Join the Purple Table online gathering via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, for a time of fellowship and activities. (Zoom Meeting ID: 357 756 9746) The Purple Table is a pop-up welcome space, online and in-person, that builds community, affirms, and supports healing. Let us encourage one another as we play, share stories, listen, and find a way through, together! Connect instantly with The Purple Table by visiting the website: https://the-purpletable.mn.co

**"I Am..." Sermon Series:** During the seven weeks of Eastertide, This we are going to consider the resurrection through seven images given to us by Jesus. Sometimes, the best way to consider big, unwieldy ideas is to begin with small pieces. Jesus gives us seven images when he says "I am the..." In the coming weeks, we will take time to ponder each of these images: I am the resurrection, I am the door, I am the good shepherd, I am the bread, I am the vine, I am the road, and I am the light.

## <u>Prayer list</u>

Please submit any prayer requests for today's service to Michael before the worship service begins, The submitted requests will be included here next week.



#### First Presbyterian Church Middletown, Ohio www.fpcmiddletown.com

#### April 18, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

**Prelude** Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Sing! Holstein

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 4:1-8

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Hymn #234Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain<br/>sung by Sarah ThornberySt. Kevin

#### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

#### **Circle Time for Young Disciples**

**Prayer for Illumination** 

ScriptureLuke 24:13-35<br/>John 6:35Sermon"I Am the Bread"Michael IsaacsAnthemCome Christians Join to SingScholtes

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

1 John 3:1-7

Hymnal #447

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Prayers of the People**

#### The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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.

#### \* Charge and Benediction



# Our Life Together...

**Leading Worship today:** Michael Isaacs, Pastor; Janet Scott, Musician and Director of Handbells; Jim Harris, Sound Technician. Handbell Ensemble: Sandi Templeton, Sarah Thornbery, Lynne Wiley.

The flowers in the sanctuary were given in loving memory of **Bill** and **Jane Saunders** and **Bill** and **Louise Saunders** from David W. Saunders and Carol L. and Alan R. St. Clair

In the pew racks you will find cards marked "**Prayer Requests**." If you have requests for the Prayers of the People, you may write those on the card and place it in the offering plate.

Greeters will be stationed at all entry doors to the Sanctuary before and after the service to speak with you and answer any questions you may have about our ministry and mission.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available for use during the worship services. Please contact an usher for assistance.

### **Announcements**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study on April 20 at 10:00.** We will be meeting by Zoom.

We are accepting **new members on April 25**. If you'd like to join, call the office this week!

#### Are you graduating? Or is someone in your household

**graduating?** We'd like to lift up graduates in a time of prayer during worship and offer a small gift. Please e-mail sandy@fpcmiddletown.com with any names to include.

The Purple Table is offering resources for you to share Godly

**Play stories at home!** Email Lisa (lisa@fpcmiddletown.com) to sign up to borrow a story kit. Story videos are easily accessible online (https://www.storiesofgodathome.com/events).