



Welcome!

Childcare is available from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 3 of the Kuhn Education Wing. We also invite children to use our activity area in the sanctuary.

Assistive listening devices are available at the sound booth (rear of sanctuary).

The flowers are given by Karen Pope in honor of the CHPC Preschool staff and Director Dana Tarnoci.

Worship begins with the first note of the prelude — may we silence our voices and open our hearts, allowing the music to draw us together into the presence of God.

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

*Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-10 (NIV)

- L: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,
- P: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

*Processional Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Welcome

Special Music

Palm Sunday Fingerplay
The CHPC Preschool Choir

*Those who are able are asked to please stand.

- *Litany of Confession
- L: Let us pray together...
- P: O God, you know us well. We are quick to speak of faith, but slow to live it fully. We shout "hosanna" as Jesus approaches, as did the people of Jerusalem many years ago, but we do not want him to come too close not close enough to really see...

(Silent confession.)

- L: And we pray together...
- P: O God, you know us well. We are quick to claim faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior, but like the throng who greeted his entry into Jerusalem, we are fickle, slow to live fully and everywhere as faithful disciples. We know where we fail... (Silent confession.)
- L: And we pray together...
- P: O God, you know us well. We are quick to want the blessings of faithfulness; but, like the twelve who spent the last week with him, we are slow to accept the pain and suffering of authentic Christ-like living. Forgive our weakness and fear... (Silent confession.)
- L: We pray in the name of Jesus.
- P: Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord is God. The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we receive the love that never dies and never fails. Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri

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.

Special Music

Cloaks and Branches
Do Lord
This Is the Boat
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah
The CHPC Preschool Choir

Children's Message The Rev. Nancy Conklin (After the message, children can stay in worship or go to Room 3 for an activity.)

Scripture Reading (NT, p.55)

This is the word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

L:

Anthem When All the World Was Silent

Douglas E. Wagner

Mark 16:12-25

Lynn Kloske, flute

Sermon "The NEW Covenant"

The Rev. Stuart Seelman

*Hymn 218

Ah, Holy Jesus

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory There Is A Redeemer

Seneca Mikesell, vocal

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.

As we dedicate ourselves to living in the way of sacrificial love, may we in Christ's name work to transform lives — to bring consolation to the desperate, hope to the hungry and homeless, reconciliation to a community and world divided. And in Christ's name, find a cause we can live for, a self we can live with, and a Redeemer for whom we could die. Amen.

Prayer of the People/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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 228

Were You There

^{*}Doxology (Tune: "Old Hundredth")

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

Benediction: "Holy Week" by Ann Weems

Holy is the week...

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God...

We move from hosannas to horror

with the predictable ease

of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung,

our palms waved,

let us go with passion into this week.

It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.

It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is a time greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,

to lavishly break our alabaster

and pour perfume out for him

without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation...

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.

Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask,

as we dip our bread in the wine,

"Is it I?"

And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand

beneath the tree

and watch the dying

if we are to be there

when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning

is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung;

only then will the dancing begin.

Postlude

Ride on in Triumph, O King

Henry Balcombe

CHPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, March 25

10 a.m. — Staff Meeting; Pastor's Study 1 p.m. — Quilters & Crafters for Mission; Q&C Room

7 p.m. – Pax Christi Meeting; Reception Room

Tuesday, March 26

6 p.m. – West Shore A.A. Big Book Study; Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 27

10 a.m. — Prayer Fellowship; Blue Room

Thursday, March 28 Preschool Closed

6:15 p.m. — Chancel Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary

7 p.m. — Maundy Thursday Service; Sanctuary

Friday, March 29

Preschool Closed 6 p.m. – Joint Good Friday Service, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Harrisburg

Easter Sunday, March 31

7 a.m. — Easter Sunrise Worship Service; Peace Garden

9 a.m. — Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast; Fellowship Hall/Peace Garden

10:30 a.m. — Easter Worship Service; Sanctuary

IT'S HAPPENING AT CHPC

- All are welcome to enjoy a luncheon today immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall. The meal will consist of baked and fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, other side dishes, desserts, and drinks. See you there!
- Pax Christi will hold its annual **Walking the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, March 29, at 9:45 a.m.** Those participating should **gather at the Dauphin County Courthouse**, Front and Market streets in Harrisburg. For more info, contact Rick Woodard at (717) 991-4204.
- The Worship and Fine Arts Ministry is eager for the help of congregation members in getting plans underway for next year's Music, Art and Drama (MAD) programs. On Sunday, April 7, after worship, grab a coffee, a treat, and a seat on the window side of Fellowship Hall as we share great conversation. And, there will be an artistic surprise for your viewing! Please join us!
- Presbyterian Women will be holding an Election Day Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The group is seeking donations of baked goods. For more information on how to pack and drop off your donations, pick up a flyer in the Gathering Place or contact Dawn Murray at (717) 737-5139. All proceeds of the sale will benefit PW mission projects.
- Registration for our annual trip to Mission at the Eastward (MATE) is now open! The mission trip will be held Saturday, July 20, through Saturday, July 27, to work with the MATE Housing Ministry in Farmington, Maine. Join us for a fantastic week of faith, service, friendship, and fun! Registration forms are available in the Gathering Place, and are due by Tuesday, April 30. For more info, contact Nancy Flint at nflint.home@gmail.com or (717) 576-1513.

HOLY WEEK 2024 SCHEDULE

MARCH 28

■ Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

MARCH 29

■ Joint Good Friday Service, 6 p.m., Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 2339 N. Sixth St., Harrisburg.

(Those interested in carpooling should meet in the CHPC parking lot at 5:15 p.m.)

MARCH 31

- Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m., Peace Garden
- Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast, 9 a.m., Peace Garden and Fellowship Hall
 - Easter Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

STATEMENT OF WELCOME & INCLUSION

As followers of Jesus, we affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We are committed to creating an inclusive space of belonging and safety. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into full participation, membership, and leadership persons of diverse age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, level of education, class, and income.

Rooted in the Reformed tradition, we affirm that "God alone is Lord of the conscience," allowing for a breadth of diverse theological and biblical interpretations. We covenant to accept, respect, and love one another as we apply our faith in the circumstances of our lives and in the matters of our world.

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