

## Service of Divine Worship

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

*April 14, 2024*

### *Assemble in God's Name*

#### **As You Focus for Worship**

God of amazing surprises, whose proclamation of peace through the risen Christ startles us yet washes over us with refreshing joy, we are eager to see Jesus and to trust that the purity of life we know through him is worth emulating. Put us in touch with truth that cleanses and makes whole so we can relate to others in ways that reconcile and redeem. Amen.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Welcome and Proclamation of the Good News**

##### **Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship:** *Responsive Reading*

*When fear and doubts stroll through our doors:*

**God stands beside us, whispering of peace.**

*When we toss and turn late at night:*

**God sits by our beds, singing lullabies of love.**

*When we stumble through the shadows of sin:*

**God illuminates the paths of goodness and joy.**

*Let us worship God.*

**\*Hymn #108:** *Christ Is Alive!*

#### **Call to Reconciliation**

##### **Unison Prayer of Forgiveness:**

God of empty tombs: Peter speaks with power and clarity of his faith, while we remain silent. The psalmist speaks of trust in you, while our doubts overwhelm us. Jesus is read to come and grace us with peace, but our fears keep our hearts shuttered and locked.

God of full hearts: your love can change us from scared people to children of grace. You can weed doubts from our hearts and plant seeds of joy in their place. You can silence the panic of our souls with the peace Jesus offers to each of us. Transform us into Easter people, through the power of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior.

*Silence is kept*

**\*Assurance of Pardon:** *Responsive Reading*

*What marvelous love, what wondrous grace, what abundant mercy God offers—to us!*

*We really are God's people—that is exactly who we are!*

**We are God's children—those whose lives have been changed by the One who loves us and forgives us. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Song of Joy, Hymn #105, verse 1:** *Because You Live, O Christ*

**Because You live, O Christ, the garden of the world has come to flower;**

**The darkness of the tomb is flooded with Your resurrection power.**

**The stone has rolled away and death cannot imprison!**

**O sing this Easter Day, for Jesus Christ has risen,**

**Has risen, has risen, has risen!**

**\* 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:**

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen. <sup>2</sup>

Lesson from The Acts of the Apostles: Acts 3:12-19

Children's Time

Susie Faas

**Ministry of Music:** *Hallelujah! Resurrection Day*  
Heritage Choir

Larry Shackley

**Lesson from the Gospels:** Luke 24:36b-48

**Sermon**

Reverend Jacquelyn Pinkowski

*Respond to God's Word*

**\*Hymn #119:** *The Strife Is O'er*

*Joy & Concern Cards will be collected during this hymn*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** *The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Life Together**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Gifts to God**

Offertory: *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*  
Nozomi Uno, flute

Traditional

\* Hymn # 592: Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

**\*Hymn #372:** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*\* Those who are able may stand.*

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# *Heritage Presbyterian Church*

April 14, 2024

## **Order of Worship**



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**Call to Reconciliation:** (Worship Leader)

If our actions mirrored our words, if our hands were mentored by our hearts, if we walked the talk - we would be God's children. But too often, it is our silence, our doubts, our fears which tell others who we truly are. Let us confess to God how we have not been as faithful as we hope, as we pray, saying,

# Pastoral CARE

## *Transition Period Pastoral Care*

The Session has engaged the services of local pastors for emergency pastoral services such as hospital visitation and funerals. If you need pastoral care, please call Stephanie Martin in the church office: 513-398-7671, or email [office@hpcmason.org](mailto:office@hpcmason.org). She will contact a Pastor. After hours or on weekends, please call Deacon Vice Moderator Sally Le Cras: 513-317-6353.

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## Heritage GOT TALENT A FUNDRAISING EVENT

### *Save the Date!!*

May 19 at 5:00pm - Heritage Got Talent

We are looking for talent acts. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Leah Jacob at [cellogoddess76@gmail.com](mailto:cellogoddess76@gmail.com).

### *Recycling Update*

HPC is no longer collecting plastic bottle caps for recycling, as the ReUse Hub is no longer accepting them. Please continue to recycle your bottle tops at home. Thank you!



### *Basketball at HPC*

Basketball in our church gym will start on Tuesday, April 2 through May 29, 7-8:30pm—open to all ages 16 and up. Please join us for some pick-up games or simply just shooting around. See Tom Ball with questions.

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### *Mamas and Papas: April 21, 11:30am – 1:30pm*

Families with children age 5 and younger will go out to enjoy a meal together, while HPC caretakers watch your children. Enjoy 2 hours of grown-up conversation, knowing your children are being well cared for.

Bring lunch for your child(ren).

Sign up in the Atrium, or contact [susie.faas@hpcmason.org](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org) if you plan to attend.

**Childcare Helpers:** Adults and teens—we need your loving arms and enthusiasm for these 2 hours. Please let Susie Faas know if you can help.

## Community Cupboard

Please leave your donations in the grocery cart in the front hallway, not in the shed or elsewhere. We are providing only non-perishable food items and hygiene products. *Please do not donate anything else. Also, no glass containers.*

At the present time we could use especially: Cereal, hearty stews, Vienna sausages, juice, canned fruit, and toothpaste.

We appreciate your help and support in this new mission project.



## Calling All High School & Post High School 2024 Graduates!

- Please plan to attend our Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 14th during the Worship Service. We will present our high school graduates to the congregation by inviting them up and giving them a gift. Other graduates will be asked to stand and be recognized. We would like to congratulate you on your hard work!
- We ask all graduating high school & other graduates to 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](mailto:youth@hpcmason.org) by April 28<sup>th</sup>.

# PRAYER list...

### Joys:

- Mike Burgher—friend of Rick Davis—bladder cancer treatments
- Josie Faulkner—4 year old granddaughter of Glen & Debbie Hamann—recovery from tonsillectomy.

### Continued Prayer:

- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Russia, and for peace.
- Prayers for the people of Israel and Gaza and all victims of terrorism and war
- Transitional Leadership Team
- Shawn Allen—friend of Joyce Klein—Stage 4 Cancer
- Mitchell Kent—teammate of Sam Le Cras—tractor trailer accident
- Cathy Kinzie—cousin of Pat O’Kray—congestive heart failure
- Logan County, OH—recovery from devastating tornados.
- Carole Phillips—memory care at Optimized Senior Living
- Bonnie Reeves
- Steve Ritz
- Merideth Rought—healing after a car accident
- Roger Rude—health issues
- Ron Trapp – Pastor Emeritus – Hospice Care
- Sandy White—recovery from 2/26 foot surgery

**Intercessory Prayer:** Batavia Presbyterian Church  
Call the church office, 398-7671, to request the prayer chain be started

*Pray without ceasing,  
give thanks in all circumstances;*

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



# Week at a Glance

## *Sunday, April 14, 3rd Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

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

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

## *Monday, April 15*

7:00 pm: Finance Committee; Mission Committee

## *Tuesday, April 16*

10:00 am: Crafting Group

6:30 pm: CESE Meeting

7:00 pm: Basketball Open Gym

7:30 pm: Mary Haven

## *Wednesday, April 17*

6:15 pm: Choir Practice

7:30 pm: Bells Practice

## *Thursday, April 18*

11:00 am: Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm: Transformative Justice Team

8:15 pm: Men's Fellowship

## *Friday, April 19*

## *Saturday, April 20*

## *Sunday, April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am: Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am: Choir Practice

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

11:30 am: Mamas & Papas

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

*Sanctuary Flowers Today Are Given by* Alana Plessinger in honor of Avery, Colby and Zach Jenkins' 15th birthday.

*Worship Leader Today:* Nelson Kennedy

*Greeters Today:* Michelle & Jeremy Schumm

*Birthdays:* Marjorie Walter, Walker Dorman, Avery, Colby & Zachary Jenkins, Brenda Liko, Sue Monteith, Joy Hampton, Nick Tymitz, Pat Anson, Nina Probel

## *Heritage Presbyterian Church VBS: June 24-28, 6– 8:30 pm*



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

Throughout the week we will follow Psalm 56:3, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you."

Through Bible activities, crafts, games, science, snacks, and mission, we will be part of an amazing community learning to TRUST GOD to Go With Us, Lead the way, Share Wisdom, Give us Peace, & Spark Joy!

There are many ways to be part of VBS!

**Attend...** Children age 4 – upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome.

Register on-line at [www.hpcmason.org](http://www.hpcmason.org)

or <https://bit.ly/HeritageVBS2024>

**Donate...** There is a wish list of supplies posted in the Atrium.

**Volunteer...** We need lots of helpers! Adults & Teens (upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:susie.faas@hpcmason.org)





### *Sandwich Mission Continues*

A big THANK YOU to all of you who continue to make sandwiches for “Our Daily Bread”, on Race Street, in downtown Cincinnati! Through Friday, 3-15-2024, you have made 28,459 sandwiches, in 198 weekly deliveries over the past 4 years. If stacked, these sandwiches would be as high as a 217 story building.



### *2024 Pledges & Gifts*

Use this link to give online: <http://bit.ly/2WjfB2m>

# Heritage Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2024

## *Announcements*

6546 S. Mason-Montgomery Rd.  
Mason, Ohio 45040

[hpcmason.org](http://hpcmason.org)

9:00 am – Sunday School

10:15 am – Worship



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