

“Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.” Luke 24:13-14

Christ is Risen!  
April 19, 2026 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Wilderness*

## First Presbyterian Church Portsmouth, Ohio

The Rev. Lisa R. Eye, Pastor  
Elder Carolyn McKinnon, Liturgist  
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### ***Emmaus-Bound on Easter Day***

*Hymn text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2009  
Based on Luke 24:13-35*

*Emmaus-bound on Easter Day,  
Two travelers walked along the way.  
They'd once had hope, but hope had died  
When you, O Lord, were crucified.*

*When you appeared beside the two,  
They could not see that it was you;  
But as they talked and shared their pain,  
You gave them hope and joy again.*

*For as you spoke to them God's word,  
Explaining all they'd seen and heard,  
They understood what God had done  
And that a new day had begun.*

*They shared their home; you broke the bread.  
They saw you, risen from the dead!  
That moment's grace helped them to see  
The gift of God's eternity.*

*In scripture and at table, too,  
O Risen Lord, may we know you.  
And may your presence give us grace  
To share God's love in every place.*

# Gathering Around the Word

*Welcoming the Community*

Rev. Lisa R. Eye

*Announcements & Celebrations*

Elder Carolyn McKinnon

*Prelude*

Dr. Phillip Roberts

*The Prelude marks the beginning of worship. It offers us a way to enter into God's presence, setting aside all that competes for our attention in our busy world, and making way for the Spirit to gather us in and move among us. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

**\*Call to Worship**

Elder McKinnon

Why do Christians gather for worship on the first day of the week?

**Because it is the day when God raised our Lord Jesus from the dead.**

**Our hearts are glad with the memory of our Lord's resurrection.**

How do we know that Jesus is Lord?

**Jesus could not be held by the power of death.**

**Having died on the cross, he appeared to his followers, both women and men.**

**Showing them his hands and feet, the one who was crucified revealed himself as the Lord and Savor of the world.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Elder McKinnon

**\*Hymn #393**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

**GTG**

**\*Call to Confession**

Elder McKinnon

**\*Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**Merciful God, even as we proclaim the saving life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we fail to see the living Christ in our midst. We find ourselves preoccupied with our own well-being and success, forgetting your imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves. We turn away from systems that challenge our way of thinking, choosing to justify our actions instead of examining our intentions. Show us again how to live a resurrection faith, a faith that sees life and hope in the midst of death and destruction. Transform our hearts so that where they are hardened toward you, neighbor, and self, they may once again be filled with love and moved to actions of grace and mercy. In your holy name, we pray. Amen. (*Silent prayer*)**

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Rev. Eye

**\*Response: Hymn# 240 Refrain**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**GTG**

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!***

***Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

**\*Sharing the Peace**

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## *Hearing and Proclaiming the Word*

*Prayer for Understanding*

Rev. Eye

*Scripture:* Acts 2:14, 36-41 (NRSVue)

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture:* Luke 24:13-35 (NRSVue)

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Sermon*

*We Had Hoped*

The Rev. Lisa R. Eye

## ***Responding to the Word***

*\*Hymn #231*

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

**GTG**

*\*Affirmation of Faith (unison) from The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**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.**

**We believe 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.**

**Jesus is Lord. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

Rev. Eye

...Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, as together we pray as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying, **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Invitation to the Offering*

Elder McKinnon

*Offering Instrumental*

Dr. Roberts

*\*Doxology #232*

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, verse 4*

**GTG**

***Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!***

*\*Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)*

**Lord, we know that every good and perfect gift comes from you. We pray that the gifts of time, talent and treasure we have offered today will work for the good of the world, so that your love will be known not just in word, but in action. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

# Following the Word into the World

\*Hymn #246 *Christ Is Alive!* GTG

\*Congregational Charge & Benediction Rev. Eye

\*Sending Song #243 *Be Not Afraid* GTG

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

*Acolyte Recessional*

*Postlude* (Please be seated for the postlude.) Dr. Roberts

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## **We are glad you are here and want you to feel welcome as you share in worship!**

\*The asterisk indicates that worshippers are invited to rise in body or in spirit, as able.

**Bold text** indicates that the congregation is invited to speak.

**GTG** refers to *Glory to God*, the hymnal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

### **THE PRAYER LIST IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE EDUCATION ANNEX**

Let us pray for our ability to be faithful disciples, family, and friends; our church, pastor, the session, deacons, committees, lay leadership, our ministry, outreach, and stewardship; the Boney Fiddle community and its churches, schools, the city of Portsmouth and its leadership, state and national leadership, and those who are incarcerated.

**Armbrust Student Program Applications Are Open!** The Armbrust Student Loan Program is gearing up for a new school term, and applications are now available! Persons interested may download the application from the church website and get ready for an exciting year of learning and growth. If you have any questions, please let us know.

**Building Update:** The first phase of the sanctuary work – the structural repair – has been completed! Worship will continue to be held in the Fellowship Hall while the second phase – ceiling restoration, painting, and cleaning – takes place. Thank you to all who have made financial gifts to support this work! Please stay tuned for more updates.

**Table Set-Up for the Yard Sale:** Following worship today. Please help if you can.

**The Annual Yard Sale is April 23, 24 & 25.** Organization of donations on April 20, 21 & 22 will begin at 9:00 am. Come when you can and work as long as you can. Lunch provided.



**You are invited to the SSU Spring Semester Choir Concert, directed by Dr. Stanley Workman, on Sunday, April 26 at 6 pm at Second Presbyterian Church.** You might even see a couple of familiar faces from First Presbyterian Church in the choir loft!

**The FPC Food Bank will reopen beginning Thursday, May 14 from 12 to 2P.M.!**

## **Church & Community Calendar**

### **Annual Yard Sale in Fellowship Hall**

**Thursday, April 23, 4-7P.M. / Friday, April 24, 10A.M.-5P.M. / Saturday, April 25, 9A.M.-12P.M.**

**Sunday, April 26:** Regular Deacons' meeting following worship in Lounge

**Wednesday, May 6:** MCL meeting in Lounge 4P.M.

**Saturday, May 9-Saturday, May 16:** Pastor Lisa Eye away for study leave

**Thursday, May 14:** Food Pantry from 12:00-2:00P.M.

**Armbrust Student Loan Committee**  
meeting at 5:00P.M.(Zoom)

**Tuesday, May 19:** Presbytery of Scioto Valley Meeting at Circleville Presbyterian Church at 3:30P.M.

**Wednesday, May 20:** Regular Session meeting at 1: 00P.M. in Lounge

**Thursday, May 21:** Food Pantry from 12:00-2:00P.M.

**Sunday, May 24: Pentecost Sunday;** Regular Deacons' meeting following worship in Lounge

**Monday, May 25: Memorial Day**

**Thursday, May 28:** Food Pantry from 12:00-2:00P.M.

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