



Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet, 16th Century. Artist: Anonymous

Service for the Lord's Day

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Ruth Brown

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude *Adagio from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C Major, BWV 564*

J. S. Bach

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

It was said among the nations, The Lord has done great things for them.

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. We praise and glorify you. We have been a people lost in our own pursuits. We have gone astray seeking to secure our lives. Forgive us. Receive today in your loving embrace all who come home to you. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ, have mercy upon us,
Lord, have mercy upon us*

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

The Lord has done great things for us. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are renewed, and we are made whole. Beloved children of God, know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

By the wounds of Christ we are reconciled to God and to one another. The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Children Are Welcome to Attend Children's Church at the Side Sanctuary Doors

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Holy God, just as you spoke at the dawn of creation, continue to speak to us now as we prepare to encounter your Word. Be with us in our listening, in our speaking, in our understanding, and in our responding. Amen.

Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Anthem

For Those Who Serve

Joseph Martin

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Sermon

Love's Response

Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Épitaphe

Louis Vierne

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of all good gifts, we are grateful for the many ways you provide for us. As we give our offering today, we ask that you might bless our giving and transform us as servants. Allow these offerings to become acts of restoration and hope, here in this community and beyond, so that all of your children might live in the light and the joy that you offer us. Amen.

All Sit

Sealing the Word in the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Life up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

...Therefore, we join our voices with the saints and all creation to proclaim your praise...

SANCTUS

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*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Communion Music 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

Benediction

Postlude

Aber unser Gott ist im Himmel, from Paulus

Felix Mendelssohn
transcr. Nathaniel Brown

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Announcements

USHERS: Kernohan and Hines families

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pam Bratcher, Frederica Kernohan, and Larry Warden

COMMUNION PREPARER AND CLEANUP: Frederica Kernohan

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE: Keelin Murrell, Johnna Smith, Aletheia Burt, Mack Overfelt, Wyatt Edmonds and Jeremiah Simpson

LAY READER: Larry Gildersleeve

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Alisia Simmons and Yamilet Bruno Sanchez

THE ROSE AT THE COMMUNION TABLE is given to the glory of God and honors the birth of Bryant Griffin (Griff) Shepherd, who was born March 28, 2025 to church members Matt & Sarah Shepherd and Grandmother, Georgeanna Capito.

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY APRIL 13: *Liturgy of the Palms* Luke 19:28–40; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29; *Liturgy of the Passion* Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 22:14–23:56 or Luke 23:1–49

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in the enhancement of service. The flowers are given by the Thomison family.

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Dan Stelling. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will meet today at 9:15 a.m. It will conclude an hour later in time for 10:30 a.m. church service.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will be dining at Anna's Greek Restaurant, 1202 State Street today. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. We welcome you to join us.

COMING UP:

LENTEN DINNER AND PROGRAM On Wednesday, April 9, the church will present an evening Lenten dinner and program in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program. The menu for the Lenten dinner is turkey with orange sauce, rice, asparagus, vegetable medley of eggplant, potatoes, and zucchini, pear salad, and frozen lime pie for dessert. Members who plan to attend dinner can RSVP by contacting Robin in the church office by phone or email. This is suggested in order for us to plan for attendance numbers.

THE PRESBYTERIAN COOKING CLUB Welcomes new members to come join their small group as they help prepare Lenten dinners featuring entrees such as poppy seed chicken, million-dollar spaghetti, Wanda's meatloaf, and chicken cordon bleu casserole. We will gather in the church kitchen at 4:00 p.m. on April 9, and 16. We enjoy lots of conversation mixed in with the chopping, slicing, and dicing! You can participate for as many sessions as fit your schedule. Call the church office or contact Mary Evans at maryameliaevans@gmail.com (270-791-7205) to express your interest.

OTHER NEWS

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be Saturday April 12th, 10:30am at the home of Fred and Debbie Trickey (807 Highland Way). All children up through 5th grade welcome! Separate hunting areas for Preschool and Elementary. We will have a cake walk, games, crafts and more! Invite your friends with children/grandchildren to join us! Rainy weather will move us to the church. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for our eggs, items for the cake walk, or please bring it to the church office. For more information speak to Mary Evans.

PALM SUNDAY will be Sunday, April 13. Come join us for the beginning of Holy Week, a worship celebration with palms, and a very special guest preacher! Worship begins at 10:30am.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE is Tuesday April 15, our collaborative all-community worship service will begin at 12 noon, and will be held at First Christian Church on State Street. Pastor Kyle Otterbein will give the message and communion will be served.

MAUNDY THURSDAY is on April 17, we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for an all-church meal followed by our Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary. The meal begins at 6 pm and worship will start at 7 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY is on April 18. Service will begin at 12 noon in the sanctuary.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE: Please join us April 20 for an Easter Sunrise service in the courtyard next to the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall starting about 8:30 am. If there is rain the service will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICE will begin at 10:30 am on April 20 in the sanctuary.

YOUTH SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY Our Youth will be leading service on Sunday, May 11. They will be honoring all mothers with a special token of love. Plan to join the Youth in honoring these special women of our church.

ART EXHIBIT We are pleased to exhibit *RHYTHM AND SHAPE: The Art of Laurin Notheisen*. Lauren Notheisen's art will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from March 28-May 22. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy this Spring Exhibit.

LAY READERS NEEDED FOR MAY/JUNE A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



NEWSLETTER FOLDERS/SEALERS MAY/JUNE A signup page is online for upcoming months for Newsletter folders/sealers. If you are willing to volunteer to help in the office with this task, scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date, contact Robin by phone at 270-843-4707, or email at info@bgpres.org.



WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2025- Karol Kirby Ahmed, Buzz English, Pamela Napier, Julie Roberts, Julie Wedge; Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden
Deacons: Class of 2025- Barbara Brindle, Craig Long, Teri Polen, Ernie Small, Dan Stelling, Fred Trickey; Class of 2026- Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan

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Calendar

Sunday, Apr 6

8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, Apr 7

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
11:00 a.m. Personnel Meeting

Tuesday, Apr 8

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga
11:00 a.m. Special Care
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, Apr 9

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
9:30 a.m. Wed. Morning Young Mothers and Others Circle
5:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Lenten Dinner & Program
7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, Apr 11

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, Apr 12

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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