

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

## **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

arr. David Johnson

Call to Worship

a blending of words from Psalm 126 and Isaiah 43

God will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

***Restore us, O Lord, like watercourses in the desert.***

God will give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to God's people.

***O Lord, may those who go out weeping,  
come home with shouts of joy.***

God will make a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters.

***Let us worship God!***

\* Hymn 619

"Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven"

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are  
in our lives, in the church, and in the world.***

***We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ.***

***Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others.***

***Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us.***

***Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others.***

***Help us to bring our lives toward your own self-giving and sacrifice.***

***Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world,***

***with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.***

***In Christ's name we pray.***

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

\* Lenten Response 656

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

***We've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,  
trusting in the holy Word; God's never failed me yet.***

***O, can't turn around, we've come this far by faith.***

***We've come this far by faith.***

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14 (NT, p. 198)

Psalter: Psalm 126 (Hymn 74)

Gospel Lesson: John 12:1-8 (NT, p. 106)

A Time with Children

Ms. Schillinger

Third Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21 (OT, p. 672)

Sermon: "No Way but God's!"

Rev. Thyren

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 463            "How Firm a Foundation"

\* Affirmation of Faith: 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.***

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory

"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

arr. Johann Walther

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayers of the People and 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.***

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 645            "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Johann Walther

*If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.*

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\* Those who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** have been given to the glory of God and in honor of Don Keen by his family.

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Guest Preacher	Rev. James Thyren
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Heather Acker
Usher	Erika Adams

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### **Church Family Announcements**

**Thank you for joining us for Worship.** We worship every Sunday in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 am.**
- **Tune in online** for our weekly service, which is broadcast live on [our video page on YouTube](#) and archived for later viewing on the same site.

**Masks are Optional!:** At the March Session meeting, our Elders determined that masks are now optional. We suggest that you still bring a mask so should you find yourself in conversation or prolonged close proximity to someone who is wearing a mask, you can slip yours on as a sign of Christian love and respect for their situation. We encourage all to be vaccinated. It's the best way for us to be healthy. Thank you for your care, respect, and cooperation through the two-year ordeal of this pandemic. We hope we've beaten it - and we look forward to seeing you soon.

**Our sanctuary** is open for prayer whenever the building is open.

Adult Education this week: Wednesdays at 6 p.m., Room 206 and ZOOM

**The Shape of Repentance: How Does It Look When We Return to God?**

**April 6 - What Can the Church Do for God's Earth? Commitments and Initiatives**

- This summer, our General Assembly considers acting on a "Climate Care Overture" to guide us. What does it cover? What does it invite us to do?

**Please keep in prayer:** Cheryl, Hank, Dustin, Tins, Patrick, Kseniia, and Emily, the Baruffaldi family, Addy, Janice.



**Please join us next Sunday, April 10,** for a Palm Sunday celebration hosted by our Christian Education and Fellowship Committees. **Following worship,** we will have a guided tour of the events leading up to the crucifixion and catch a glimpse of the empty tomb, the first sign that Jesus had risen. Enjoy lunch and fellowship as we remember and reflect on Holy Week. Being held in Fellowship Hall, it is a program for all ages.



## **Come to the Easter Sunday Egg Hunt!**

**Kids of all Ages are welcome after church on Easter (April 17) for an Easter Egg Hunt in Fellowship Hall.**



## **Abington Ecumenical Ministerium / Dalton Food Pantry**

The A.E.M. Food Pantry is located at the Dalton United Methodist Church, 125 S. Turnpike Rd., Dalton. It provides food to families in need in the Abington Heights and Lackawanna Trail School Districts. The Pantry is open on Monday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. To have access to the food pantry, you must register your family. To start the process, contact the church at 570-563-1619 and leave a message. Someone will contact you.

**Caring for God's Earth: The first highway clean-up of 2022 is set for Saturday, April 9.** We will meet in the parking lot of Clarks Summit United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. to clean roadsides of the Morgan Highway between Country Club and Winola Roads.

# Get Connected with One Great Hour of Sharing

*People who experience oppression, need, loss or lack, those are the people Jesus connected with, and they are the people we are invited to connect with today.*

Between now and April 17, we will again be collecting for the PC USA's special offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Around the world, millions of people lack access to things most of us take for granted: sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by the OGHS offering—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—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.

The theme for this year's offering is CONNECTION. Through our Church we connect with one another and celebrate the many ways God connects with us. During Lent, we especially celebrate that God connects with us through Jesus' resurrection and connects us with "those who have the least" through this special offering.

OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world, and the Mission & Justice Committee has set **a goal of \$5000 for our congregation**. Look for the special envelopes in the pews, simply write "OGHS" in the memo line of your check or direct your online contribution via the church website "for OGHS."

## Meetings this week

Sunday, April 3	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11:15 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Room 206
Tuesday, April 5	7 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Wednesday, April 6	10:30 a.m.	Prayer and Share	Room 209
	6 p.m.	The Way Adult Bible Study	Room 206
	7:15 p.m.	Adult Choir	Sanctuary
Saturday, April 9	9 a.m.	Highway Clean-up	CSUM Church
	2 p.m.	Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Sunday, April 10	10 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	11 a.m.	Palm Sunday Celebration	Fellowship Hall

## Looking Ahead:

April 10	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
	11 a.m.	Palm Sunday celebration
April 14	7:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15	12-1 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 17	10 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship
	11 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt and Fellowship Time