

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



PALM SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE PALMS

JEAN-BAPTISTE FAURE (1830-1914)

PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

ARR. R. KIRSHBAUM

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

INTO THE WOODS MY MASTER WENT

ARR. MCCLURE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN

Into the woods my master went, clean forspent;
Into the woods my master came forspent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves they were kind to Him,
The thorn tree had a mind to Him, When into the woods He came.
Out of the woods my master went and He was well content;
Out of the woods my master came content with death and shame.
When death and shame would woo him last,
from under the trees they drew Him last,
'Twas on a tree they slew him last, when out of the woods he came.

CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Let us pray:

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives forever. Amen.

MEDITATION I

LUKE 19:29-38

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

* HYMN #197

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

"ELLACOMBE"

MEDITATION II

ISAIAH 52:13-53:6

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals —so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

HE WAS DESPISED (MESSIAH)

G. F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

MIKAYLA DODGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

He was despised and rejected, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #341

O GOD, SHOW MERCY TO US (Verse 1)

"THAXTED"

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON / MEDITATION III

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

MEDITATION IV

LUKE 22:7-13

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it." They asked him, "Where do you want us to make

preparations for it?" "Listen," he said to them, "when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters 11 and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" ' He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

BURL RED

LAUREL PLITNIK AND ALISON PETERS, SOPRANOS; MIKAYLA DODGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

In remembrance of me, eat this bread, In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, Let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted; drink and remember too,

That this is my body and precious blood shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth, In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,

Look in your heart for God.

MEDITATION V

LUKE 22:14-23

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it[c] until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!" Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

* HYMN #501

FEED US LORD

"FEED US"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward and receive the elements. Return to your seats and we will partake in them together.

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION VI

JOHN 12:31-36A

Jesus said, "Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, "We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light."

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

LUX AETERNA

SARAH QUARTEL (1978-)

LAUREL PLITNIK AND ALISON PETERS, SOPRANOS; MIKAYLA DODGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord,
with your saints for ever, for you are merciful.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

DOXOLOGY

**The rice of life from heaven came to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God's mercy claim; in joy and pain give thanks for love.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MEDITATION VII

MARK 14:32-50

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me, yet not what I want but what you want." He came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived, and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a rebel? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

MEDITATION VII

JOHN 18:33-19:11

Then Pilate again entered the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit. Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking

him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!" When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

MUSICAL REFLECTION

ARISE MY SOUL

DAN FORREST

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.

Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands;
my name is written on his hands, my name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.

His blood atoned for all our race, his blood atoned for all our race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die, nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear.

He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear.

with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

MEDITATION VIII

LUKE 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

MUSICAL REFLECTION

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

T. TERTIUS NOBLE (1867-1953)

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Go to dark Gethsemane, ye that feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour!
Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned;
O the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame or loss;
Learn of him to bear the Cross.

Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete;
It is finished!!
Hear him cry!!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* HYMN #264

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

"KING'S WESTON"

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"HAMBURG"

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Alison Peters
 Liturgists..... Josh Gilhart, Buck and Jane Belt, Robin Bissell, David Stickler
Kim Mills, and Bob and Sharon Kazary
 Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
 Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Laurel Plitnik and Alison Peters, Sopranos
Mikayla Dodge, Mezzo-Soprano; Petr Skopek, Violin
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Bob & Sharon Kazary



TABLES & GRACE: Thank you to everyone who lent us their special plates, cups, platters and baskets. We are grateful to have a table that was welcoming and full.

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Alison Peters
 Director of Music MinistriesJudith Brown
 Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
 Sexton.....Zach Dodge
 Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
 Audio/Video Technician.....Eric Ringler

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

-Adopted by the Session on September 17, 2015

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a “Big Tent Church” where everyone is welcome to join us in worshiping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage worshipers of all races, all women, men, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: We welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship. **Nursery care is provided during worship for all children 4 years of age and younger!**

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. “Jesus said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it’” (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the “Welcome to First Presbyterian Church” card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS: Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

PASTOR ALISON'S AVAILABILITY: Pastor Alison is available when requested or informed of a need. If you are aware of someone in need of a visit or phone call, please call or text her to let her know. *[Fridays are generally her day off and she will respond when she is available.]* **Ways to contact Pastor Alison: call, text, or email: 814-715-**

1681 / revalisonpeters@gmail.com To help with scheduling, please reach out to the Church Office:

Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 26, 2023
Total 2023 Pledges Promised	\$219,970.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,282.00
<u>2023 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$206,688.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$20,690.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$48,791.00
Over/(Under)	\$(2,069.00)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: MIKAYLA DODGE & LINDA MELLON

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL: EASTER CELEBRATION! Join us in the Gathering Place at 10:30 AM next Sunday for food and socializing before worship at 11:00 AM. If you would like to bring a dish, please email Mikayla Dodge at mikaylaedodge@yahoo.com.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & ANN KELLERMEYER

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: There will be no Adult Sunday School on Easter Sunday. We will resume again on April 16th.

EASTER EGG BLESSING: Join us on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship hall for our annual Easter Egg Blessing where children (and children-at-heart) can celebrate and learn about the Easter story.

Name: _____ Number attending: _____

BEING PRESBYTERIAN: FOUNDATIONS OF PRESBYTERIAN DISCIPLESHIP: The Faith Formation committee is looking to host a two session class on the basics of Presbyterian Discipleship. This class will be perfect for newer guests and members looking to learn more about what it means to be a Presbyterian, as well as anyone looking for a refresh. If you are interested please speak with Joshua Gilhart.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: BRENDA LUGER & AARON HENDRICKSON

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Next Sunday, April 9th, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People Program are all supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. These three programs all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Please give from your abundance in this time of rebirth.

The **CZECH PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE, "Together on the Way"**, will be held in Olomouc, Czech Republic from July 9-13, 2023, with an optional pilgrimage/tour following the conference. Members from U.S. and Czech partner churches are encouraged to attend for a time of share our faith and practice, learn from each other, and meet new and old friends, to explore the life of the church in Czech Republic and the USA, to pray and sing together, to be enriched by our differences and to experience our unity in Jesus Christ. This is a great time to visit our partners in the Vsetín, Czech Republic. The theme is Youth. Anyone, all ages, are invited. **The deadline to register for the Partnership Conference is TODAY.**

See the website: czechpres.net for more information (go to "Home", then "Conferences" at the bottom of the list, and "more information here"). Or contact Georgene McKenzie or Linda Smith. They have attended several of these Conferences and highly recommend it!

Join FPC for our Holy Week Services!

*MAUNDY THURSDAY- APRIL 6TH

6:30 PM at First Presbyterian

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY- APRIL 9TH

SUNRISE SERVICE at Rocky Gap at 7:00 AM

TRADITIONAL SERVICE in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00 AM

CHURCHES ON THE HILL LENTEN WORSHIP

We will join this Lent with our friends at Emmanuel Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran for joint worship services:

Good Friday (April 7th) - Walking Stations of the Cross at 12: 00 PM (Service will begin at the Shrine of Saints Peter and Paul and end at First Presbyterian Church. Transportation will be available for anyone with difficulty walking long distances.)

EASTER FLOWERS 2023

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home afterward, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by TODAY.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$7.00	_____	\$_____
Tulips	\$7.00	_____	\$_____
Hyacinths	\$7.00	_____	\$_____
Chrysanthemums	\$7.00	_____	\$_____
Total		_____	\$_____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____ I would like to donate the flowers _____

Easter Music 2023

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

Note: Special Music contributions may also be given any time of the year.

Special Music Contribution _____ \$ _____

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and the form returned to the church no later than **TODAY** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, APRIL (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, APRIL (4)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM ORGAN TUNING
4:15 PM COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEETING IN THE GATHERING PLACE
5:45 PM MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (5)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN REV. PETERS' OFFICE
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY, APRIL (6)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM *MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE*

FRIDAY, APRIL (7)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS

SATURDAY, APRIL (8)

10:00 AM EASTER EGG BLESSING MILESTONE

SUNDAY, APRIL (9)

7:00 AM SUNRISE SERVICE: ROCKY GAP STATE PARK
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY
12:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL