



PRESBYTERIAN TIMES



Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." (Matthew 26:36)

During the darkest hour of Jesus' life on earth, he brings his disciples to Gethsemane. It was a place that Jesus often took his disciples to rest and to spend time in prayer. They must have spent much time in Gethsemane because Judas knew exactly where to find Jesus for his arrest.

However, this visit to the olive grove across from the Kidron Valley, Jesus wanted and needed to be with the Father. Filled with anguish and deep dread over what he would soon experience, he asked his disciples **to be with him** while he went to be alone to pray.

Jesus could have slipped into the desert to hide in a cave in a wadi or canyon to be alone. He had done this before when he began his ministry three years ago for 40 days and nights. But this time with his pending death nearby, Jesus chose to face his destiny with the help of his friends. Complete with all their imperfections, the humanity side of Jesus still needed to be with others.

When we go through difficult times, are we tempted to isolate ourselves or surround ourselves with people? Many people often choose the path of isolation. For example, I know a family where the father was terminally ill, and they did not tell anyone about the circumstance. They chose isolation, and informed the closest relatives after the funeral in a postcard. Family members were deeply hurt, and it was a sad story that had no redemption.

Friends, all this to say, we need each other. Jesus needed to be with his friends as he navigated the dreadful path to the cross...even knowing that his disciples will ultimately let him down. You see, our role to be a friend in need is to be present regardless of having the right words or doing the right things. I firmly believe relationships to other people is the key to accomplishing God's redemptive plan. We need each other, and we need to pray for each other even if we fall asleep doing it. Sometimes we will forget to pray and other times we will remember, but regardless we need each other.

I hope and pray that we become people who can depend upon each other in our church. Isolation does not help the situation, but being surrounded by people with good intentions is far better. God's redemptive plan is advanced in the context of relationships. The role of the church is to offer to isolated people a place where they can find redemption in the Lord Jesus Christ and deep relationships to traverse the challenges of life together.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Easter together, who can you invite to experience the love of Jesus in our midst?

Blessings, Pastor Eric
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Our Vision: KNOW Christ, GROW in Faith, SOW the love of Christ, GO where God calls.



April Birthdays

4/03 Jack Hardy
4/06 Elle Floyd
4/07 Abby McDonald
4/10 Martha Ward
4/15 Kristin Jones
4/20 Margaret Ridley
4/27 Billie Richert

April Anniversaries

4/27 Greg & Kimberly Thomas

Henderson Christian Community Outreach

HCCO has revised their monthly list of needed items. You can pickup a new list in the back of the sanctuary.

The items needed for April are mouthwash, tooth brushes, tooth paste and floss.

Thank you for your generous support of this organization!



Current 8th graders through 12th graders have the opportunity to go to Montreat Christian Conference this summer in North Carolina.

It will be July 9th – 15th. Check your email from Cynthia for more information.

Registration is starting now. It is a great experience!



The flowers in the sanctuary during the month of April are provided by Susan Thomas

Maundy Thursday

We will be having a Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Service on Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 pm.



Five families from the church are needed to provide the soup. If you can be one of them please contact the church office or Pastor Eric. Please join us!

In preparation for Easter – Sign up for your free RightNow Media account and enjoy the largest collection of videos to nurture your faith in Jesus Christ.

Text PCH to 49775 or scan the QR



On Sundays the kids have the opportunity to hear a children's message from Pastor Eric.

The children are such a blessing to our congregation.





On Palm Sunday
April 2nd

we invite all the children to wave
palm branches in service to
celebrate Jesus' Triumphant entry.

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am
to prepare and get your palms.

If you are willing to donate any candy or small treats to put in the plastic eggs for our church Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, please bring them to the church kitchen and place them in the labeled plastic bin by Sunday, April 2nd. Thank you to all those who generously contributed.

We will meet to fill the eggs on
Wednesday, April 5th at 1:30. Thank you!



Zoom Study - The Gospel of Mark

Join us as we explore the scripture, history, geography, archaeology, and impact of **Mark's Gospel in the Bible's New Testament**. Featuring Dave Stotts, host of Drive Thru History. Please note that we have changed our meeting time to 6:00 pm. For more information contact Pastor Eric.

Monday evenings
at 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 984 3627 7403

Passcode: 500727

Easter Sunday

We will be having refreshments after the service on Easter Sunday for everyone to enjoy.

If you would like to bring a plate of cookies or goodies we would welcome it. Please place it on the table in the Fellowship Hall prior to the service.

Please contact the office
or Cynthia if you have any
questions. Thank you!



**American
Red Cross**

The Session has decided to make Red Cross First Aid training available to the congregation.

The training will include instruction in CPR and use of the church's Automatic Electronic Defibrillator. Additionally, there will be an additional training class on controlling bleeding.

The Red Cross training will be held in the church on a Saturday to be determined based upon input from the participants. That training will run 3-1/2 hours, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Stop the Bleed training takes approximately 1 hour and will be provided by Henderson Fire Department personnel.

A sign-up sheet will be at the entrance to the Sanctuary or you may call Walt Dickinson at 270-844-3964 to discuss.

A big heartfelt thanks to
Elders Cindy Wright and Bobby Adler
who faithfully served our church as
leaders on our Session for the past 3 years.



On Sat March 18th, some youth from our church joined with St Paul's Episcopal youth to volunteer at the Henderson Christian Community Outreach.



Thank you for your service to
the people of our town!

Would you be willing to help???



The Nursery and Children's program is in need of some help in ministering to the kids of the church. Every little bit helps and together we can help our kids grow in their knowledge and faith in Jesus.

Here are ways you can help...

- Assist in the Nursery (newborn to Kindergarten) on Sunday mornings on a rotational basis
- Assist in the Children's Church (1st-8th grade) on Sunday mornings on a rotational basis
- Design simple crafts
- Teach children worship songs
- Lead a class with a preplanned bible lesson
- Put together Children Worship bags
- Plan Easter egg hunt for Easter Sunday
- Plan a Youth Group get-together and/or service project

If you are willing, please sign up in the back of the sanctuary, call the church office or let Cynthia know. If you have any questions you are welcome to contact Cynthia. Thank you very much!





The Presbyterian Women will meet on Monday, April 3rd. The Coordinating Team will meet at 9:30 am and the Circle will meet at 10:30 am. Cindy Wright will lead us in lesson 12. Copies of the lesson are available in the Fellowship Hall.

During the month of April, we will be collecting toiletries for the residents of Henderson Manor. We will put the bags together when we meet at Glenn's home in May.

Some toiletries needed for May are:

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| Toothpaste | Soap |
| Toothbrush | Deodorant |
| Combs | Lotion |
| Shampoo | Razors |

*Please bring quarters also



We would like to thank all of the ladies who came to help with the Lenten Luncheon and those who participated in the Women's Sunday Service.

The Presbytery of Western Kentucky is having a Spring Gathering on April 13th on *Resurrecting PW In the Local Church*. There will be a Hybrid gathering at First Presbyterian, 200 North 7th Street, Paducah, KY 42001. Brochures about the Gathering can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall or you can contact Betty Normont for more information.



Our church presents Bibles when our church kids turn 10 years old.

Silas Dickinson celebrated his 10th birthday and was presented a Children's Bible by Pastor Eric.

Celebrating March birthdays with these special kids...
Happy Birthday Hannah, Ila, Lizzy, Silas and Holden!
You are so loved !



Marsha's Place Pregnancy Resource Center
is hosting a "Night for Life"
April 13th — 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Preston Arts Center — Henderson, Kentucky
Desserts and coffee will be served

Guest Speaker: Dr R. Albert Mohler, Jr

Ticket Per Person \$20

Reserve your Tickets at WWW.Marshasplaceprc.org



Henderson Area Ministerial Association Community Lenten Service was hosted by our church on Wednesday March 15th. It was a special service with Pastor Eric preaching, Betty Norment singing and other Henderson Pastors participating.



The Presbyterian Women hosted a delicious luncheon and set beautiful tables for our friends from the community.



Thank you to all for helping to make it a wonderful afternoon!



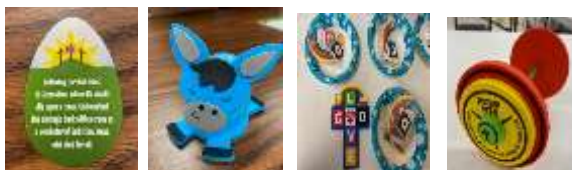
For our Wednesday Night Supper on March 8th, we had a delicious potluck dinner and interesting program.



Retired priest from Holy Name Of Jesus Catholic Church, Fr. Tony Shonis shared "From the Upper Room to the Tomb: The Passion Narratives"



The kids have been spending this Lenten Season learning about what Jesus did in his last days and about his love for them. They learned about Jesus' triumphal entry, washing His disciples feet, the Last Supper/Communion, praying in Gethsemane, His death on the cross and His resurrection. We have such special kids coming to church to experience Jesus!!!



Cynthia and Pam assembling worship bags for the children.

**Henderson County
Ministerial Association**
Lenten Services and Luncheons
2023

April 7 -

Good Friday, 12:00 PM
Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
511 2nd Street

April 9 -

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM
Greater Norris Chapel Baptist Church
937 Washington Street



April Handbells
and Chancel Choir Schedule



Thursday, April 6th
Chancel Choir after the Maundy Thursday Service,
approximately 7:15 to 8:15pm

Wednesday, April 12th
Chancel Choir 7:15 to 8:15 pm

Wednesday, 19th
Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to
8:15 pm

Wednesday, 26th
Handbells 6:15 to 7pm and Chancel Choir 7:15 to
8:15 pm



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