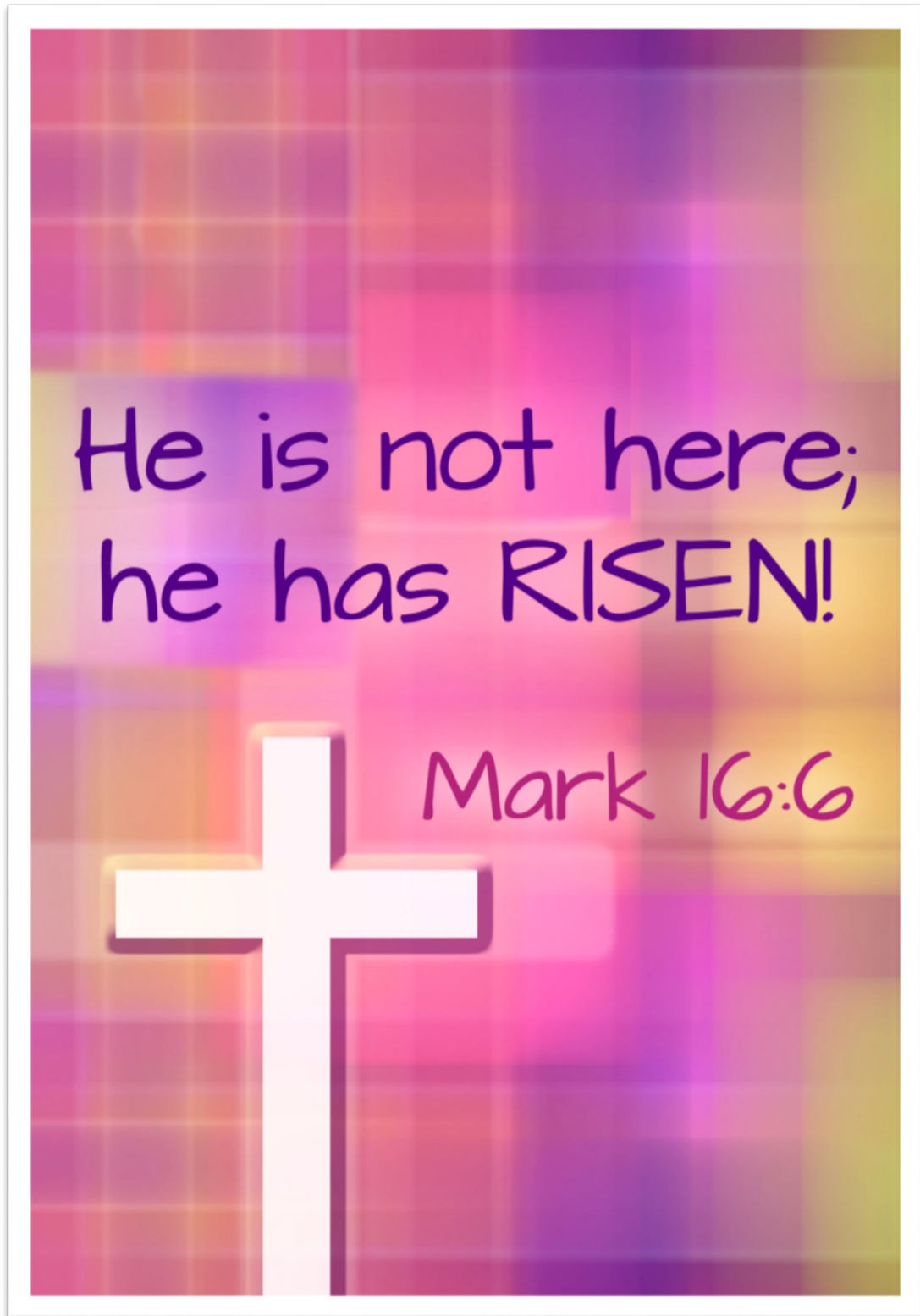


# First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn



**Easter Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 31, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Prelude**

*Now the Green Blade Riseth  
Thine Is the Glory  
Do Lord  
Bells of Heaven*

Hal Hopson  
Handel / arr. Gregory  
spiritual / arr. Stephenson

**Return of the Christ Candle**

Janet Witkowski

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Moment for Mission**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Round up the witnesses: Peter, the Twelve, five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, James, his brother, all the apostles, Paul, his disciple. If that's good enough for you, then join us in our Call to Praise: Halleluia! Jesus is Risen!

**All: He is risen, indeed!**

**\*Hymn # 232**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins, not as frightened servants, but as Children of the household of God. Let us pray together. Lord, we have betrayed you by following our own way.

**People: We have denied you by fearing to follow your way.**

Leader: We have mocked you by not taking your death seriously.

**People: Lord, we are lost. Let your forgiveness find us.**

Leader: Hold us in your strong arms and give us new life.

**All: Live in us and with us day by day, that together we may make a world that is truly new. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Response #236**

*The Strife Is O'er*



## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**            Isaiah 25:6-9

## **Children's Time**

**Scripture Lesson**            Gospel of Mark 16:1-8

**Sermon**                        It All Began

**\*Hymn #238**                *Thine Is the Glory*

**\*Affirmation of Faith:** Book of Common Worship

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

**Gloria #581**                *Glory Be to the Father*

**The Apostle's Creed:**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Call to Offering**

**Offertory**                    *Ring Ye Bells of Easter Morning*

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**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      *Hallelujah Chorus* (Messiah)                      Georg Frederic Handel

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**And He shall reign for ever and ever.**

**King of Kings!**

**and Lord of Lords!**

**Hallelujah!**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Toccata* (Fifth Symphony)                      Charles-Marie Widor

Participating in this morning's service are Rev. Don Wright, Pastor Emeritus;  
Liturgist Sue Ingram; The Sanctuary Choir; Bells of Heaven  
and Director of Music Brenda Ferguson

# Calendar

## **Sunday, March 31**

### **Easter Sunday**

9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

## **Monday, April 1**

### **Easter Monday**

### **Office Closed**

6:00 p.m. Mat Making for the Homeless

## **Wednesday, April 3**

10:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Treasure Chest

12:00 p.m. Bulletin and Media Deadline

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

## **Thursday, April 4**

10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Men's Hope and Love Class

## **Sunday, April 7**

### **Communion Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:45 a.m. Nursery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

3:00 p.m. Friends of the Dearborn Symphony

4:30 p.m. Succulent Event

**The lilies decorating the Sanctuary and contributions to  
the Touch of Hope Ministry were given in memory or honor of a loved one.**

**In Memory Of:**

Andy & Deloris Anderson  
Reverend Dr. Douglas Barranger  
Allen & Mary Ann Bassett  
Reverend David Bleivik  
Bill Currie  
Reverend Ed and Thelma De Haven  
Edwin & Eleanor Gaiefsky  
Lt. Tom Gentinne and his brother Alan  
Richard, Frances, Michael and Mary Higgins  
Michael Hoffman  
Michael Hoffman  
Ralph & Beverly Hoffman  
John & Marion Holowaty  
Reverend Carl and Jean Howie  
George & Juliet Huntting  
Charles Knoop  
Ray & Kathy Mayer, George Blass, Dan Fellows  
Reverend Dr. John K.& Betty Mitchell  
Reverend Dr. John K. & Betty Mitchell  
Betty & Rolly Mniece  
My Parents  
Our Grandparents and Parents  
Doug & Mary Setterlun  
Dorothy Wright & our 70 years of love

**Given By:**

The Hoffman Family  
Reverend Don Wright  
Reverend Don Wright  
Reverend Don Wright  
His wife, Mary  
Reverend Don Wright  
Janet, Larry and Anne Witkowski  
Reverend Don Wright  
Carol & Matthew Higgins  
The Hoffman Family  
Reverend Don Wright  
The Hoffman Family  
The Setterlun Family  
Reverend Don Wright  
Carol & Matt Higgins  
Pat Knoop  
The Mayer Family  
Dennis & Mary Mitchell Korowin  
Reverend Don Wright  
Andre & Jane Mykytenko  
Reverend Don Wright  
Gene & Sue Smith  
The Setterlun Family  
Reverend Don Wright

**In Honor Of:**

Donna Barranger

Anne Bleivik

Fran Buckley

Reverend Guy & Joy Ferguson

Tom & Brenda Ferguson

Joel and Natalie

Janet & Bill Leslie

Betty Mayer, Elaine Fellows

Brian & Chris Mayer

Anastasia & Asbold Mykytenko

Our Grandchildren

David & Susan Williams

**Given By:**

Reverend Don Wright

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Pat Knoop

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Janet, Larry and Anne Witkowski

Pat Knoop

The Mayer Family

Reverend Don Wright

Andre & Jane Mykytenko

Gene & Sue Smith

Their children, Todd Williams and Kelly Williams Brushaber

Special thanks to everyone who purchased a lily, helping to beautify our sanctuary for Easter, and to everyone who donated to the Touch of Hope Ministry; your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

**Please Remember to take your lily home with you after the Easter Service!**





# Announcements

**Outreach and Mission** will be collecting for our One Great Hour of Sharing offering through today, Easter Sunday, March 31. You will find a pamphlet explaining supported ministries and a giving envelope in your bulletin.

**Church Office Closed:** The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 1 in observance of the Easter holiday.

**GriefShare** is starting this Monday April 1st from 6:30-8:00 p.m. You can sign up at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) to sign-up or call Chris Mayer, Parish Nurse at 313- 575-5853 for any questions.

**Knitting Night:** Join us for knitting night on April 4 at 7:00 pm at Jane Mykytenko's home, 130 Woodcrest Drive, Dearborn, MI 48124. Get ready to unwind, connect with fellow knitting enthusiasts, and share your love for this timeless craft. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced knitter, this gathering is open to all skill levels. Bring your latest project and enjoy an evening of creativity and camaraderie. Don't miss this opportunity to come together and knit the night away. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Presbyterian Women** will be assembling intake bags for First Step and we need your help. First Step is a domestic violence shelter. The children who find themselves there are often frightened and traumatized. We are trying to bring them a little joy with bags filled with items like books, toys, stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, sketchbooks and colored pencils for example. This will be PW's mission project for April 6. Please contact Charlene Reid at 313-608-9552 or Susan Ingram at 313-909-0908 with any questions. Thank you.

**Succulents, Shopping & Saving the Planet:** Please join us for an Earth Day celebration on Sunday, April 7 at 4:30 p.m. in Mitchell Hall. Ashlee Mayer will show us how to propagate and grow beautiful succulent plants. Everyone that attends will get to pot their very own, easy care succulent to take home. Our Treasure Chest will be open for shopping that evening, with loads of items just waiting to be upcycled! It's time to get creative and save our planet by joining your church family for a light meal and FUN!! RSVP to Rebecca Scott [rje1920@gmail.com](mailto:rje1920@gmail.com) so we will have enough plants and food to go around. All ages welcome, so come and bring a friend.

**Thank You:** Please accept our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the latest diaper ministry fundraiser. We collected 2,899 diapers and pull-ups and 688 baby wipes. In addition, we received some very generous monetary donations to put towards diapers for next month. A delivery is being made this week to Starfish, for which they are very grateful. Charlene and Tracie.

**Plastic Bags:** Thank you so much for your generous donations of shopping bags for our Mat Making ministry, however we have more than enough for now. Please do not bring anymore bags in until further notice.

**Your Favorite Hymns:**

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” was requested by Jeremy Hughes.

“I Will Come to You” (You Are Mine) is a favorite of Bunny Barr.

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Beethoven) is one of Brenda’s 800 favorites.

Do you have a favorite hymn? Brenda will gladly include it in worship. There is a Favorite Hymn gold box in the Narthex for you to submit your choice. Please include your name!

**The Personnel Committee** would like to remind the congregation that if you have any questions or concerns during this time of transition at church, please direct those questions or concerns to Jim Barber [jbarbercavu@hotmail.com](mailto:jbarbercavu@hotmail.com) who is Clerk of Session. He will direct your questions or concerns to the proper person or committee at church. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Savannah Capote got married on  
March 10, 2024.

Congratulations to  
Johnny and Savannah Patrick!

If you would like to send them a card,  
their address is:  
1730 Polaris Sumter SC 29150





# Friends of the Dearborn Symphony Presents

The final Program  
of this 2023-2024  
Music Medley  
Concert Series:  
**Brenda Ferguson**  
Organist & Choir  
Director at  
First Presbyterian  
Church of Dearborn



**Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
Reception immediately following

Tickets \$25 and \$20 for FODS  
members

Contact Jane Mykytenko:  
313-657-2776, [janeel1@me.com](mailto:janeel1@me.com)  
Purchase tickets on line at:  
[dearbornsymphony-friends.org](http://dearbornsymphony-friends.org)

*2 Corinthians 1:4-6 He comforts us every time we have trouble so that when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us. We share in the many sufferings of Christ.*

We need to update our **Meal Train** volunteer list. Sure, we have lots of delivery options and such for food now, but sometimes when a person is struggling, even that can be a challenge. With the personal connection via Meal Train, there really is no comparison Door dash vs slow cooker-. And you don't have to worry about the driver snagging French fries

This is a mission of compassion.

Food as connection

Food as Comfort

Our current setup has 4 teams. Each team has a leader. I activate the team leader who deploys the group to help the household in need.

Rotating teams this way allows more people to minister to those in need of food – or just comfort. Maybe someone would just like a visit and a few tasty cookies-

We need people to prepare meals- which do not have to be extravagant, fancy homemade feasts. We also welcome a designated driver or 2 to deliver food that one of our volunteers prepares.

**If you fear the kitchen**, there are still ways to help.

- \* Westborn has excellent prepared meals that you could pick up and deliver
- \* a simple package of precut cheeses and healthy crackers can round out a simple soup
- \* Offer to deliver a meal that someone else has prepared
- \* Whip up a big batch of your family favorite and freeze half to be ready for the next person in need
- \* Use your skills to create something healthy on the fly when someone is in need.

So- you can help if you know how to cook, but can't drive.

And

You can help if you don't know how to cook, but can drive.

To come aboard this train, please **text** me with this info:

**Your Name**

**If you want to make or deliver meals, or both**

Thank you

Lynn Campbell

**313-300-1097**



I'm on call 24/7 for emergencies and will wake up if call or text comes in  
If not an emergency, please. Please contact between **9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.**

Anyone who knows of someone in need can contact me by text with info or request a call back for further details.



## **The First Presbyterian Church of Dearborn**

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*Come Home to God's Love*

### **Elders**

#### **Class of 2024**

Karen Fink  
Sue Smith  
Kevin Watts  
Janet Witkowski

#### **Class of 2025**

Jim Barber  
Jo Ann Cashwell  
Bill Leslie  
Bob Missler

#### **Class of 2026**

Jeremy Hughes  
Jane Mykytenko  
Nancy Slanec  
Laura Thormann

### **Clerk of Session**

Jim Barber

### **Church Staff**

Rev. Donald A. Wright, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Brenda Ferguson, *Music Director/Organist*  
Emily Kaltz, *Children's Ministries Director*  
Chris Mayer, *Parish Nurse*  
Wendy Palmer, *Custodial Staff*  
Amanda Rains, *Business Administrator*  
Jennifer Taub, *Office Administrator*

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Nancy Barber  
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