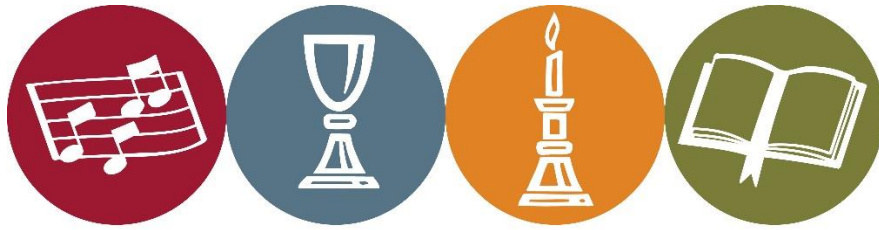


# The First Presbyterian Church – Willoughby



## WORSHIP WITH US

*4th Sunday of Easter ~ April 21, 2024*

*The Rev. Shane Nanney – Pastor*

*The Rev. Martha Shiverick – Visiting Pastor*

### **Lectors**

*9:00 am – Harriet Speece*

*11:00 am – Kathy Glick*

*The Scripture reading for the 4th Sunday of Easter is:  
Psalm 23*

### **Sermon**

*“Peaty the Puppy”*

### **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

Amos, Beulah, Ann, Bob, Brian, Dena, Linda, Jan, Jessica, Lauren, Mark, Michelle, Nicholas, Paul, Terry, the Emry family, Tracy, Sean, Elsie, Nancy, the Rahmani family. 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).

## HONOR LOVED ONES AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Share the beauty of flowers with the congregation in worship, by sponsoring the flowers and dedicating them to a loved one or to honor a special occasion. 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.*

## SIGNS OF OUR FAITHFULNESS –April 14

**Attendance:** 87 in person; 18 online



## **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](http://www.fpcwilloughby.org/Giving)



**THE FREE FOOD MINISTRY IS THRIVING.** Groceries can be brought throughout the month. You can 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 May are: **Healthy cereal especially instant oatmeal, canned fruit, canned chicken, canned soup, and toilet paper.** Thank you for helping us serve the needy through this ministry.

## **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.

## **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 are a member of FPCW
- ~Regular participation in worship and programs in the church
- ~Proof of acceptance as a student (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](mailto:Laura@FPCWilloughby.org) for an application.

**Agape Feast!** – Last month Laura sat with 4 ladies who are living separately and alone. They came together at the Willoughby Senior Center and discovered that we serve the *Agape Feast!* Each raved about the social opportunity and the quality of the experience. Our next community meal is scheduled for this Thursday, April 25 with sit down seating at 5:15pm and drive through delivery at 6:00pm. Watch for the Facebook and Instagram posts promoting this and Like then Share from your own page. The menu consists of: Ham and Swiss cheese casserole, salad, vegetable, Texas Roadhouse rolls and cookies. If you can help bring this event to life by serving, there will be 4 ladies who will be glad you did!

**Mission Fair on Sunday, April 28 from 10-12:30**



# Mission Opportunities

Our church will host its first Mission Fair on **Sunday, April 28** from **10am-12:30pm**. Many of our members and friends are unaware of the many missions our church and its members participate in or support. We would like to help acquaint you with these charities. The mission committee will showcase our partnerships with the many programs that we as a church support whether by donations, time served, or gifts given.

First Presbyterian Church – Willoughby does many great things in our community. Please join us in the WPG hall for a light bite and coffee between services and after the 11:00am service and learn more about each of these mission partners.

A lucky participant will win (2) tickets to the Dougbe River School gala on September 15. You will be given a passport to journey through the Mission Fair. Have your passport stamped at each of the destinations, turn in your passport, and it will be entered into the drawing for the (2) tickets!

Habitat for Humanity  
Matthew 25  
Dougbe River School  
McKinley Community Assistance Outreach  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
Food Ministry

Project Hope for the Homeless  
Hunger Walk  
World Vision  
BV – Ohio Living  
Rahmani Family  
North Church

## Save these dates!

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

~Mission Fair is scheduled for **April 28** from 10am-12:30pm

~Men's breakfast is on the first Saturday of every month. Next date is **May 4**.

~Mother's Day is May 12.

~Youth Sunday will be **May 19**. Graduates will be honored the same day.



~Sunday, **May 26**, 7:00 pm-Monday,

**May 27**, 9:0 a.m.: **LOCK IN.**

RSVP & permission slip is required

### Youth Group Get Together

Last Sunday, the youth group led by Pastor Shane and Deborah Nanney, were placed in an Escape Room and had to work together to break out of the room. Everyone had a great time!



### Recycle eclipse glasses

Wasn't the eclipse awesome? Deborah Nanney came up with a great way to recycle your glasses! She is gathering them to send to South America where they will have the benefit of enjoying the same experience with our glasses. Drop yours off in the office and she will have them shipped in time for the next eclipse half way around the world.

# 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?

<b>Sun, April 21</b>	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
	10:00 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	10:00 am	Children's Sunday school
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	7:00 pm	Adult Sunday school -
<b>Mon, April 22</b>	12:00 pm	One Step at a Time AA Meeting – WPG
	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Free Food Distribution - WPG</b>
	7:30 pm	Willoughby Monday AA Meeting – WPG
<b>Tue, April 23</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study – BV</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Bible Study – Room 1 and Zoom</b>
	8:00 pm	Willoughby Tuesday AA Meeting – WPG
<b>Wed, April 24</b>	1:00 pm	Lake County Women AA Meeting – WPG
	6:30 pm	Families Anonymous – Room 1
	7:30 pm	Wickliffe Group AA Meeting – WPG
<b>Thu, April 25</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>	<b>Agape Feast!</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>
	7:00 pm	Stepping Up Al-Anon Mtg – Library
<b>Sat, April 27</b>	1:00 pm	Shankland Saturday – WPG
<b>Sun, April 28</b>	9:00 am	Contemporary Service
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Mission Fair - WPG</b>
	10:00 am	Children's Sunday school
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	7:00 pm	Adult Sunday school - Zoom

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<p><b>Office Hours:</b> <b>Monday – Thursday</b> <b>9am – 5pm</b> <b>Friday 9 am – 12:00 pm</b></p>
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