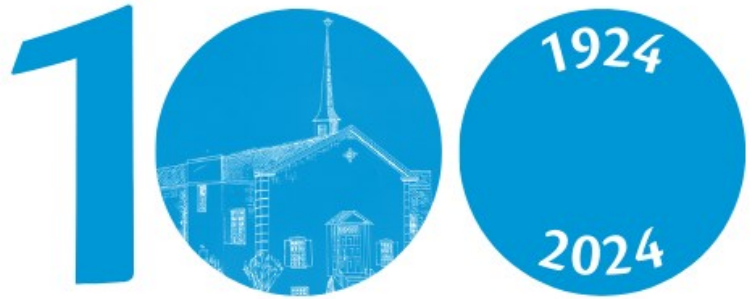


***Good Morning!***  
***April 28, 2024***

Fairview Presbyterian Church welcomes and embraces everyone of any gender identity, sexual orientation, religious belief, socioeconomic status, race, or ethnicity.

# Fairview Presbyterian Church



**Rich Heritage  
Remarkable Future**

## **Prayer Before Worship**

*Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.*

## **Prelude**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

## **Welcome**

## **\*Call to Worship**

The Call to Worship is a reminder of God's love that connects us all, whether you are new or have been here for years. In this Call, God invites us to come together for renewal and inspiration. The congregation speaks the lines in bold.

Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

**God welcomes us here.**

Whether we seek healing and wholeness, or stand ready to extend compassion,

**God welcomes us here.**

Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain, or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace,

**we gather to hear the good news:**

Let us worship God!

## **\*Song**

*Sing to God with Joy and Gladness*

Hymn #657

## **Morning Prayer**

You are invited to use this time of prayer as an opportunity to center yourself. One way of doing this is to focus on your breathing by focusing on the sensation of slowly breathing in, and slowly breathing out.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

This is a brief time in the service we dedicate to greeting one another. The Passing of the Peace reminds us that just as we receive God's peace and forgiveness, we are to share peace and forgiveness with one another.

**\*Response**

***Let Us Build a House***

Hymn #301

**Let us build a house where love can dwell, And all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell, How hearts learn to forgive,  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome; all are welcome;  
All are welcome in this place.**

**Prayer for Illumination**

We believe that the Bible is more fully understood in community with the help of God's Spirit, so we pray for the Spirit to guide us as we listen to scripture.

**Reading**

**Romans 8:31-39**

*pew Bible, NT p. 158*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading**

**Revelation 21:1-6**

*pew Bible, NT p. 259*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**"The Power of Story"**

**\*Song**

*In Silence My Soul Thirsts*

Hymn #790

**\*Expression of Faith**

*(Today's expression is adapted from  
Belonging to God: A First Catechism)*

As Presbyterians, we find it valuable to use different expressions of our faith from varied times and cultures. These are not unyielding statements that we must adhere to without reservation; for God and Christian faith cannot be reduced to a single set of beliefs. In reciting these expressions, we acknowledge that we view God in different ways, yet are still united as the Body of Christ.

**We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love.**

**Anthem**

***Brother James's Air***

*arr Gordon Jacob*

**Welcoming New Members**

*Karoline Anthony, Elsa Rusthoven*

**Joys and Concerns**

If you have a joy or concern you would like to share so that others may be in prayer with you, please write it on the prayer card that you can pick up near the entrances. An usher will collect it during this time.

**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;  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**\*Song**

*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

Hymn #747

**Invitation and Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

### **Rich Heritage-Remarkable Future**

***What does Fairview's Centennial Theme mean to you?***

You have an opportunity to share words with the Fairview Family in 2024 what Fairview's Centennial theme means to you.

Fairview's Centennial theme is: **Rich Heritage -- Remarkable Future.**

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**Green Ribbons courtesy Beyond the Walls Team**

**can be found in the Narthex.**

**Please take and wear a Green Ribbon to promote May as Mental Health Awareness Month.**

Rev. Shawn Coons, Pastor  
Caleb Meadows, Music Director  
Steve Towne, Liturgist  
Cathy Mills, Song Leader  
Christine Lawson and Nancy Smith, Nursery  
Brad Prather, Usher  
Nacny Smith, Coffee Hour  
Brandt Lawson, Jim Runnels, and Randy Ayers,  
A/V and Technology

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Join us after worship each Sunday  
for opportunities to have fun, learn, and serve  
as you get to know your Fairview family!



**Today:** Fairview will be providing a meal for School 43 during Teacher Appreciation Week in May. Join us this Sunday to write notes of appreciation and learn more about our partnership.

**May 5:** Inspired by the World Day of Prayer (March 1) and National Day of Prayer (May 2), join us as we explore how we pray through interactive prayer stations and resources for building your own prayer practice.

**May 12:** In anticipation of Indy Pride we will have a representative from the Indiana Youth Group to share with us about the work of IYG.

A graphic with a black background. It features two overlapping speech bubbles. The left bubble is teal and contains the text "A Curious Faith" in white. The right bubble is orange and contains the text "how asking questions leads to love, connection, and joy" in white. At the bottom, the dates "May 12-June 2" are written in orange.

# A Curious Faith

how asking questions  
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May 12-June 2