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## Order of Service

March 26, 2023 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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*We are so glad you have joined us for worship – either in person or online. You can get the latest information by visiting our website ([www.firstprespalestine.com](http://www.firstprespalestine.com)) and signing up to be on our Email list. We know that God is present whenever we gather, whether we gather in person or virtually, and hears the praise and prayers of our hearts. God's peace be with you.*

**\*\*INDICATES TO PLEASE STAND IF ABLE TO DO SO.**

### GATHERING

**Meditation in Preparation for Worship**

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

What has brought us to worship God today?

**The Spirit of God has gathered us together.**

What gives us life and inspiration to praise God today?

**The Breath of God breathed into us gives us life.**

What moves us out of our stillness to Christian action and love for neighbor?

**The Wind of God moves us to prophetic words and actions.**

Let us worship the God of Spirit, Breath, and Wind.

**\*\*Opening Hymn      *Come, Thou Almighty King*      Blue Hymnal #139 vs. 1,3**

*Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise: Father, all-glorious, O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

**Invocation**

**Children's Moment**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.**

**And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

### **\*\*Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## THE WORD

**Scripture** Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 11:1-28, 38-45

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

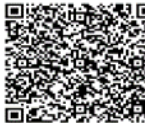
**Sermon** *"In the Valley of Dry Bones"*

*Rev. Tom Akers*

**Choir Anthem or Hymn of Reflection**

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### Call for the Offering



How to Give: you can go directly to our website and use our online giving platform to set up a one-time or recurring gift; you can mail your offering directly to the church (POB 132, Palestine, IL 62451), or you can drop your tithes and offerings at the church office, Mon – Thurs, 10 am – 2 pm.

### Presentation of Offerings and Song of Dedication

#### **\*\*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology) (#606)**

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

### Prayer of Dedication

#### Prayers of the People and 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.**

## SENDING

**\*\*Hymn of Sending** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

**Blue Hymnal #139 vs. 3,4**

*Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.*

*To Thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore! Thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see,  
And to eternity Love and adore.*

### Benediction

### Postlude

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# PRAYER REQUEST

## Newly Added or Updated:

**Family of Marcella Ryan**

**Family of James McGahey**

**Family of Anita Inboden Carroll**

## Our Continuing Care Concerns:

**People of Ukraine**

**Jim Goodwine** – Dual Pacemaker

**Jeff Shaner**

**Sally Shepherd**

**Tony Kirby** – Several tests at Carle Clinic

**Marilyn Henderson**

**Bill Miller** – Colon Cancer

**Kimberly Harmon** – Undergoing chemo treatments

**Jack Cook** – Eye Surgery

**Mike Devin (Loretta's Brother)** – Suffered a stroke

**Nancy Seamon** – Lung Cancer

**John Hunter** - Cancer has returned

**Teresa Blackburn** – Diagnosed with Cancer

**Phoebe Fuller** – Heart Issues

**Christy (Woodworth) Blickensderfer** - Cancer

**Miranda (Inbodden) Waddel** – Breast cancer

**Doris & Bill Powell** – Doris battling lung cancer

**Bob Roberts** – Recovering from Triple Bypass Surgery

**David Bennett** – (Samantha Knoblett's Dad) suffered a stroke.

**Nick, Lawrence, & Jacob** (Knoblett friend's Children)

**Blain Loll** – Diagnosed with Leukemia

**Levi, Samantha Knoblett & Kids**

**Cheryl Mefford** – Blood clot in both legs

**Mei Judge** – doing well with treatment

**Jim Higgins** – Back Surgery with complications

**Brenda Wolfe**

## Remember our college students:

Kendra Biggs – Bellarmine

Lindsay Ryan – EIU

Charlie Catt – LTC

## Remember those in our church family who are in assisted living or care homes:

### Timber Creek Village

Sharon Biggs, Mary Laughead, Paul Rosenberg  
1302 W Highland Avenue, Robinson, IL 62454

### Sisters of Providence

Guileen Manual  
1 Providence Pl, St Mary-Of-The-Woods, IN 47876

### BridgePointe Health Campus

Cheryl Mefford  
1900 College Ave, Vincennes, IN 47591

### Arbor Rose of Robinson

Carolyn Ripley  
500 S Reed Street, Robinson, IL 62454

### Cotillion Ridge

Richard & Lee Vehling  
600 Robinwood Dr, Robinson, IL 62454

### The Villages at Oak Ridge

Joan Goodwin  
1694 Troy Rd, Washington, IN 47501

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MARCH GIVING – ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### MEETING DATES

- April 10, 6:00 p.m. – Investment Committee Meeting

### IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Sundays Through Lent, 2:30 p.m. – Lenten Book Study using “*Learning to Walk in the Dark*” by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- Wednesday, 6:45 p.m. – Choir Practice
- March 29 – Easter Lily Order Deadline
- April 2 – Palm Sunday (Communion)
- April 7, 6:00 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church – Good Friday Service
- April 9 – Easter Sunday; Easter Egg Hunt – Meet inside front doors at 9:45 a.m.
- April 10 – Bridal Shower RSVP Deadline
- April 23, 1:00 p.m., Church Basement– Bridal Shower in honor of MaryAnn Catt

### LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

- The Upper Room – March & April
- Presbyterians Today – March & April
- Lent Devotionals
- Recipe Cards – Fill with your favorite recipe and bring it to the shower to share with the bride
- Thank You Card – The Clothing Center Workshop
- Thank You Card – Catt Family

<b>MARCH 19, 2023, DONATIONS:</b>	<b>\$1,170.00</b>
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Our Church Offering	\$1,105.00
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Loose Offering	\$20.00
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Greater Presbyterian Offering	\$5.00
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<b>February 2023 Online Giving:</b>	<b>\$825.00</b>
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Get the latest information on worship services, church activities, prayer requests, etc. by signing up to be on our email list. Go to our website, [www.firstprespalestine.com](http://www.firstprespalestine.com) and scroll to the bottom to fill out the subscription form or email the church office at [1stpresby.palestine@gmail.com](mailto:1stpresby.palestine@gmail.com).

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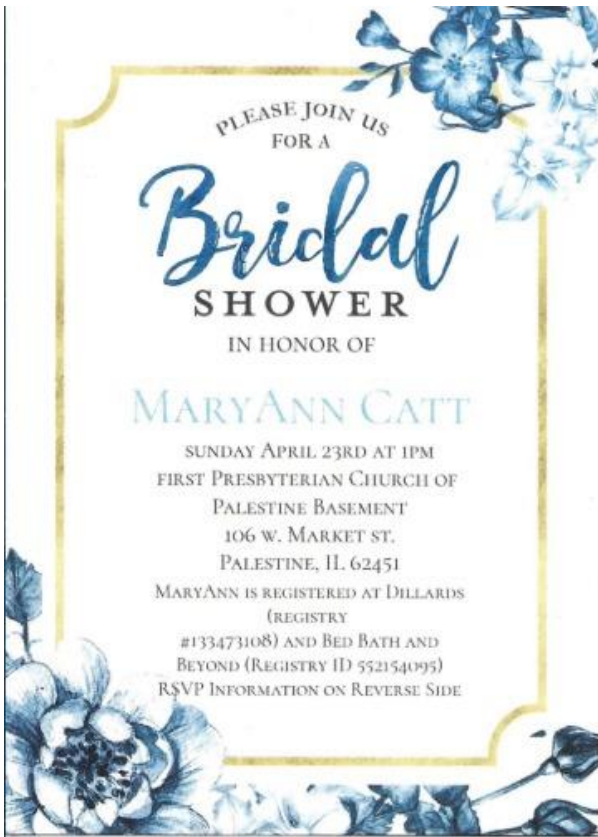
## EASTER LILY ORDERS



DEADLINE: MARCH 29, 2023

AMOUNT: \$20.00 EACH

ENVELOPES IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CHURCH



A recipe for the

## *Bride to Be*

Fill out the a recipe card available in the back of the church with your favorite recipe and bring it to the shower to share with the bride.

Please RSVP by April 10

