



PLEASANT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (EST 1880)

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CHANGING LIVES BY OFFERING CHRIST



Service of First Light

April 5, 2026

Order of Service

Easter Sunday

Service of First Light

Gathering In Darkness

L: Why are you here? Why have you come in the darkness?

P: We come searching. We come waiting.

L: What are you waiting for?

P: We are waiting for good news...if there is any.

L: The night has been long. The world has been heavy.

P: We wait at the edge of hope and fear.

The Good News

L: Do you hear the news?

P: Christ is risen!

L: Go and see. Come and follow.

P: We will go. We will witness. We will believe.

Procession Into the Church

Easter Acclamation

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The light shines in the darkness!

P: And the darkness did not overcome it!

Hymn

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

UMH #302

Welcome and Greeting

L: Friends, this morning begain in darkness...but it does not end there.

P: We have come from waiting into witnessing and into worship.

L: The tomb is empty. The story is not over.

P: Christ is risen, and because He lives, we gather as people of hope.

L: Welcome to Easter at Pleasant Hill.

Special Music

I Will Rise (Chris Tomlin)

Jonathan Welch

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1-12

Reflection

From Waiting to Wondering to Witnessing

Rev. Pete Berntson

Ritual of Recommitment

L: Because Christ is risen, we are invited into new life. Will you follow Christ in this life of resurrection?

P: With God's help, we will.

L: Will you live as people of hope, even in uncertain days?

P: With God's help, we will.

L: Will you love, serve, and bear witness to the risen Christ?

P: With God's help, we will.

Hymn

He Lives

UMH #310

Offering

We offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have received in Christ.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who seek Him and desire to live in peace with one another

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.*

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

Hymn

Up From The Grave He Arose

UMH #322

Benediction

L: Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen indeed.

**Please join us for breakfast in the
Family Life Center
immediately following this service!**

***This Week at
Pleasant Hill UMC***

Sunday, April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30am** Sunrise Service (Front Lawn & Sanctuary)
7:30am Easter Breakfast (FLC)
8:45am Modern Service (FLC)
10:00am Sunday School for All Ages
11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
5:30pm Living Water Fellowship
Baptism Celebration (FLC)

Monday, April 6, 2026

Church Office Closed

PHP Closed

- 9:00am** Minds Matter (FLC)
6:00pm Women's Fellowship (FB 2101)
7:00pm Matthew Bible Study (Café)

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

PHP Closed

- 6:00am** Solid Grounds Coffee (Café)
10:00am Prayer Team (Library)
12:00pm Lunch Bunch (Café)
1:00pm Acts Bible Study (Café)
2:15pm Exercise Class (FLC)
6:00pm Covington South HOA (FLC)
7:30pm Living Water Fellowship Prayer Meeting (Library)

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

PHP Closed

- 6:30pm** Choir Practice (MR)

Thursday, April 9, 2026

PHP Closed

- 2:15pm** Exercise Class (FLC)
7:00pm Band Practice (FLC)

Friday, April 10, 2026

PHP Closed

- 7:30pm** Living Water Fellowship (FLC)

Sunday, April 12, 2026

- 2:00pm** Family Game Time (Café)
4:00pm Finance Committee (Library)
7:00pm Men's Fellowship (FB 2103)

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Anna Clark, Director of Preschool

Mary Lee Blackwelder,

Church Administrator

Wanda Garmon-Price, Secretary

CHURCH MUSICIANS

8:45am Musicians

Guitarists - Mike Smith, Rob Crews

Bass Guitarist - Steve Cauthen

Drummer - Geoff Gray

Keyboardist - Marie Broome

11:00am Musician

Pianist - Sapar Amanbaev

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am to 3:00pm

Friday: 8:00am to 12:00pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Modern Worship—8:45am

Traditional Worship—11:00am

Sunday School for all ages—10:00am

Holy Communion is the
first Sunday of every month