

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



## First Presbyterian Church Bucyrus, Ohio

April 21, 2024  
Worship Service 10:30 AM

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Exalting Christ. Denying Ourselves.  
Loving Our Neighbors.

## Service of the Word and Sacrament

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30AM**

Please use time before the service for prayer and reflection.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

*Please turn off all cell phones.*

**Welcome**

Announcements and Concerns

**Prelude**

**\*Call to Worship** (Responsive)

The Lord is my Shepherd; I have everything I need.

**Even when I walk through death's shadow, I fear no evil, for you are with me.**

Surely goodness and mercy will follow us forever.

**We dwell now and always in the house of the Lord!**

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (vs 1-3)

#257

**\*Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**O Lord, our shepherd, your care is our joy and our hope. How then have we gone so far astray? We balk at your guidance and refuse your sure provision. We turn aside from you to seek our own paths. We fail to be content with your love, so we seek more from the world, and come up empty. In your mercy, God, forgive us. Cure our fevered souls with your Spirit. Lead us anew in ways that will strengthen us, to make our lives a glory to your name through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Gloria Patri**

#961

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen, Amen

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer** (Debt/debtors)

**Commitment through Giving**

**Offertory**

**Response**

**“Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow”**

#965

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (Unison)

**Ever-present God, with this offering we present also ourselves, all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become, and our resolve to walk in your way. Accept us and our offering, we pray, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## **Message**

“Kingdoms Rise, Kingdoms Fall”

Pastor Josh Hanson – Gateway Church

Old Testament: Daniel 2:24-49

Pages 876 & 877

Daniel 8:19-22

Page 886

Psalms 118:22-23

Page 606

New Testament: 1 Peter 2:4-8

Page 1204

New Testament: Matthew 21:33-44

Pages 982-983

**\*Closing Hymn**

“How Great Thou Art”

**#553**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

## Prayer Requests

### **Shut-Ins:**

Mary Lou Hastings, Sue Headley, Joe Ann Johns

### **Cancer**

Melody Fagan, friend of Sandy Britton

Annette Cheney, a friend of Kathy Bardon

Bruce Price, Dan’s brother

### **Surgery**

Ben Hubble, Jan’s nephew, back surgery

### **Members, Family and Friends of Members:**

Judy Eichhorn, waiting on MRI for pain in head, neck & shoulders

Kathy Hildebrand, Courtney’s Mother, waiting on liver transplant

Dan Price

Dave Hablitzel

Lou Ross, recovering from a stroke, Lori Rager’s Dad

Whitney Hildebrand, Courtney Posey’s sister

Abigail Sutherland, recovering from heart surgery, Dishon’s granddaughter

Mike McKee, Heart problem. Friend of Kathy Bardon

Becky Bellamy, Parkinson’s, sister of Kathy Bardon

Mary Dunham, Kathy Byrne’s friend

### **Military:**

Keagan Rios, Gennie Rios grandson

Levi Diebler, member and Carrie Diebler’s son

Grayson Robinson, Tami Robinson’s grandnephew

## Announcements

**Worship folders** for April are presented to the glory of God by Alan & Michelle Bacon.  
**Chancel Flowers** are given today by Marcia Stout to the glory of God, our Father; Christ, our Savior; and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide; and in loving thankfulness for the Ladies' Discipleship Group.

**Attendance** last Sunday was 43.

**Excuse our mess!!** The parlor floor was refinished this week. All of the furniture sitting in the back of the sanctuary and at the Rensselaer Street entrance is available for a donation. Please see Jan if you are interested.



**2024 Scholarship Applications** are available in the office and on our website, [www.firstpresbucyrus.org](http://www.firstpresbucyrus.org). Please have your applications turned in by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Let Jan know if you have any questions.

**Newsletters** – Please have all newsletter information to the office by Thursday, April 25. Thank you.

### **BORN Donations**

Hunger doesn't take a holiday or change with the seasons. B.O.R.N. needs food donations for their outside Blessing Box. The Box can be accessed by those in need 24/7 even if the B.O.R.N. office is closed. You can also ADD canned and dried food to the Blessing Box yourself...ANYTIME. Please remember those in need when you are grocery shopping for your family.

### **This Week**

**Sunday, April 21**

**10:30 AM Worship Service**

**Wednesday, April 24**

**2:30 PM Table Toppers**

**Friday, April 26**

**7:00 AM Men's Prayer Group**

**Worship Leader:** Al Fulton

**Liturgist:** Tasha Nickler

**April Deacon:** Sue Irwin

**April Elder:** Marcia Stout

**Greeter:** Jeri Hargis & Gennie Rios