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EASTER CANTATA & ELEANOR NAYLOR EASTER SPECTACULAR will be held Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025. The children will present the Cantata at worship service and the Easter Spectacular will follow in the fellowship hall (GAR). Everyone is invited to join us for the Spectacular! Delicious food for all! Toys, games & prizes for all kids! And a special visitor may hop by!

WRAPPED CANDY NEEDED We are collecting **CANDY** to stuff into plastic eggs for our Eleanor Naylor Easter Spectacular on April 13. We are also collecting candy to fill eggs to donate to Steubenville Parks & Rec.'s Easter Egg Hunt. Please have all candy here by Sunday, April 6th. A donation box is in the sanctuary.

EASTER LILIES IN MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF OUR LOVED ONES Forms are in the bulletin to order lilies. The cost is \$15 per plant. The lilies will adorn our sanctuary Easter morning, and is yours to take home following the service on Easter. Forms need to be into the office no later than Sunday, April 13.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - Will take place on Thursday, April 17th at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a covered dish dinner. Church will supply the main dish and drinks. Last names beginning with A-S please bring a side dish. Last names T-Z please bring a dessert.

EASTER AT FIRST WEST- We hope you will be joining us for our Easter Sunday Service! 10:45AM on Sunday, April 20th! All are welcome! We have a wonderful Easter Sunday service planned. We encourage those who are attending to please bring flowers to Flower the Cross as this is a First West tradition!

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, April 21, 2025.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - Birthdays: Melanie DiCarlo (3/30), Kelsie Granatir (3/30), William Sutherin (3/30), Jona Parikakis (3/31), Debra Artman (4/1), Megan Costlow (4/1), Melissa Bowers (4/3), Johnnie Ray Lester (4/4), Lynn Meyer (4/3) and Nick Yourkovich (4/5).

Love God Love Others

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 2:8

Kali Carter

***HYMN**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Friends, believe the Good News
RESPONSE: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”

Kayla Renner

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Traditional) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

SERMON

"Open the Door"

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***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANCEL FLOWERS Both of our flower vases this morning are given in loving memory of Matthew Firm, in honor of his birthday today, by Dave, Martha & Chris Starliper and by Linda Wells.

MISSION CANS- This week our mission can donations will go to Presbyterian Women/Helen Martin Bible Study.

YARN GROUP Our group of knitters and crocheters will meet in the Fireside Room Monday, March 31 from 10am – Noon. New yarners are welcome.

GRIEF COUNCILING GROUP Hospice holds grief counseling here the first Monday of each month at 2pm. This month they will meet April 7th.

PARKINSON'S GROUP TO MEET Our Place of Jefferson County has a Parkinson's Group meeting here the second Tuesday of each month at 10am. This month's meeting is April 8th. The public is welcome to attend.

SESSION will meet here in The Café Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 pm.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN/HELEN MARTIN BIBLE STUDY will meet here in The Café Thursday, April 10th at 12:30pm. Hostesses provide drinks and dessert. You are welcome to bring a sandwich or salad if you like. All ladies are invited to attend. Bring a guest!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES Men's bible study begins at 10 am in the Café. Bible Study for men and women is from 7–8 pm. We hope you will join us.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING If you would like to participate in our world-wide mission you may get more info and offering envelopes on the table at the front of church near the lollipop cross. Collection is through April 20.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK →