

Sunday, April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY/COMMUNION SERVICE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
of BELLA VISTA

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COFFEE HOSTS
Shepherd Group #2

AUDIO/VISUAL
Tom Hackleman, Steve Little, Michelle Schall, Jim Watson

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus the Christ your Son our risen Savior. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal confession)

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ died for our sins. He made a full atonement for us. He is risen. Jesus has forgiven us and gives us the promise of eternal life. Know that forgiveness in your heart. We are His children. Amen.

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Please take this opportunity to share the sign of "peace".)

***GLORIA PATRI #581**

WE ENCOUNTER THE WORD

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 118:1-7

¹ O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

³ Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

⁴ **Let those who fear the Lord say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”**

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

⁶ **With the Lord on my side I do not fear. What can mortals do to me?**

⁷ The Lord is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ANTHEM (with congregation)

“An Easter Jubilation”

Johnny Mann

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:1-4

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

SERMON

“The So What of Easter”

Dr. Ronnie Prevost, CRE

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

HYMN #233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilot;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
In accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please fill out a prayer card and give to the pastor or an usher.

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Hosanna!"

Jason W. Krug

*DOXOLOGY #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

BREAKING OF BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO FORTH TO MINISTER

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN #238

"Thine is the Glory"

CHARGE & BLESSING

*GOING FORTH (Choir Reprise)

"Arise, Arise!"

*POSTLUDE

"My Redeemer Liveth"

Ellen J. Lorenz



WELCOME!

We hope you will find your time of worship with us to be very meaningful. We are an open faith community.

You are invited to refreshments and a time of fellowship after the service in Fellowship Hall

3/29/2026 Attendance
Members & Friends: 68
Visitors: 8
Online: NA

Please visit www.pcbv.org, or call the Church Office at 479-855-2390 if you would like to learn more about us and inquire about membership.

OFFICE HOURS

MON- THURS:
9 am to 2:30pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

For pastoral emergencies, please contact Susan Foster. She can be reached at (479) 531-1498 or susanfoster2018@gmail.com.

Deacons on Call for April:
Dan Dovell
Alice Irwin

WEEKLY NEWS

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5

9:00 Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time

Monday, April 6

1-2 OPS Committee

Tuesday, April 7

9:30-11am PEO Co-op Council
10:30am-1pm Writing Group (Parlor)
11am-3pm PEO Meeting (FH)
5:30pm Men's AA (A)

Wednesday, April 8

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 9

9-10am Staff Meeting
1-2pm PW Meeting (FH)

Friday, April 10

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
1:00pm Busy Hands (Ruth Cozad's)

Saturday, April 11

8am-12pm Art Club (FH)
9am Stated Session (A)

Sunday, April 12

9:00am Christian Ed Class
10:00am Worship
11am-12pm Fellowship Time (F/H)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Deloris Jennings

Dorothy Margve

David Warner



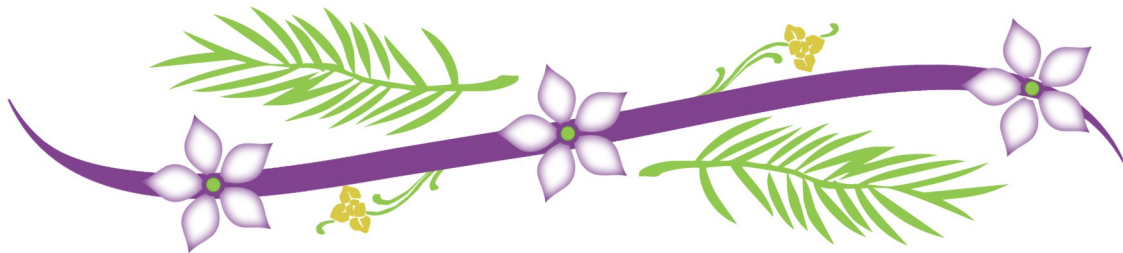
Our bookkeeper (Ann) is only in the office on Monday's. If you need anything from her, please let her know as soon as possible.

Reminder: Send in any items you have for the Outreach Essentials Program. Thank you!

The Blessing Box stock is getting low. Please remember our Bella Vista neighbors in need. The Blessing Box has had many visitors, leaving supplies limited. All non-perishable food items accepted.

Thank you to those who helped adorn our sanctuary with beautiful flowers for today's Easter service!

- * Barbara Francis in memory of Dick Francis
- * Janice Grim in memory of husband, Greg Grim
- * Erwin & Trudy Herzog in memory of daughter, Cindy
- * Alice Irwin in memory of Doc Irwin
- * Dan Johnson in memory of Sherlene Johnson
- * Gabe & Dorothy Margve in memory of parents
- * Peggy McMenus in memory of her husband, Blake, and their son, John
- * Buddy Needham & Nancy Ortman in memory of parents
- * Jean Nichols in memory of Art & Betty Buell, Bob & Eleanor Nichols
- * Bob & Shirley Olson in memory of parents
- * David & Florence Riter in memory of parents, Monte & Elvina Riter; John & Lydia Yost
- * Frank & Eddie Lou Taylor in memory of Eddie Lou's mother, Lucy
- * Jerry Vnuk in memory of wife, Katherine
- * Sharon & David Warner in memory of grandson, Foster
- * Jim & Karen Watson in memory of parents, Rex & Anna Watson; Elwin & Alberta Kroeker
- * Terry Woods in memory of husband, Jack Woods
- * Jim & Brenda Works in honor of Sage Eden Works



**A Guide to Everything We Should Know
About the PC(USA) Pastor Search Process**

**Components of a Mission Study: Elements of Transformation
Element #2: Congregational Identity
Coming to Terms with the Past, Present, and Future**

Last week's guide shared ways our congregation can create spiritual energy to build the collective strength we will need to carry out our church's ministry, as the first Element of Transformation. The second element asks us to consider our church's identity through reflection and discernment of the following questions. How would you answer them?

1. How does our church's identity reflect the church of yesterday? (Note: Long-time members are encouraged to jot down their recollections of PCBV's founding and history. Consider sharing them with more recent members during fellowship time!)
2. How would we describe our church today?
3. How would we envision our church in the near future and the next 10 to 15 years?

"God plans good out of this transition. It might not feel good right now, but Romans 8:28 says that God has promised that he works all things together for the good of his people. Is your church part of his people? If so, this transition is included in 'all things'. Therefore, you can rest assured that good will come from it. That is how awesome Good is: even those things that don't feel good are used for good. It might not be the good you have in mind, but it is good. Therefore, walk forward in faith."

"During Pastoral Transition"
Rev. Ben Simpson, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Position Opening: Director of Music (Part-Time)

The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista is seeking a Director of Music to lead and oversee the church's music ministry. This is a 10-month, part-time position with a salary of \$1,500 per month.

Responsibilities include directing the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir, coordinating worship music with the Pastor, supervising the organist/pianist, and leading music for special services such as Christmas Eve, Holy Week, and Easter. The position also involves attending select meetings and overseeing the care of church music resources.

The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista is an open and inclusive congregation.

For more information or to submit a resume with references, please contact Jean Nichols at jean.nichols52@gmail.com.