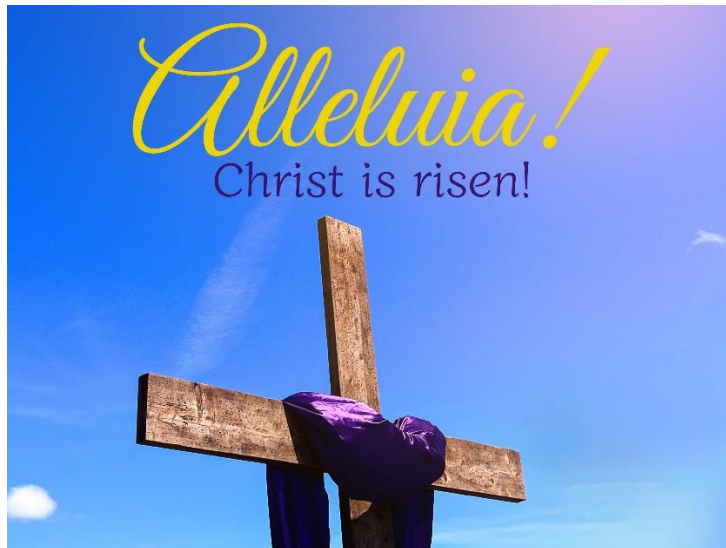


The First Presbyterian Church – Willoughby



Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

The Rev. Shane Nanney - Pastor

Lectors

9:00 am – Al Skrabski

11:00 am – Laura Jamison

The Scripture readings for **Easter Sunday** are:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

Sermon

“An Easter People”

Welcome to worship!

Jesus says, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love” (John 15:9, NRSV). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!

IN OUR PRAYERS – We pray for our members and their family and friends who may be sick, hospitalized or recovering. We continue to pray for peace in the world.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND

Please consider dropping a note in the mail or giving them a call. Addresses and phone numbers are in your directory (available in the narthex).

SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS – March 24

Attendance: 99 in person; 36 online



HONOR LOVED ONES AND SPECIAL OCCASSIONS – The 2024 flower chart is posted in the east entryway. Select the date you wish to donate to the flower fund. *Suzan Plautz will follow up with you to ask for your dedication wishes.*

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONSISTENT GIVING.

Your dedication is so very much appreciated! To give, you may:

- place your offerings in the Offerings Box in the Sanctuary
- send your gifts by mail
- bring your gifts by the church (place in the big black mailbox outside).
- set up automatic payment through your bank.
- or give online using the QR Code here, or through our **PayPal** button www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving



THE FREE FOOD MINISTRY IS THRIVING. Next Sunday is Free Food Collection at the 9:00 am service. The children collect your contributions during the service. Groceries can be brought throughout the month. You can also drop items in the grocery cart at the church entrance on Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week, or any Sundays when you come to Worship. Requested food donations for April are: **Pasta sauce, jelly, healthy cereal, canned fruit, toilet paper.** Thank you for helping us serve the needy through this ministry.



DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW LOVE TO CLEAN?

We are hiring a custodian. Kathy Sidhu is retiring! The job comes with great pay, benefits including paid holidays, vacation, and a flexible schedule. This is a job that requires 16-20 hours work per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please have them call us John Collins at 440-942-8039 or the office at 440946-0070.

Fellowship Opportunities

Catch up with church events and the photos of you and your loved ones making God's love real.



The Yarn Connection! This is an ongoing opportunity held the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month** from **10 am-12 pm**. The ladies and Pastor Shane knitted gifts that were given to Project Hope for the Homeless and WomenSafe Shelter. Open to knitters and crocheters to work on their current projects,

charity projects, or teach/learn how to knit or crochet.

Easter Breakfast

There will be an **Easter Potluck Breakfast** between church services, 10-11 am today. Please consider coming early or staying late if you can help serve. So that everyone can leave to spend time with extended family and friends that day we will make clean up easier by using paper products Please note the number of people attending is approximately 40. The sign-up list for food items is now SEPARATE.

College scholarships available

Did you know that college scholarships are given to school age students that meet these criteria?



- ~Students who are children of members of FPCW
- ~Student who have completed confirmation class and be a member of FPCW
- ~Regular participation in worship and programs in the church
- ~Proof of acceptance as full-time (12 hours) at an institution's degree program
- ~Any exception will be considered on an individual basis by the committee

If you are interested, contact Laura in the office Monday -Friday or email her at Laura@FPCWilloughby.org for an application.



ORGAN FUND

Preparations are now underway for the next phase of the Pipe Organ Renovation and Repair. Phase One – begun in 2022 when the sanctuary was being painted – included the renovation and repair of pipes in the Swell Chamber. Phase Two – in the summer of 2023 – addressed the pipes and bellows in the Great Chamber.

In many ways, this next phase is the most ambitious: the rewiring of the organ console and the electrical connections from the console to the pipes. The cost of this phase is estimated to be \$60,000 – due mostly to the time and labor involved.

Our pipe organ is a treasure that other churches our size do not have. Visitors who join us on Sundays or at funerals often comment on our instrument: a pipe organ touches one's soul; it helps you FEEL the music, not just hear the notes. A well-maintained pipe organ can function for generations. Annual tuning and incidental repairs have always been done. But after 25 years of service to this congregation, our pipe organ needs more than a proverbial band-aid. The wiring system in the organ is outdated and unsafe. The longer we wait to address this issue, the more expensive it will be. Currently, two very generous members have combined to give a total of \$30,000. Additional pledges for 2024 are around \$7,000. An additional \$25,000 will make possible this next phase of the Renovation and Repair project. And it will contribute to the Organ Refurbishment Fund –established for the on-going tuning and upkeep of our pipe organ.

This is the season for income tax refunds from the IRS and/or the State of Ohio. While some of you rely on that refund to address pressing financial issues, others have various options to consider for that refund. Will you join me in committing some portion of your tax refund to the Organ Refurbishment Fund?

Please consider prayerfully what you can do to help keep our treasured pipe organ playing for generations to come. Thank you, and God bless!

Don Brickman, Organist and Choir Director

Save these dates!

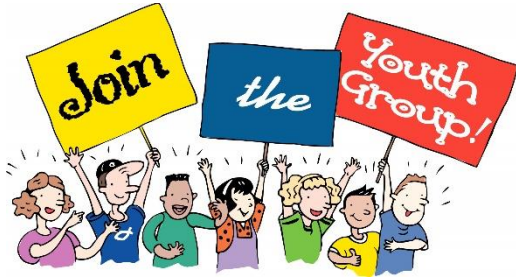
~Easter Monday, **April 1**, is a holiday. Office will be closed.

~Solar eclipse on **April 8**. There will be no free food distributed that day.

~Next **Agape Feast!** date: **April 25**

~A Mission Fair will take place here on Sunday, **April 28** from 10-12:30.

More details next week.



Friends are Welcome!

Necessary paperwork is required.

~Sunday, **April 14th**, 12:00-3:00: TRAPPED! ESCAPE ROOM; RSVP & permission slip is required.

~Sunday, **May 26**, 7:00 pm-Monday, May 27, 9:0 a.m.: **LOCK IN**.

RSVP & permission slip is required

Youth Group Get Together – The next gathering of the youth will occur at Trapped! Escape Room on Sunday, April 14th from 12-3pm.

RSVP to CE@FPCWilloughby.org.

Permission slips are a requirement.



Run Sophia Run! Sophia Blatnik is a lifetime member of First Presbyterian Church of Willoughby. She is running for the charity, **Girls on the Run**, which is a great program focusing on physical, mental, and emotional well-being while empowering young girls. She has a fundraising site linked below for anyone who may be inspired to support her. [Fundraiser | GOTR Greater Oregon \(gotroregon.org\)](#)

We are a Matthew 25 church!

We serve the least, the last and the lost.



Our congregation has accepted the PC(USA)'s invitation to follow Jesus' teachings in Matthew 25:31-46 by becoming active disciples and making a difference in our community and the world.

As part of our Matthew 25 commitment, we pledge to embrace one or more of these three areas of focus:

Building congregational vitality

Dismantling structural racism

Eradicating systemic poverty.



April Lectionary

April 7

Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

April 14

Acts 3:12-19

Luke 24:36-48

April 21

Acts 4:5-12

John 10:11-1

April 28

Acts 8:26-40

Matthew 25:31-46

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHURCH THIS WEEK?

Sun, Mar 31	Easter Sunday	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
		10:00 am	Brunch and children's carnival – WPG
		11:00 am	Traditional Service
			No Sunday school for children or adults
Mon, April 1	Office Closed for Easter Monday	12:00 pm	One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
		4:00 pm	Free Food Distribution
		7:30 pm	Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
Tue, April 2	No Bible study	8:00 pm	Willoughby Tuesday AA Meeting – WPG
Wed, April 3		1:00 pm	Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG
		6:30 pm	Families Anonymous – Room 1
		7:30 pm	Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
Thu, April 4	10:00 am		Yarn Connection
	7:00 pm		Choir Practice
	7:00 pm		Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg – Library
Sat, April 6	1:00 pm		Shankland Saturday – WPG
Sun, April 7	Communion Sunday and First Sunday Food Collection	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
		10:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship
		11:00 am	Traditional Service



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