for lots of helpers for VBS. If you would like to help with advance planning or decorating, or if you would like to be a volunteer the week of VBS, please contact susie.faas@hpcmason.org. There is a place at VBS for everyone.



Concerns:

- Hazel—Connie Ison & Sheri Miller's great-niece—Children's Hospital for seizures
- Lisa & family – friend and neighbor of Lisa Niehaus – hospitalized with acute Pancreatitis.
- Annie—Don & Karen Franzmeier's granddaughter—safe delivery of her baby

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. Praise that Todd's and family are safe and their home is standing, though damaged.
- Kevin Bennett—family friend of Pastor Sarah's—hospitalized with complications of Myasthenia Gravis
- Jayne Cool – Cathy Ewing's mother – strength & healing for cancer treatments.
- Morgan Gardner –friend of Morgan Perkins—recovery from scar tissue removal surgery & postpartum complications
- Lucy Ginther—recovering at home from descending aortic dissection
- John, Andrew & Rebecca—friends of Susie Faas—serving in the Middle East
- Kyle Homan—continued prayer for breast cancer treatments.
- Al & Jo Marggrandner—Jo has been moved to memory Care at the Lodge
- Tom McCurley—childhood friend of Jim Spaeth—cancer
- The Pentecost family asks for prayer for Katie
- Steve Ritz –health issues
- John Samol—Martha Bard's son-in-law—recovery from 2/6 brain surgery
- Son of Rick Davis' daughter-in-law's sister—Muscular Dystrophy
- Teresa Stanford—in nursing care at Majestic Care

In Memoriam

- Ineke Rude and family—Roger Rude claimed the victory of the resurrection on Wednesday, April 15. Arrangements will be shared when available.

Intercessory Prayer: Mowrystown 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 Stevers at 19asteve78@gmail.com. Stay tuned for more details in the near future!



Let's Play Golf for FPWC on 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.

8AM - 10AM, Breakfast Included.

10AM – Shotgun Start

2PM – 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.



Sandusky Mission Trip

We are preparing the 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.



Mason Chorale Concert: Today, April 19, 7pm at HPC

Please join the mason Chorale for our Spring 2026 Concert: *Take Two*—featuring numbers from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Ticketing Information is online at www.masonchorale.org. HPC Members are \$20, Children 6 and under are free.



Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 19, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Teacher Appreciation Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 am: Worship Service
11:30 am: B & P Meeting
5:00 pm: Youth Groups
7:00 pm: Mason Chorale Concert

Monday, April 20

3:30 pm: Confirmation Class
6:30 pm: CESE Meeting
7:00 pm: Finance Committee Meeting; Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

8:00 am: Men's Bible Study
10:00 am: Crafting Group
7:00 pm: Preschool Board Meeting
7:30 pm: Mary Haven

Wednesday, April 22

6:15pm: Choir Practice
7:30 pm: Bell Choir Practice

Thursday, April 23

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study
8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

Friday, April 24

12:00 pm: May Good News information due

Saturday, April 25

12:00 pm: Food with Friends

Sunday, April 26, 4th Sunday of Easter, Teacher Appreciation Sunday

9:00 am: Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 am: Worship Service
5:00 pm: Youth Groups

The Worship Leader This Week is Susan Brose

Sanctuary Flowers This Week are given by Lucy & Chris Atkinson in celebration of their 41st Wedding Anniversary.

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



Open House at Family Promise Warren County

You are invited! There will be an Open House at FPWC on Sunday, April 26, 2026 from 10:30am-1:30pm. The address is 600 Cincinnati Avenue, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. Meet Tracy Funke, our new Executive Director!

Light refreshments will be served.



Thank you Teachers!

We thank the teachers and leaders who have guided our faith formation and helped us to learn from the Bible this year.

Sunday School Teachers: Nita Evans, Megan Fisher, Debbie Hamann, Jen Hinerman, Sherri Miller, Morgan Perkins

Adult Small Group Leaders: Libby McKean, Doug Parrott, Joe Pestro, Jono Sparks-Franklin, Marcia Wasson

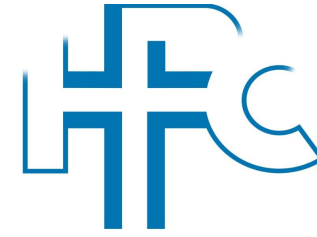
Confirmation Mentors: Cathy Ewing, Morgan Perkins, Patty Schnetzer

CESE Committee: Lucy Atkinson, Chris Dauer, Jamie Dria, Debbie Hamann, Cindy Parrott, Diane Sherrard, Katie Steverson, Danni Tymitz,

Staff: Ben Schnetzer, Sarah Sparks-Franklin, Susie Faas



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Announcements

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 4/12/26

- ⇒ Sandwiches Delivered: 39,893
- ⇒ Sandwich Tower Height: 305 Stories
- ⇒ Weeks Delivered: 303
- ⇒ HPC Sandwich Missionaries: 36

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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