

**OPENING PRAYER:** Edward Kiesendahl

Christ is risen; our loads are lifted, and the path is cleared! Light rises over us as Jesus overcomes darkness and death. We need not struggle alone, pushing through pain, stumbling on sin and trying to walk life's way unaided. Lent is over, Easter has come, and our road is new. We are forgiven; Jesus leads the way! **Thank you, O God!**

**PRELUDE:** Thine Is the Glory  
Matthew Rupcich, piano  
Adele Harrison, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Rev. Mark Juengel

**INTROIT:** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!  
Chancel Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Anthony Kiesendahl

Leader: Something deep inside us calls us,

**People:** Beckons us.

Leader: We are looking for truth

**People:** That anchors us amid competing voices.

Leader: We are searching for life

**People:** That sparkles with joy and glows with warmth.

Leader: We are finding our way

**People:** To Christ, to community, to love.

Leader: And we are bold to sing

**People:** A resurrection song!

**\*HYMN #232:** "Jesus Christ Has Risen Today"

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Edward Kiesendahl

Holy God, we marvel at the mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. We are awed by his obedience, astonished by the depth of his love for us and amazed by the display of your power over the forces of sin and death. You are a God of wonders. You restore that which has been lost, bring new life from that which is old, create beauty from sin and ugliness and offer healing and hope where there appears to be only sickness and death. Your miraculous power continues to work in our lives and in our world. Set our hearts aflame and open our eyes that we may recognize your presence in every person, in every situation, in every place. Amen.

**KYRIE:** Hear, our prayer, O Lord,  
Hear, our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** Edward Kiesendahl

Listen Church: God who raised Jesus from the dead has not given us over to death. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Alleluia! Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the Friendship Attendance Pad at the end of the pews. This allows the church to be in touch with you and for you to greet your neighbor by name during the passing of peace during the service.*

**EASTER FLOWERS** – For those who ordered Easter Flowers, kindly collect your flowers after the Easter worship.

**APRIL COMMUNION** - The April Communion Service has been re-scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN SWANEY** - We will be having a Celebration of Life Service for **John Swaney on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.** Please join us.

**LEGACY SUNDAY** – Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We welcome Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly from the Presbytery Foundation

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRY DAY** – Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> .

**TAGS & TREASURES** - Plans are underway for our annual Tags and Treasures event and while the date is still to be determined please start earmarking all those items you would like to donate and we will let you know when to bring them to the church as we get closer to the May time frame. We will also be seeking volunteers to help us pre-sort and organize the donated items. If you have any questions please reach out to *Bill Rockafellow, Karen Lutz or Kika Dyson.*

**FPCH RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** – We will be sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm-6pm.** Register to give blood at <https://www.redcross.org/>. To sign up for an appointment call 1-800-Red-Cross or Red Cross Blood.org or Download the Blood Donor App. If you have any questions, please see *Melanie Tek-Visgilio.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Please sign up in the vestibule to be an Usher and to host Coffee Hour and Good News Café. For Liturgists see *Adele Harrison* and to help with Communion see *Ann Marie Grilk.*

**ATTENTION COMMUNITY** - If you know someone who is hearing challenged and would like to enjoy worshipping with First Presbyterian Church, please have them contact the church office. We are able to make arrangements with a Sunday Interpreter. All they need is to let us know the date they will be here for 10:00am worship.

## CALENDAR OF THE WEEK

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00: Staff Meeting  
11:00am: Small Group Monday  
12:00pm: AA Meeting

**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
10am: Handbell Choir  
11am: Chancel Choir

**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
12:00pm: AA Meeting  
5pm-8pm: Cub Scouts  
**6:30pm: Prayer Group**

**Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00am: Finance Mtg.**  
**11:00am: Bible Study**

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**  
11:30am-1:00pm: Good News Café  
*(Cancelled)*  
1:00pm: Celebration of Life  
*John Swaney*

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Communion Sunday & Legacy Sunday**  
10:00am: Worship  
**Deacons Mtg.**

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS – APRIL

<u>April Liturgist</u>	<u>April Ushers</u>	<u>April – Communion Servers</u>
4/5: Edward & Anthony Kiesendahl	4/5: Chris & Heather Caruso	<u>(April 12<sup>th</sup>)</u> Set Up & Clean Up: Robert Pinkney
4/12: Jennifer Kiesendahl	4/12: Sue Goldbach & Dave Smith	Servers: Robert Pinkney Pat Bartleson
4/19: Sherry Milliken	4/19: Grace & Herb Laird	Sherry Milliken
4/26: Kathy Smith	4/26: Pat Schmidt & Pat Gemeinhardt	Bill Chicowski Kathleen Roberts

## JOYS and CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF 4/5/2026

\*Prayers for Don & Jean, friends of Linda K.

\*Prayers for Stephen.

\*Prayers for Brian G., Ann Marie's son.

\*Prayers for Virginia R.'s son who is having surgery.

\*Prayers for Ray R., Bill C.'s uncle.

\*Prayers for Jill J. who is recovering from surgery.

\*Prayers for John E.'s mother who is scheduled for back surgery.

\*Prayers for Al M., friend of Jim M., who lost his dad.

\*Prayers for Rev. Carl W.

\*Prayers for Lynne Stack's daughter, Donna.

\*Prayers for John, Virginia R.'s grandson.

\*Prayers for Nancy B.

\*Prayers for Nick, Patrick F.'s nephew.

\*Prayers for Daniel.

\*Prayers for Jeremy, friend of Pat S.

\*Prayers for Missy, Pat B.'s daughter.

\*Prayers for Steve, Joe J's brother-in-law.

\*Prayers for Bryan, Kathy & Dave S.'s son.

\*Prayers for Phyllis N.

\*Prayers for Joe J.'s great-nephew, Jackson.

\*Prayers for Steve, Joe J's brother-in-law.

\*Prayers for Bryan, Kathy & Dave S.'s son.

\*Prayers for Phyllis N.

\*Prayers for Joe J.'s great-nephew, Jackson

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN #248:** *(verse 3)*  
 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"  
 "Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
 nevermore shall be the same.  
 Break the bread of new creation  
 where the world is still in pain.  
 Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
 "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
 God the First and Last is with us.  
 Sing Hosanna everyone!

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** Seven-Fold Amen!  
 Chancel Choir Lutkin

**POSTLUDE:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today  
 String Quartet arr. Thompson

\*Please stand if you are able.

# First Presbyterian Church of Hawley

*"Come to Grow in Love, Spirit, and Faith"*



**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** Rev. Mark Juengel

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:** Anthony Kiesendahl  
 Almighty God, by the power of your Spirit roll away the stone and reveal  
 to us the Word of Life. **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 10:34-43 Anthony Kiesendahl

**MUSIC MEDITATION:** Because He Lives arr. Schrader  
 Chancel Choir  
 Alvera Sylvester, piano

**SECOND LESSON:** John 20:1-18 Rev. Mark Juengel

**MUSIC MEDITATION:** Christ is Alive Raney  
 Chancel Choir  
 String Quartet  
 Alvera Sylvester, piano

**TIME WITH YOUNG CHRISTIANS**

**SERMON:** "Early Risers" Rev. Mark Juengel

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
*(using debts and debtors)*

**\*HYMN #238:** "Thine is the Glory"

**INVITATION TO OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY:** Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Showalter  
 Handbell Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #607 - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** "He Lives" *(See Insert)*

**THE BENEDICTION**

**April 5, 2026  
 10 AM**



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*Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,  
 "Rabbouni!" (which means teacher).  
 John 20:16*

*Please take time to prepare for worship through meditation and prayer during  
 the prelude. As the prelude begins, quiet your voice and soul. With music and  
 prayer let us move from "getting to church" to "being the church" as we  
 worship together.*