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The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024

5th Sunday of Easter



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **Vreuchten** **arr. Herbert Colvin**

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to worship with joy,
trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**We lean into God for understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

May God hear our praise!

May we be counted among the great congregation.

**May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to God.**

Let Us Worship Our God!

***GATHERING PRAISES MSPS #29**

Our God Saves

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ Jesus comes among us
with extended hands and a wide embrace,
offering mercy and forgiveness
and promising new life.


Trusting in the one who has been raised from
the dead, let us make our confession.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ *Joys and Concerns* ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

This week's concerns: Paul Gill is in Chambersburg Hospital. Betty Harper is recovering from bladder surgery. Arlene Keer is in Menno Haven undergoing rehab after receiving a pacemaker. Fred Nordai is recovering from surgery to repair an arterial bleed. Eileen Moore is in York Hospital.


Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Deb Arnold, Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Kim Barnie, Rev. Bill Beck, Will Brandt, Thomas Bruce, Arlo Bush, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Madison Cover, Douglas Cubbison, Doe Davis, John Deemer, Jack Diehl, Linda Dickinson, Jeanine Dreher, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Donna Gill, Susan (Harper) Gilmore, Carrie Grace, Michael Harglerode, Bob Harper, Gary and Joyce Hornbaker, Nicole Joselyn, Jerry Judy, Judah Kardisco, Arlene Keer, Jax, McFeely family, Pat Mogan, Lorraine Murdocca, Dorothy Nye, Kathy Palmer, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Leslie Raymond, Ken Raymond, Alfreda Reed, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Susan and Greg Riggs, Lestine and Mike



The end of the academic school year for our college students is fast approaching. Let's show our support and encouragement by filling their College Boxes to the very top!

The list of items to be donated is on the table in the narthex. Please place your donated items in the container marked "**College Boxes**" by TODAY, **April 28**. The College Boxes will be filled and mailed out that week so they reach the stu-



Greeters are needed for 2024!

Please consider acting as a greeter for one or more services in 2024.

Sign up in the narthex, or contact Kathy Palmer.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Church Calendar ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Sunday, April 28 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship in person and online
 Deadline for College Box Items
 PNC meets with Presbytery after worship

Tuesday, April 30 10:00 am ZOOM Bible Study

Weds., May 1 6:30 pm Chancel Choir
 7:30 pm Handbell Choir

Sunday, May 4 9:15 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship in person and online



Community Cares for Homeless Shelter

The Shelter has specific needs for cooking oil, bleach, facial tissues, and other cleaning supplies. As always, toiletries, dry/canned goods, and children’s snacks are needed by the families. You may

leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time. The deacons will deliver them after the first Sunday of the month.

To honor or memorialize your Mother, we will take orders for 6” flower pots of different varieties ranging in price from \$5.00 - \$8.00 today through May 5. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Include your name, who you want to honor/memorialize, and the variety of flowers you would like.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, your love is boundless
and your grace exceeds our imaginations.
You keep finding ways to be among us,
even when the doors of our hearts are locked.
Graciously, you seek us out.
We cannot hide,
but we can confess that sin has us in its grip.
It has led us from your ways
and corrupted our best intentions,
tempting us to believe that you don’t notice,
that you aren’t even present.
Correct our vision.
Cleanse our hearts.
Create in us a place where we can welcome you
and receive the fullness
of what you have given us in Jesus Christ.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
the power of sin has been defeated.
God’s love is stronger still.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***HYMN GTG #581** *Gloria Patri*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *APOSTLE’S CREED*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead;

