

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! *Luke 24:34*
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Beloved, we are God's children now; *1 John 3:2*
when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.
When Jesus speaks, our hearts burn within us; *Luke 24:31-32*
our eyes are opened when he breaks the bread.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #233 "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rev. 22:17*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Rev. 22:21*

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

+ HYMN: GTG #260 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" HYFRYDOL

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN Sandy Diehl

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING *Ps. 23:5*

OFFERTORY "God Leads Us Along" arr. Stevens

+ RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)*

We believe that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged.

We believe that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interest and thus control and harm others.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:14a, 36-41 N.T. page 91
Receiving God's promise through baptism

PSALM Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
I will call upon God

I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

**I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people.

**Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God's people,
**in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23 N.T. page 183
Born anew

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-35 N.T. page 69
Eating with the risen Christ

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *Luke 24:46, 48*

We are witnesses to these things:
the Messiah is risen from the dead.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Think of Me and Remember" Raney

SERMON "And They Recognized Him" Rev. Bill Pinches

+ HYMN: GTG #246 "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO
(verses 1-4)

+ CHARGE *1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17*
Go out into the world in peace;
have courage; hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ BLESSING *1 John 4:13-16*
Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever.
Alleluia!

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "Christ Is Alive!" TRURO
(verse 5)

POSTLUDE "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" arr. Larson

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Barbara Georgescu
Greeters: Sally Hughes and Mary Torrey
Next Week's Greeters: Susan Chien and Jane Hamelink
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Dan Baker and Will Ozee

Today's flowers are given by JoAnn DePeel
in memory of Steven DePeel

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#74: Simon the Zealot

Early Christian legends say that the apostle Simon “the Zealot” may have preached in Egypt, Persia, Armenia, Beirut, Georgia, Africa, and/or Britain, and was martyred.

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 115. Does the ninth commandment forbid racism and other forms of negative stereotyping?

Yes. In forbidding false witness against my neighbor, God forbids me to be prejudiced against people who belong to any vulnerable, different or disfavored social group. Jews, women, homosexuals, racial and ethnic minorities, and national enemies are among those who have suffered terribly from being subjected to the slurs of social prejudice. Negative stereotyping is a form of falsehood that invites actions of humiliation, abuse, and violence as forbidden by the commandment against murder.

CREDITS

Scripture: New Revised Standard Version Bible—Updated Edition, copyright © 2021 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used with permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

Prayers: *Book of Common Worship*, Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), © 2018 Westminster John Knox Press. Used with permission.

Affirmation of Faith: From *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part I: Book of Confessions*, published by the Office of the General Assembly, © 2016. Used with permission.

The Study Catechism (Full Version): Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Music: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing.” Words by Christian Henry Bateman. Tune: MADRID. Traditional Spanish melody. This arrangement copyright © 2009 Hal Leonard Corporation. From *Piano Solos for the Church Year*, copyright © 2020 Hal Leonard LLC. Permission pending, One License #A-717602. “The Day of Resurrection!” Text: John of Damascus, 8th cent.; trans. John Mason Neale, 1862, alt. Music: Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835. Public domain. “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.” Text: William Chatterton Dix, 1866, alt. Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt. Public domain. “God Leads Us Along.” By G.A. Young. Arranged by James M. Stevens. Copyright © 2001 GlorySound (A Division of Shawnee Press, Inc.). Used with permission, One License #A-717602. “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*Doxology*). Text: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709. Tune: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551. Public domain. “Think of Me and Remember.” Words and music by Joel Raney. Copyright © 2015 Hope Publishing Company. Used with permission, One License #A-717602. “Christ Is Alive!” Text: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1995. Music: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778. Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company. Used with permission, One License #A-717602. “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” with “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.” Tunes: CRIMOND by Jessie S. Irvine and BRADBURY by William B. Bradbury. Arranged by Lloyd Larson. Copyright © 1998 GlorySound (A Division of Shawnee Press, Inc.). Permission pending, One License #A-717602.

Art: *Friend of the Humble (Supper at Emmaus)*. By Léon Augustin Lhermitte, 1892. Source: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Friend_of_the_Humble_\(Supper_at_Emmaus\).1892.L%C3%A0gon-Augustin_L'hermitte.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Friend_of_the_Humble_(Supper_at_Emmaus).1892.L%C3%A0gon-Augustin_L'hermitte.jpg). Public domain.

Mason First Presbyterian Church

131 E Maple St, Mason, MI 48854 • (517) 676-9333
office@masonpresbyterian.org
www.masonpresbyterian.org
Office hours: Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

MINISTERS

All Members

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Bill Pinches
Parish Associate: Rev. Dr. Jim Hegedus
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Charlie Herrick
Spiritual Growth Director: Lori Filka
Sanctuary Choir Director / Bell Choir Director: Deb Melse
Office Manager: Jessica Tessman
Financial Secretary: Becky Moots
Choral Music Accompanist: Yinzhe Li
Sexton: Eric VanDyke
Adult Spiritual Growth Coordinator: Michelle Mackey
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Sarah Fay-Koutz
Child Care: Jill Castle, Jasmine Leffew, Violet Mackey, Sam Pinches, Keren Tayong

ELDERS

Class of 2026: Bruce Archer (*Clerk*), Ginnie Gibson, Jane Hamelink, Tim Hammond
Class of 2027: Travis Archer, Dan Baker, Evelyn Tayong, Steve Sowles
Class of 2028: Mary Garland Jackson, Greg Lang, Suzanne Lang, Monte Shuck

DEACONS

Class of 2026: Ron Dlouhy (*Treasurer*), Bill Leutscher, Sandy Leutscher, Nancy Sue MacDonald (*Secretary*), Laurie McGonigal
Class of 2027: Donna Archer, Rick Cote (*Co-Moderator*), Sally Hughes, Debbie Johnson, Issie Nielsen
Class of 2028: Sandy Diehl (*Co-Moderator*), Pattie Yanz, Torrie Yanz

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	Adult Sunday School (<i>The Chosen</i>)	11:30 am
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer Service	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 – 6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Bridge Builders for Racial Atonement	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath	
Saturday	Pastor Bill on vacation (through May 4)	

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 22: Mike Buchman
April 22: Calvin Hammond
April 23: Lucinda Davenport

**Mason
First Presbyterian Church**

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter



Friend of the Humble (Supper at Emmaus)
by Léon Augustin Lhermitte, 1892

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.... (Luke 24:30-31)