



Christ shows himself to Thomas. Artist: LeCompte, Rowan and Irene LeCompte.²

Service for the Lord's Day

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Shall We Gather by the River
Kevin White, piano Wayne Pope, bass

HANSON PLACE/arr. Kevin White

Welcome

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Call to Confession**Prayer of Adoration and Confession** (unison)

God our Savior, your glory shines bright in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise your death-defeating grace and power. Your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, O God who has the power of life. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, never to die again, we pray. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Confessional Hymn 518*Your Only Son**LAMB OF GOD*

You're only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. to **Refrain**

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We confess that Jesus is Lord, and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Passing the Peace (responsive)

Christ is risen from the dead, thus establishing peace. May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)***Hearing the Word***

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be ready and equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son, and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen.

New Testament Epistle Reading (responsive)

1 Peter 1:3-9 (adapted)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

In this we rejoice, even if now for a little while we have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of our faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although we have not seen him, we love him, and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy.

For we are receiving the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Anthem *The First Day of the Week* KENTUCKY 93RD/arr. Austin C. Lovelace

The first day of the week, his own in sad despair could not believe for very joy, their risen Lord was there. Obedient to his word, they shared what Jesus gave. And, one in him, in breaking bread, knew what it cost to save. Today his people meet; Today his Word is sown; Lord Jesus, show us how to use this day we call your own.

All Stand

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

All Sit

Sermon

Resurrection Faith

Rev. Kyle Otterbein

Responding to the Word

All Stand

Response Hymn 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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All Sit

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory Hymn

Amazing Grace
Kevin White, piano Wayne Pope, bass

AMAZING GRACE/arr. Kevin White

All Stand

Doxology

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*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)

Gracious and loving God, we bring our offerings to you in celebration and thanksgiving for the good news of Easter. Give us your wisdom and grace to use what you have given us for ministries of love and compassion that will share the love of Jesus Christ. Accept what we give in response to what you have so freely given to us, your indescribable gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

All Sit

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 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

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Benediction

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Kevin White, piano Wayne Pope, bass

CONVERSE/arr. Kevin White

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¹Notes: Parts of today's liturgy have been adapted from liturgy written by Rev. Philip K. Gladden.

²Building: Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.

Announcements

USHERS: Hines and Kernohan families

COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE Sammy Del Rey, Blake Miller, Keelin Murrell, Mack Overfelt, and Johnna Smith

LAY READER: Susan Thomison

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Laura Parkerson

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Maya Swartz

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY APRIL 19: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Peter 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35

TODAY

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

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support the Presbyterian Scholarship Fund. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at Poke Fresh, 2710 Nashville Road. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others. We hope you can join us for delicious food and great conversation!

LUNCH WITH LEADERS will take place today, immediately following the worship service in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Kyle began this new monthly experience for people new to us called “Lunch with Leaders”. Every month on the second Sunday, Pastor Kyle and a couple of our elders or staff will provide a light sandwich meal for guests and newcomers.

OTHER NEWS

YOUTH MEALS Are you interested in providing a home-cooked meal or purchasing a meal for our youth? We are seeking volunteers for meals for our youth during our Sunday group meeting. If you are interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet is available in the church landing.

OTTERBEIN RECEPTION The Otterbein Reception will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Franklin. Please come and join us in this heart-felt going-away celebration honoring Pastor Kyle and LeAnn as we thank them for their love, leadership, and the countless ways they’ve blessed our church family.

SAVE THE DATE-STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Our church has been invited to participate and receive donations for our food pantry, from the Postal Service food drive. We need volunteers on May 9, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the US Post Office on Scottsville Rd. to help sort, and transport donations. Please call Frederica Kernohan 270-981-7904 or the church office, if you have some time to assist.

SAVE THE DATE Cecelia Memorial will be taking donations for the upcoming 7th Annual Spring Giveaway at 716 College Street. They will be accepting anything from clothing to household items to toys. The date for the event will be Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Call or Text Lovelyn Williams at 619-368-2103 if you have or donation or questions regarding the event. Thank you for your help in advance.

SAVE THE DATE The Lane Celebration will take place on Sunday, May 31 at 12:00 p.m. after worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please come join us for this joyful celebration to warmly welcome our new pastor, Rev. Patrick Lane and his wife, Rev. Brittany Lane, as they begin their ministry with us, and to surround them with love, support, and gratitude as they join our church family. This will be a Bowling Green/Kentucky themed Potluck.

OUR NEW DIRECTORY—You can now access our church directory through an app on your



cell phone or tablet. Just scan the QR code to go directly to the app to download it on your phone or tablet. Once you download the app, you will be directed to search for the directory of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. Just use your email address to gain entry to our directory (you must have your email address that is in the directory to gain access).



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!



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 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, April 12

9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Circle
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
12:00 p.m. Lunch with Leaders
5:00 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Relay Worship's-Jesus is King (SKYPAC-FREE EVENT)

Monday, March 13

9:00 a.m. GOD/DOG is Love
12:00 p.m. Circle 9
5:30 p.m. Finance Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation
7:00 p.m. Sunny 16 Camera Club
7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle

Wednesday, April 15

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

Friday, April 17

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group
6:00 p.m. Crafting-Fellowship Hall

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