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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – APRIL 14TH, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: VALERIE CONNER

- **Bold** words are spoken together.
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Beautiful flowers were provided by Jonathan & Jana Mitchell in memory of Jonathan's parents, Ted & Betty Mitchell.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #248 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We live in the radiance of your glory, O God.

Our worship comes from the gladness you have put in our hearts.

We give you thanks for the peace of your love.

Oh, hear the joy of our praise for your grace and mercy.

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO YOUTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Psalm 3, Acts 4

Answer us, O God, as we turn to you for mercy and strength.

Listen to the yearnings of our hearts and the regrets of our lives.

Comfort us in our distress and pour your grace into our lives.

Redeem us with your love, that we might live in Christ, new and vibrantly alive.

Grant us the confidence to share your life-giving love.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM PSALM 3, ACTS 4

...Join me in these words of forgiveness:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

...May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM

OT P. 464

PSALM 4

EPISTLE LESSON

NT P. 225

1 JOHN 3:1-3

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 85

LUKE 36B-48

SERMON

Joy, Doubt, and Faith

*HYMN #630

Fairest Lord Jesus

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY GTG #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #296

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

*BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to find out who is sitting in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- The children will be dismissed for large group Sunday school after the presentation of Bibles to youth.
- Tickets for the Down Home Supper Fundraiser for Maddie's medical journey (which will be on April 20th) are available at the church office. The flyer is displayed below for more information.
- First Presbyterian Church will host Dr. Brigit Farley for a town hall meeting entitled "Milestones on the Road to the War in Gaza" on Wed, April 17th in the Rogers room at 6:30 pm.
- Hope Fischer's 100th birthday reception will be taking place on April 21st at 2 pm in the Rogers Room. There will be a light meal.
- Sign up to be a part of our study group throughout April to see where God is leading our Presbyterian church. More information is displayed in the flyer behind your bulletins.
- There is an Alzheimer's and Dementia support group that will be taking place in the St. Anthony Hospital in the month of April. If you are interested or need more details, a flyer with information is displayed at the back of your bulletins.

Hannah McIntyre, a much-loved member of our church family, needs your help.

Hannah is the daughter of Rob and Elizabeth McIntyre, the niece of Emily Williams, and the granddaughter of Dave and Lori Powell. She is only 24 years old. Early on the morning of March 29th, Hannah suffered a massive MCA stroke on the left side. She was at home in Athena when it happened. After being transported by ambulance to St Mary's in Walla Walla, Hannah was life-flighted to Sacred Heart in Spokane, WA. Upon arrival, doctors removed the blood clot in her brain. Since then, she has made progress, but she will have a long, hard road of very expensive rehabilitation ahead.

When she was baptized in our sanctuary, we vowed to be by her side and care for her for her life. It's something you say as part of the baptism and now we are being asked to put that into action. Her Aunt Emily has established a GoFundMe page "**Please Help Hannah on her Road to Recovery**" with updates on her progress. Your prayers and donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations can also be put into the collection plate on Sunday or sent to the church office. Thank you, Alice Hepburn. Co-moderator of Deacons.

MADDIE'S MEDICAL JOURNEY DOWN HOME SUPPER



Pendleton Presbyterian Church

April 20 4:30-6:30 pm

Music by *Whiskey For Breakfast* at 4:30



Full dinner: Ham or Chicken or Vegetarian pasta, Scalloped Potatoes, vegetables, Salad, Rolls, and dessert of cake and cookies

RAFFLE BASKETS LIVE AUCTION ITEMS DINNER FELLOWSHIP

TICKETS: ADULT \$25. CHILD \$10. UNDER 5 YR. FREE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARE ACCEPTING DONATION ITEMS FOR THEMED BASKETS TO RAFFLE, LIVE AUCTION ITEMS, AND MONETARY DONATIONS AT THE CHURCH AT 201 SW DORION, PENDLETON.

At the end of Maddie's Junior Year she was diagnosed with an arachnoid brain cyst the diameter of a racquetball and was dealing with multiple migraines per week. Doctors have been hesitant to intervene since there is not a lot of research on brain cysts of that size. She graduated from Echo High School in 2022 and completed her first year at University of Idaho in Moscow but has continued to struggle with migraines.

The cyst is now 10cm x 7cm x 4.4 cm and she is dealing with seizure activity, memory issues, spinal pain, and leg numbness/weakness. She has had multiple trips to the emergency room both at home and at school. She has had to take a Medical Hardship this term and drop her college classes to focus on medical needs. The Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona has a team of specialists that have accepted Maddie's case. This truly is such an answer to prayers!

The next seizure test will cost \$37,910. MODA insurance won't pay the Mayo Clinic bills, since they are "out of network." Costs will include travel expenses, an undetermined length of stay and possible brain surgery intervention. We are so thankful for the amazing support of our community and church family who have continued to pray, ask for updates and send so much care our way.

[Fundraiser by Maddie Owen : Maddie's medical journey \(gofundme.com\)](#)



RENEW, Thinking, Listening, Dreaming

Be Part of the 2024 Self-Study Where is God Leading First Presbyterian Church

By now, you have heard about the Self-Study more than once. The information below will answer some of the questions you may still have.
WHAT: The Self-Study is a process through which we determine where the church is now, and where God is leading us in the future.

HOW: Parishioners will meet in small groups of 10 or less and discuss a series of questions. Each group will discuss the same questions. Each discussion group will have a moderator and a recorder. The information gathered by the recorders will be compiled and organized. With this information in hand, the Session will prayerfully plan and implement 3-5 action plans. Comments during the small group discussions will remain confidential.

WHY: Experts on church leadership say a "Self-Study" should be done every 5 years. First Presbyterian did a Self-Study in 2018 in preparation for calling a new pastor. It's time to go through this process again. Additionally, we have entered the post-COVID era. Now is a good time to think about how First Presbyterian can be faithful to its calling.

WHEN: Small group meetings will occur through the month of April. See the post card flyer below.

WHERE: The small group meetings will be in the Vert Room. One session is planned on Zoom.

WHO: You! If you have not already done so, please sign up for a small group discussion. See the times/dates in the post card flyer below.
Call the church 541.276.7681 and reserve a spot now!

RENEW

Thinking, Listening,
Dreaming

Be part of the 2024 Self-Study
Where is God leading
First Presbyterian Church?

Sign up for your Date —Please Call NOW!

Sunday April 14, after worship

Monday April 15, 6:00PM

Thursday April 18, 10:00AM

Sunday April 21 after worship

Wednesday April 24, 6:30PM

Thursday April 25, 7:00PM Zoom call

First Presbyterian Church

201 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801

Call 541-276-7681





ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS

SUPPORT GROUP

The purpose of this support group is to provide a safe environment where people caring for those with Alzheimer's or other dementia can mutually support one another by sharing their thoughts, ideas, concerns, questions, and coping strategies in a non-judgemental and caring atmosphere.

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month

Starting April 2024

10:30AM - NOON

St. Anthony Hospital - Conf. Rm 3

2801 St. Anthony Way - Pendleton

Questions? Call 541-278-2627