



**THE PRAYER LIST WILL BE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD
OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY DURING LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK**

CALENDAR

- Mar. 30: Last Bible Study "Meeting Jesus at the Table" 6P -7P, Conference Room
Apr. 1: Palm tying gathering, Hillview Nursing Home, Portsmouth, Saturday, April 1st at 1 PM,
2nd floor in the Rotunda Building. All are welcome.
Apr. 2: Palm Sunday, Communion Served
April 6: Maundy Thursday Celebrated at 7P with 2PC, 2PC, Portsmouth
Apr. 7: Good Friday concert at 2PC. Michele Imes will be singing the "Messiah."
Apr. 9: Easter Sunday Celebration
Apr. 15: Annual Yard Sale Set up. Please help set up and serve. See Elder Kennedy
Apr. 17: Seminar on History Interviews and Genealogy, Shawnee U., Library
April 20-22: Annual Yard Sale to benefit Missions
Apr. 23-28: Pastor Ron Away.
***Every Thursday, except the 1st Thursday, the FPC Food Bank will be open (unless indicated)**

Pastor's Office Hours for the Week

Sunday: Worship and office hrs.

Mondays: Home office (worship planning, prep., and meetings)

Tuesday thru Thursday: 10 AM - 4 PM Fridays: Off

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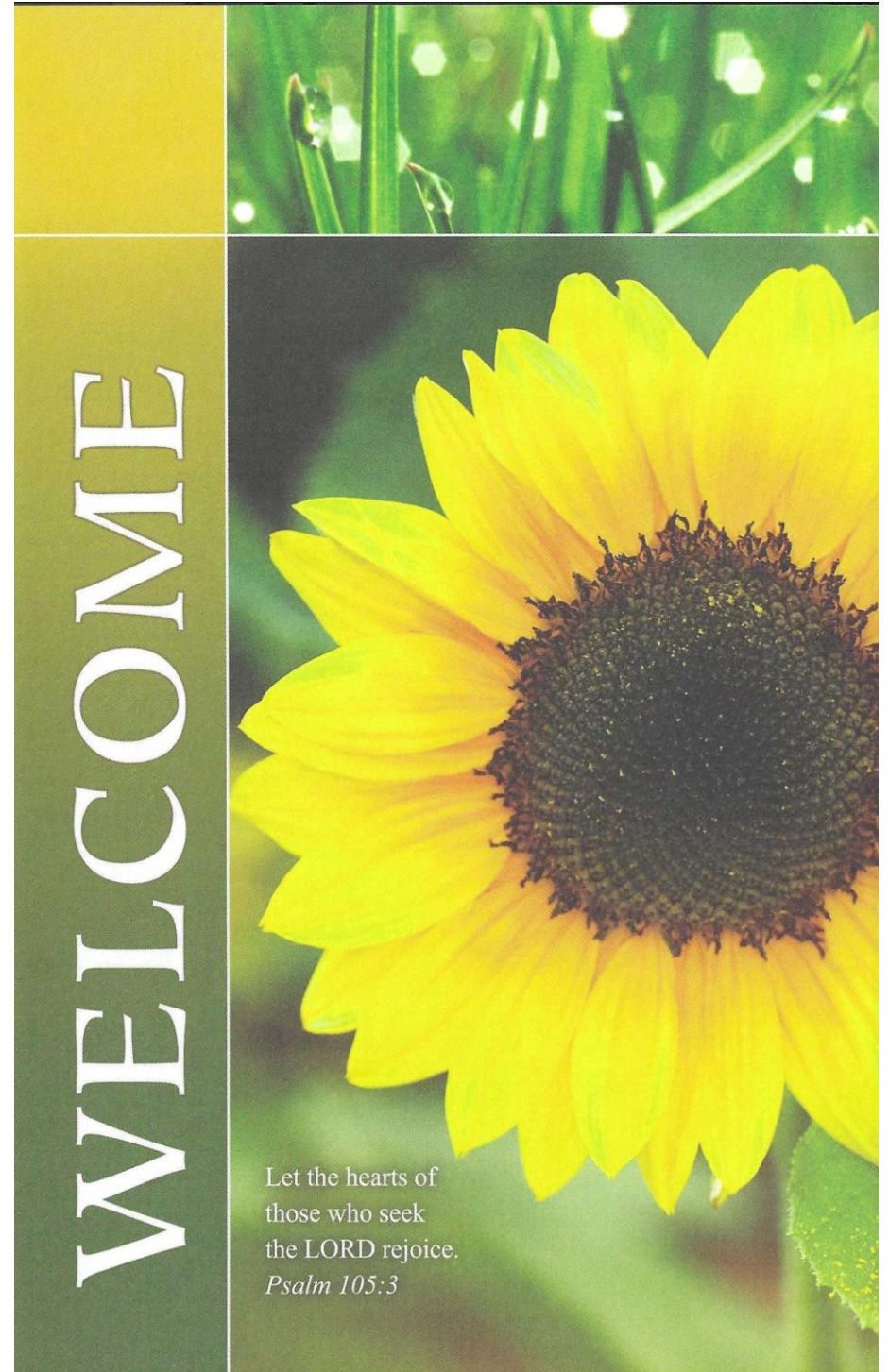
Virginia M. Stinnett, Admin. Aid/Church Secretary, Office Hrs. Tues-Thurs: 9 AM-3:35 PM



First Presbyterian Church

Portsmouth, Ohio

March 26, 2023



5th Sunday in Lent



We Are Glad You Are Here!

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ron Johnson

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

*A CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Robert Molh

L: Welcome to worship this day.

P: We're glad to be here. For this is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

L: Some have come seeking; some have come struggling

P: Lord, be with each one of us today. Feed our hearts and souls with your transforming love.

L: God is truly with you all today, guiding, lifting, feeding, and restoring your souls.

P: Praise be to God, who continually abides with us. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

#172 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" **PH** (on-screen)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Deacon Mohl

A CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (spoken in unison)

God knows us through and through. We confess our memories can cause us to struggle with our faith. We remember difficult times and wonder where you were. We remember tragedies and ask how you could let them happen. We remember our own mistakes and wonder how you could love us. Forgive us when our memories turn us away from you. Remind us that your love never lets us go and that its power holds us and heals us in every desperate moment.

(You are invited to confess your sins to the Lord silently)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Ron

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*God has given us peace through Christ, so let us be at peace with one another. L: The peace of Christ be with you. **P: And also with you.***

THE WORD

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSON **Matthew 14:13-23 NLT** Pastor Ron

One: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

THE MESSAGE "A Table in the Wilderness For a Hungry Crowd" Pastor Ron

A HYMN OF RESPONSE

#329 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" **PH** (on-screen)

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Deacon Mohl

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. Roberts

THE DOXOLOGY

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (spoken in unison) Deacon Mohl

We place our gifts into your hands, O God. With the power of your Holy Spirit, make them seeds of new life, springing up with hope and healing for weary souls. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. AMEN.

***CLOSING HYMN** #92 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" **PH** (on-screen)

***SENDING** **Soli Deo Gloria** (on-screen) Pastor Ron

***SENDING SONG** #543 "O Christ Surround Me" (verse 1) **G2G**

POSTLUDE

Dr. Roberts

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- 1. to help bag leftover goods
- 2. to transport leftover goods to Salvation Army
- 3. to provide a vehicle to aid in transportation if possible

Please let me know if you can help by an
email, bettykennedy58@gmail.com, a text or
phone call, 740-285-4548 or a verbal "yes" at
church. Or, I will call or email or text you....

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With much hope,

Elder Betty K.

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