

*THE
FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



Lazarus Lives- John 11:1-45

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 26, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *"Prelude, English Suite No. 2"* J.S. Bach

WELCOME Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Wait for the Lord.

Our souls wait and hope in God's word.

Hope in the Lord.

**With God there is steadfast love,
and great power to redeem.**

Our souls wait for the Lord,
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

*HYMN #363 "I want Jesus To Walk with Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

God of resurrection, We know the power of death.

We have seen its works, we have felt its sting.

**We have been to the valley of despair, and felt like
there was no chance for life. We do not believe in
your power to resurrect. We do not believe in your
power to redeem our pain, and fashion something
beautiful in this world. Forgive us. We cry from the
depths—however faint our call may be, we pray you
hear our voice.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Kaul

Thus says the Lord, You shall know that I am the Lord
when I open your graves, and bring you up from your
graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and
you shall live.

We believe the good news! Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

ANTHEM "*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*" R. Schultz-Widmar
Deb Homan & Amy Brewer – Melody Chimes

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

The Lenten Candle Wreath The Pillsbury Family

The Symbolism of the Seven Candles:

Theme as focus: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5)

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: (Adapted from Ps. 19:7-11;
Dan. 9:4-11)

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger
and abounding in love.**

THE CANDLE READINGS The Pillsbury Family

The Fifth Candle is extinguished.

Pastor: Moses spent 40 days on the mountain, learning
and writing down the commandments of God.

People: Lead us Lord, from death to life.

**Prayer: Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer and
for us on our journey. Help us lift up our world's
brokenness to your healing power and saving love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.**

Sung Response:#599 "*Jesus Remember Me*" sing twice

GOSPEL READING Rev. Kaul & Liturgist
John 11:1-45 N. T. pg 104 ☺

SERMON "*Too Little Too Late*" Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #316 "*Breathe On Me Breathe of God*"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31*

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory "The Gift of Love" arr. J. Carter

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #724 "O Jesus I Have Promised"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, one from another. Amen.

(Mizpah Benediction)

POSTLUDE "The Solid Rock" M. Hayes

SYMBOLS:

- * - Those who are able, please stand.
- ☺ - Older children leave for Sunday School

Next Sunday, April 2nd- Procession of the Palms -

At the beginning of worship, during the first hymn, anyone that wishes to be apart of this is most welcome. Please gather outside of Bonham Hall at 9:45 A.M.



TODAY

Sunday, March 26, 2023
No Adult Forum



All Church Bowling and Pizza
from 12:00 P.M.- 2:00 P.M.
Campania's Legacy Lanes

ALL are welcome! Please join us!
Come to BOWL or WATCH, have PIZZA, SNACKS & FELLOWSHIP!



Holy Week Begins

(Worship is back in the Sanctuary)



Sunday, April 2nd - Palm Sunday

Procession of the Palms- Everyone that would like to join in our opening Procession-All ages of God's Children all ages are invited to participate! Please line up at 9:45 A.M.

BCMA Spring Community Hymn Sing- Palm Sunday
April 2, 2023, 6PM, Bridgeton Nazarene

Maundy Thursday Worship

When: **Thursday, April 6, 2023**

Where: First Presbyterian Church Bridgeton

Fellowship Covered Dish Dinner: 5:30-6:30 P.M.
in Bonham Hall (Please bring a covered dish to share)
(Table Service and Drinks provided)

Worship:7:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

We will celebrate with Communion and will go into the darkness of Jesus' Tomb.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

BCMA Ministry- Upcoming Events

-**Good Friday Service, April 7, 2023, UBT, noon-3PM.**

- **Easter Sunrise, April 9, 6:30 AM, Sunset Lake.**

-**Park Devotionals:** Tuesday's at 8AM at the Salvation Army

Easter Sunday, EASTER FLOWERS

Please have flowers delivered on **Saturday, April 8th no later than 10am. Memorial announcements** for the bulletin need to be given to the church office by **Monday 4/3**

THE DEACONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youth and young at heart on Easter Morning after worship. We are collecting items to be placed in the eggs such as, small candies, stickers, trinkets, or coins. These items may be placed in the large Easter basket in Bonham Hall. On Palm Sunday you are invited to help stuff the eggs during fellowship time.



WORSHIP SERVICE FLOWERS

We love to have fresh flowers to grace our worship services. If you're unable to provide them and wish to donate them for a service, a monetary donation is most welcome! Please send the donation to the church office two weeks before the date and service you'd like to provide them. The Presby Perennials are happy to help arrange them and help! ~Thank you for your help in this!



Session Members

Debbi Boykin-Greenberg	Albert Fooks	Curtis Homan
Debbie Homan	Franz Pampuch	Sandy Zimmerman
	Rev. Norlita Kaul, Moderator	

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Linda Ambrose	Amy Brewer	Robert Dragotta
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Trustees

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