

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 3, 2026

- **WELCOME!** Please sign in on a fellowship pad, located at the end of your pew. Provide your email to be added to our e-newsletter list.
- Place your **prayer requests** in the basket on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. They will be collected five minutes before the start of worship.
- **Hearing assisted devices** are available from the sound board operator. These transmit the sound from the microphones directly to your ears. **Magnifying sheets** are available on the table in the narthex by the office.
- Please **silence your cell phone** before worship starts. Thank you!
- **We are livestreaming worship** on Facebook and YouTube.

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- **We are holding a series of Explorers Classes for prospective new members and any others who would like to learn more about our church.** You will learn what it means to be Presbyterian, explore many different ways you can get involved in the ministry of the church, and have an opportunity to get to know many of our staff members and volunteer leaders. This class will take place following worship downstairs in the Dining Room. It will continue through the end of May, except we will not meet on Mother's Day and on the Sunday during Memorial Day weekend. We will feed you lunch each week.
- **Pastor Bill will be on vacation** from April 25 through May 4. He will not be checking email during this time. In the event of an emergency, please contact Sandy Diehl and she will arrange for pastoral care.
- **Our Office Manager Jessica Tessman is currently on a medical leave of absence.** We expect her back around the beginning of May. Volunteers will be covering office tasks for now. Please keep Jessica in your prayers.
- **A pair of eyeglasses was found** in the Sanctuary following worship on Easter Sunday. If they are yours, contact the church office!
- **The Mason First Presbyterian Church offers scholarships for higher education,** funded by a dedicated investment account and annual donations. Awards will be given in early June after reviewing applications. Donations can be sent to the church or placed in the offering plate. Your support helps students reach their educational goals. Please consider contributing and making a difference in a student's life today.

- **Scholarship applications are being accepted now.** Printed copies are available outside of the office. All students currently in college or beginning college in the fall, and any other member of the congregation who is pursuing any form of higher education degree, may apply. Contact Lori for an electronic application. The due date for all applications is May 17th.

- **We are still looking for a few more Deacons or Elders** (past or present) to help serve communion to our homebound members periodically. Please contact Sandy Leutscher or Bill Pinches for more information. Thank you!

- **Camp Greenwood is looking for volunteers for their spring clean up** happening May 16th. Please contact the camp office with any questions at 616-754-7258.

- Thanks to the generosity of a donor, children and youth from our church are able to go to one week of **summer camp at Camp Greenwood** for free, and bring a friend along, also for free. Camp descriptions are available at www.campgreenwood.org. The camp is located northeast of Grand Rapids, approximately 90 minutes from here. *Very important: to get the free week, you must call the camp at 616-754-7258 and tell them you are from Mason First Presbyterian Church. Do not register online!*

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Ongoing opportunities

- Join us for **dinner each Wednesday night** at 6:00 pm in the Dining Room! Dinner is open to the whole church and you don't need to bring any food. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated to help cover the food expenses; the cost to hold these dinners has increased. Thank you!
- **Midweek Prayer** is on Wednesdays at noon in the Chapel. This is a brief time (approx. 10 minutes) of guided prayer in company with others. All are welcome.
- The **choir and bell choir** are always open to new participants, and experience is not required. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings.
- To join the church's telephone **Prayer Chain**, contact the church office.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a liturgist?** Talk to Pastor Bill.
- **Interested in serving periodically as a greeter?** See Jane Hamelink.
- **Need a good book to read?** Come check out our library!