



# Easter Celebration Service

April 5, 2026

First Baptist Church—Pentwater Michigan

Pastors: Mark Lillie and Matt Seaver

Welcome! We gather today to celebrate the Good News!  
**We serve a RISEN Savior—Jesus is Alive!**



### Special music numbers in today's service:

- ◆ Laurie Eppink & Amy Krueger—4-hand piano duet: *“Easter Medley”*
- ◆ From the FBC Choir: *“Forever”* (soloist Anna Landis), *“Jesus Saves”* and *“He Arose, Hallelujah with Christ Arose”*

### “He is not here, He has risen!”

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Throughout history there are many who have tried to discredit the message of Easter. Pastor Mark will take us to Luke 24 to remind us of the facts, and then he will share the “theories” that try to explain away the miracle of the resurrection.

*How have YOU responded to the resurrection of Jesus Christ?*



NEXT SUNDAY, April 12

**Amy Krueger and Steve Smith**

Will be exchanging wedding vows and you are invited! This ceremony will take place shortly after the service next Sunday.

A cake reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the ceremony so that you can congratulate Amy and Steve on this special occasion.



### \* No Kid's Connection today

Activity pages and Worship Notes for Kids are available at the side table in the foyer.

### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

- **Monday/Thursday:** Ladies Exercise class, 9:30-10:45am
- **Tuesday:** No BSF this week
- **Wednesday:**
  - Food Pantry, 9-10:15am
  - Leadership/Deaconess Team meetings, 6:30pm
- **Sunday School** resumes next Sunday at 9:30am



◆ To those who helped with the decorating for the Easter season - including the “heavy lifters” who brought in the large items.

- ◆ To the choir members for giving of their time in preparation and sharing their talents in song: Anne Beard, Ken Black, Ted Burrows, Ron Christians, Laurie Eppink, Lynda Fortich, Phil Frame, Roxann Frame, Toni Glover, Jared Griffis, Dayna Hasil, Dan Hoekstra, Kerry Huizinga, Phyllis Joiner, Amy Krueger, Kim Lamb, Anna Landis, Mark Lillie, Jan McGinley, Joan Menke-Schaenzer, Jane Morrison, Matt Seaver, Dave Slachter, Sue Slachter, Carla Wilson, and director Melanie Lillie
- ◆ To the instrumentalists, vocalists, sound and projection team for using their talents in today's worship service.
- ◆ To the Deaconess Team for organizing the SonRise Breakfast meal and for those who helped with food, setup and clean up
- ◆ To Carol Juhl for special music on the harp at the Good Friday service

### Celebration and Farewell for Pastor Mark & Melanie



As we approach the Lillie's final days with us before their retirement, there are some special events on the calendar—sign up available today in the foyer:

- ▶ **Saturday, April 18—All-Church Fellowship Meal, 5pm**
- ▶ **Sunday, April 19—Celebration of Ministry service at 10:30 and a Reception following in the Fellowship Hall (no Sunday School)**
- **Sign up** to attend the fellowship meal begins **TODAY!** There will also be a separate sign up to provide cookies. The rest of meal will be provided by the church.
- **During the service on the 19th**, you will have opportunity to share a word of appreciation for Pastor Mark and Melanie.
- **Following the service**, cake will be served in the Fellowship Hall and the community has been invited to join us at an open house from 12-2:00pm

### **INFORMATION:**

- ▶ **Greeters Today:** Dean & Maureen Gustafson
- ▶ **Greeters Next Sunday:** Larry & Chris Conroy
- ▶ **Nursery care is available for children through age 4.** The nursery is located at the end of the main hallway
- ▶ **Serving Today:** Chris Conroy, Jada Gerrard
- ▶ **Serving Next Sunday:** Bev Fessler, Donna DeGraaf



▶ **Coffee Hosts Next Sunday**—Steve & Jane McGinley