

The First Presbyterian Church of Lewisburg

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Sunday Worship: Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

It's tempting to think that faith would be easier if God acted in more visible ways. Our Sunday School study of The Revelation to John is just over half-way through the visions God gave that disciple – images of earth-shattering, sky-rending, unmistakable signs of God's plan for judgement and redemption. If God made himself that clear right now, we believe, then following Jesus wouldn't even be a question!

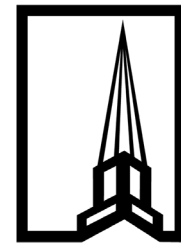
But I'm not so sure.

The way that news headlines come and go, even announcements about world-shaping political, environmental, and social events, I wonder if we haven't become rather numb to the influence of big, splashy stories. Even if a miraculous act of God did make the front page, or the first article on our feed, or the first pic on our Instagram, I doubt it would hold our attention for very long.

What matters more in making us who we are, are our everyday routines. It's the mundane and the repetitive tasks that demand the greater portion of our time and attention and decision making. It's things like, what's for dinner, and where do the kids need rides to tonight, and what are we doing this weekend, and what bills need to get paid, and scheduling that overdue doctor's appointment. That is what our lives get built around.

And thankfully, God is present in those thousand little details. I might worry more about the big things, things in this world beyond my control. But I need more of God's help, and patience, and grace, and wisdom, and discipline, to get through the multitude of responsibilities and choices right there in front of me.

The goal of Lent, which we began on Ash Wednesday, is to prepare ourselves for the biggest news ever, that of Jesus rising from the dead, walking out of his grave and into eternal life. And doing so in order to take us with him! But we get through Lent, and reach the glory of Easter morning, one day at a time. Over hundreds of small steps.



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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25

12:00-1:00 p.m. "Soup & Scripture" at Christ Lutheran Church

Friday, March 6

5:30-8:00 p.m. First Friday Kids Night

Tuesday, March 17



Thursday, March 19



Ushers This Month

Paul Miller

Roger Curran

Rick Gathman

Craig Harley

Steve Mebius

Meghan Mebius

Victor Vogel

REMINDER: Don't forget to check the Sunday bulletin for the 2020 Usher Schedule and sign-up for your desired month to usher.

In these weeks leading up to Easter, ask God into your daily living. Invite God to bless you driving to work and to school. Seek God's guidance in the office and for your emails. Lean on God's strength when you are tired, and tempted, and when things just aren't going like you planned. Test and see if the God who parts the sea and raises the dead can't also meet you where you live – and reveal his love and grace in just as powerful a way.

May the peace of Christ be yours, forever, and today.

Pastor Ryan

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- 2 Spencer Barlett, Cecilia Peterson
- 5 Dustine Koons
- 8 Jeanette Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Dave Thomas
- 9 Caden Papson
- 10 Gerry Schwieger
- 13 Amy Cooper, Mike Mast
- 14 Victor Vogel
- 16 Abigail McManus, Jonathan Walz
- 21 Marilyn Gaver, Ray Walz
- 22 Paige Kerstetter, Jennifer Wakeman
- 23 Rachel Wakeman
- 27 Karen Guissanie, Christopher Tirpak
- 28 Sarah Bolig, Kathy Gathman
- 29 Lauren Mebius
- 31 Sutton Kovaschetz, Dale Lind, Margaret Weirick

March Anniversaries

- 7 Joe & Marguerite Santorine
- 14 Mark & Jessica Heid
- 17 Samuel & Barb Taggart
- 19 Jeff & Heather Creighton
- 22 John & Cindy Jones



Greeters

March 1

Barb Taggart & Lilly Bolig

March 8

Joe & Cathleen Stenglein

March 15

Ann Miller

March 22

Jon & Sandy Miller

March 29

Mike Pursley

In the Community

Dinner By The River Teams

March 5

Sacred Heart Team

March 12

Shady Grove Team

March 19

Jordan Team

March 26

Miller Team



Wednesday, March 4th, and continuing every week through Wed., April 1, you are invited to a Soup and Scripture lunch sponsored by the Lewisburg Ministerium and Council of Churches. It is held

from noon to 1pm at Christ Lutheran Church, located on the corner of St. Louis and 3rd St. Local pastors will present a Lenten devotion based on a passage from the Psalms. Teams from participating churches will provide a warm, delicious soup and sandwich lunch.



Sunday, March 8th, immediately following worship will be the Annual Spring Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation. A luncheon will be provided in the Great Hall following the meeting.



Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ring bells or chimes? If so, now is the perfect time to give it a try. From 6-6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays this month in the Choir Room, we will be preparing for

our traditional Palm Sunday first hymn processional to "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna." Youth and Adults will be playing bells from the front of the sanctuary while the children playing chimes will be processing along with the other children waving palms. Let's use this opportunity to Make Joyful Noise to the Lord!

Meeting Reminders

Tuesday, March 3

6:30 p.m. Congregational Life
7:00 p.m. Christian Ed.
7:30 p.m. Missions

Thursday, March 5

1:00 p.m. "Welcome to Mitford"
Book Club in the Library

Friday, March 6, 13, 20, 27

9:15 a.m. Moms in Prayer

Sunday, March 8

Following worship-
Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 p.m. Worship Life

Tuesday, March 17

7:00 p.m. Session, Deacons & Trustees

Coffee Hour

March 1 – Darryl & Janine Fisher
March 8 – Chiboroski Family
March 15 – David & April Shrom
March 22 – John & Jessie Walsh
March 29 – Dave & Marcia Thomas



**Sundays from
10:00 - 10:30 a.m. in Parlor**

Nursery:

March 1 - Drouin
March 8 - McSween
March 15 - Remmey
March 22 - Graver
March 29 - Papson

Kids Church:

March 1 - Jusko
March 8 - Volunteer needed
March 15 - Fischer
March 22 - Heid
March 29 - Family Sunday

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY, March 6

5:30 – 8:00 pm
First Friday@First Presby

SUNDAY, March 29

Family Sunday
Cherub Choir will sing

FRIDAY, April 10

10:30 am
Easter Egg hunt – FREE
event open to the
community

SUNDAY, April 12

Happy Easter! He is Risen!

SAVE the DATE!

June 15-19
9:00 am – 12:00 pm



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Dear Families,

First and foremost, I thank you for your warm welcome! I am humbled and honored to begin serving First Presbyterian Church and your families in the role of Director of Children's Ministry.

I have enjoyed the privilege of getting to know many of you through my participation in First Friday, kids church, and vacation bible school. My hope is that, together, we can continue to grow in Christ as we serve our youngest members.

I am thankful that Carolyn has paved the way for a successful transition. Her dedication to this ministry has given us the stability of a stellar Sunday School teaching staff, the regularity of cherub choir singing for Family Sunday, and the fun, community outreach of First Friday and vacation bible school. I am committed to continuing where she left off – making sure existing children's programming remains in place and prayerfully considering any changes for the future.

This will be a new adventure for me. One filled with great excitement and just a bit of trepidation. God has a way of putting us into new situations and challenging us; but He also has a way of giving us everything we need, when we need it. I thank you for sharing your children with us!

Blessings,

Corey

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

-Matthew 19:14 NIV



Volunteer with us! From picking up pizza for First Friday or designing costumes for the Christmas program...to planning VBS decorations or leading Kids Church. There are so many ways you can use your gifts to serve the Lord in Children's Ministry. BE PART OF THE FUN!

Corey Jusko

Director of Children's Ministry

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You can help!

Donations of plastic eggs and egg fillers (candy, small toys and stickers) are needed for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, where we will share Jesus with nearly 100 kids in our community!

Donations can be dropped off anytime to the Church office. Thank you for supporting our Children's Ministry!

March Youth Newsletter

Spots for our summer 2020 mission trip from July 19th – 25th are filling up fast. We've been able to grab some extras, but don't wait to sign up – there are only a handful of spots left!

For more information or questions regarding the mission trip, please contact our Youth Director, Matt Rishell at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org.

Our programs are all up and running well with Refuge, Fuel, weekly Guy's and Girl's breakfasts, and high school small group book study on "Everybody Always" keeping us busy throughout the week. We are almost done with our study of "Everybody Always" and have been lucky enough to speak on the phone to the author on various occasions.

Thank you to everyone who made our second annual chili cook-off and silent auction such a success. With over 200 items for sale, 25 soups and chilis, plenty of side dishes, and over 80 people in attendance we raised close to \$1,800.00!

Now that we have calmed down from the holiday madness, all of our youth programming is in full swing with refuge, fuel, worship, small groups, and guy's and girl's breakfast happening on a consistent weekly basis.



As we continue this semester, please be praying for:

Our leaders – That they will be refreshed, guided by the Spirit in thought and words, and be able to continue the work of the Kingdom

Our students – That as they continue this school year, they will continue to grow in their relationship with the Lord, chase Him first, and that more believers will be added to our numbers daily.

Our programs – That they will be effective in reaching the lost and discipling the found. That they will be a place to fuel them for the rest of their week and a place of refuge and

strength when it can be hard to come by. That our programs are fun and exciting, but most importantly are a lens through which our students see Christ clearer.

Matthew Rishell – Youth Director

Would you like to be included in our weekly Youth Newsletter to stay up to date on all of our latest events and updates? Contact Matt at firstpresbyyouth@first-presby.org



Support our annual Youth Mission Trip!

Rochester, NY July 19th – 25th

Look for our envelope wall behind the sanctuary by the front doors – each envelope is numbered between 1 – 100.

It's simple! Choose how much you would like to donate to the youth mission trip and find the envelope with the corresponding number (ex: put \$1 in envelope #1). Then place the envelope with donation inside into the locked box located next to the envelope board.

The locked box will be emptied by Matt Rishell at the end of each Sunday Service.

If all envelopes are filled, a staggering \$5,050 will have been donated to the youth mission trip. These donations go to help the youth have an entire week centered around Christ, to grow in Him, build relationships that will last a lifetime, and to allow us to use our labor to help the people of Rochester.

We would like you to be a part of making this amazing trip happen for yet another year and we can't do it without your help!

Thank you!

