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Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

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The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter



PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

arr. Herbert Colvin **PRELUDE** Vreuchten

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 con-

tainer 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.

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Sunday, April 28 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship in pers

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;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANTHEM Let There be Peace on Earth
MSPC Bell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD WRITTEN - Psalm 23

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED - The Sign By the Road

*HYMN GTG #187 Jesus Like a Shepherd Lead Us

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Meditation Wayne L Wold

*Doxology GTG #606

OFFERING PRAYER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

*SENDING PRAISES MSPS #14 Grace Alone

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Thine Be the Glory Jason D Payne

Pastor is Rev. Edward H. Blank.

Liturgist is Jared Krebs.

Acolyte is Jaxson Mosher.

Elder of the Week is **Greg McMullen**.

Ushers are Danny, Regina, Jerry, and Dawn Chamberlin.

Greeter is Gilda Blank.

Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**.

Nursery Coordinator is Brenda Varner.

Deacon of the Month is **Joe Brett**.



The **Designated Offering** for **April** will go toward **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in disaster relief throughout the world.



This week we pray for the **Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church** in Hancock, MD, in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Life Community Church** in local churches; and **Mar de Galilea** in Puerto Grande, Valle, Honduras.



The lovely flowers gracing our worship space today are given by **Pat** and **Maury Mahan** in loving memory of **Susan Mahan Nieber**.



There are a few small articles in the Lost and Found bin on top of the coat rack in the lobby. If you are missing something, check it out!



To support our PW fundraising for our local missions, please consider dropping <u>ANY</u> loose change, no matter how small, in the collection jars. There is one located in the Lobby and one in the back of the Sanctuary.

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