

Palm Sunday



**GEORGETOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GEORGETOWN, DE 19947**

April 13, 2025

**INDICATES THAT THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND IF ABLE; OTHERWISE PLEASE STAY SEATED; THE SPIRIT WILL BE WITH YOU EITHER WAY.*

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CHIMES

INTROIT

“FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT”

MANTOS Y PALMAS

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

PRELUDE

“HAIL TO THE LORD’S ANOINTED”

CHIMES

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

BARBARA LOW, WORSHIP LEADER

The story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, tells us that after his celebrated arrival, he went into the Temple and looked around at everything. As we gather here for worship today may it be with a sense that Jesus has walked in too and is looking around. May our eyes be open to see Him, may our hearts be ready to be seen by Him, may our worship be worthy of His presence, and may we be transformed so that we see the world through His eyes.

Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL & OPENING HYMNS**

“BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD”

“ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR”

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna to the King, Hosanna to the King, Hosanna to Jesus the King, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Congregation and choir

***All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer King.
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.***

***Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son.
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One;
To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.***

***Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.***

***Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!***

FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN & YOUTH

SALLIE HORNER

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(UNISON)*

God of all times and places, we confess that we would rather join the crowds than stand alone. We prefer the popular point of view to a solitary witness for justice and truth. We like safety and security while shrinking from the risk of involvement. We'll sing "hosanna" when everyone else is doing so – but not when the hostile "Good Friday" forces may hear us. We do not like to admit our lukewarm response to you, but neither do we want to be considered fanatics. We believe Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We know that means us, not just other folks involved in obvious evils everyone knows about. We ask you to be patient with us, to help us understand our own guilt. Then pour out your forgiveness in such a way that we are forever transformed. In Jesus's name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**RESPONSE****"GLORY BE TO THE FATHER"**

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*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.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**FIRST READING*****PSALM 118: 1-2; 19-29***^(NRSV)

OT, P. 534

ANTHEM***"THE PALMS"***

CHOIR

SECOND READING***LUKE 19:28-40***^(NRSV)

NT, P. 78

SERMON***"WHO ARE YOU IN THE CROWD?"***

REV. BARBARA MACFIE

FAITH TESTIMONY***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR PALM SUNDAY**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I
believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS & CONCERNS

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Call to Worship. Written by Ann Siddall and posted on the Stillpoint Spirituality Centre website, <https://stillpointsa.org.au>. Reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2018/03/call-to-worship-for-palm-sunday.html>.

Call to Confession.

Lavon Baylor, in *Flames of the Spirit*, edited by Ruth C. Duck (Pilgrim Press, 1984), 35.

Prayer of

Confession. Lavon Baylor, in *Flames of the Spirit*, edited by Ruth C.

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Assurance of Pardon. Lavon Baylor, in *Flames of the Spirit*, edited by Ruth C. Duck (Pilgrim Press, 1984), 35.)

Prayer of Illumination. Written by John Paarlberg, retired minister of Word and sacrament; faithward.com.

Affirmation of Faith. Submitted by Rev. Julia Seymour, Lutheran Church of Hope, Anchorage AK. Liturgy link.

Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C, Vol 1, Kimberly Bracken Long, Ed.



We encourage you to help adorn our worship space with beautifully potted flowers. They will be clustered around the cross and then sometime after the 2nd Sunday in Easter, given to our members and other residents of care facilities. Out of respect to those with pollen ALLERGIES, please NO lilies or hyacinths because of their strong scent. Your living offering can be left at the church office: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



After worship today, we're looking for strong young folks to assist in removing all the symbols of our faith that adorn the sanctuary as we ponder this significant time. If you are able-bodied, please plan to stay to help.



April 17, 2025
Maundy Thursday
5:30 p.m.

Good Friday: *“Be still and know that I am God.”* (Psalm 46:10 KJV) In the hustle and bustle of the coming Easter celebrations here's an opportunity to be quiet. During Good Friday the sanctuary will be open for meditation and prayer from 8-10 a.m. and from 5-7 p.m. We will offer you a page of scripture and prayers to ponder if you choose to. There will be quiet music and nothing else...just you and whatever the Lord lays on your heart.

After the evening opportunity for prayer and meditation, we're looking for strong young folks to assist in placing all the colorful symbols of Easter around the sanctuary. Please join us around 7:15 p.m. on April 18 if you are able.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION?

April 13	Palm Sunday SERVE Monthly Meeting after Worship
April 17	Chimes Rehearsal @ 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday – Seder Meal @ 5:30 p.m.
April 18	Good Friday – Sanctuary Open 8-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.
April 20	Easter Sunday Baptisms, Confirmation & Welcoming New Members! Easter Breads coffee hour Annual Easter Egg Hunt following worship
April 24	Chimes Rehearsal @ 10 a.m. Youth Meeting via Zoom @ 8 p.m.

Opportunities to WORSHIP

Sunday Services

10 a.m. in person, Zoom or
Facebook Streaming
Choir Practice takes place immediately after worship.

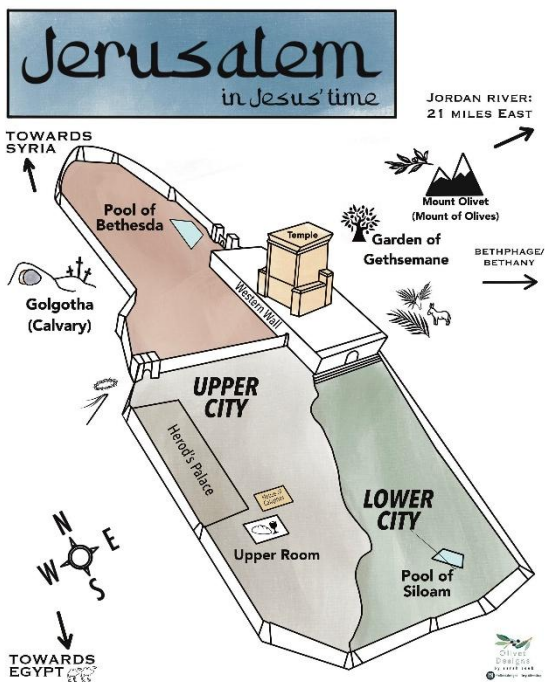
Opportunities to GROW

Sunday School

Sunday School for children will be offered EVERY Sunday during worship following Faith Sharing Time. The Youth will remain in the Worship service. However, Youth in 6th grade through High School are welcome to join our online gathering each Thursday evening at 8:00pm. Contact Sharon Lawrence or email the office and Nancy will send you the Zoom link.

Looking Ahead!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL----Save these dates to a part of our Marketplace VBS---Monday, **August 11-14**, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Tunnell Hall will be transformed into a Marketplace for the week while we journey as tribes through Biblical times. Begin to think how you could help in this ministry.



Opportunities to SERVE

First Fruits Cart

During March the Wesley Pantry served 29 households by distributing 63 bags of groceries, but with warmer temperatures coming, things will pick up again.

For April, the following are needed: mixed vegetables, men's deodorant, canned green beans, soap, ramen noodles, baby shampoo, canned fruit and toothpaste.

Rise Against Hunger

The congregational meeting Auction held on March 16th raised just over \$1,500.00. These funds will be added to existing funds for Rise Against Hunger. *Thanks to everyone who participated!*

Yard Clean Up

Thank you all who showed up for the workday last weekend! *Many hands did make light work!*



Opportunities to CONNECT



April 17	Helen Salita	April 27	Darrell Moore
April 18	Carissa Gulab	April 30	Eli Short IV
April 20	Barbara Turek		



April 16	Bill & Gail Brown	Apr 23	Chris Hilliard & Shawnee Armstrong-Hilliard
Apr 20	Norm & Joanne Seeger	Apr 28	Norman Bergstrom & Philomena Fischer



IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US— WE ARE GLAD YOU’RE HERE!

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US EACH SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:00 FOR WORSHIP.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP, CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE, OR FOR JOINING OUR FELLOWSHIP, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT (302) 856-6842.



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