GRAPEVINE

March 22, 2022

The Lenten season is a time in the church of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate Good Friday and Easter. Just as we carefully prepare for big events in our personal lives, such as a wedding or commencement, Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The forty days of Lent begin on Ash Wednesday and continue through holy week, not counting Sundays. As we continue this journey through Christ's death and resurrection, may the following prayer adapted from *The Worshipbook* (second edition, 2013) be a helpful focus for you and your family.

With Anticipation,



From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now, come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the anxious, to disrupt the complacent, to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention, come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Today, to this place, to us, **come, Lord Jesus.**

Amen.

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Happy Birthday to...

April 1 Ryan Dudash April 2 Lynne Graziano Sarah Haffey Ian Isherwood Susan Kint April 3 Benjamin Soliday April 4 Jacqueline Pizzuto Savannah Soliday Dick Wisor April 6 Hatty Ketterman Amy Suarez April 7 Kristin Russo Alexis Stone April 8 Brian Breighner

April 9 Carol Geist Susan Lindsay Dorothy Oblack April 10 Eric Maitland April 11 Sal Chandon April 12 Julie Kint Susan Pizzuto April 13 Ethan Burgess Dale Gallon Kathleen Redding Drusilla Warner April 14 Jerry Heeschen April 16 Jared Lochary Amy Stewart Judy Temme

April 17 John Gazmen Andy Miner April 18 Richard Heflin Ava Mathews April 19 Michael Beegle April 20 Madi Brubaker Betty Kump April 21 Mike Franek April 22 Mary Shuss Lance Snyder Marilyn Zanger April 23 Suzanne Bower Blake Bowman Lucas Delacruz Melanie Keller

April 24 Henry Fernandes Frank Pizzuto Amy Tomassini April 25 Isabella Fernandes Brandy Mosser John Reber April 26 Judy Bullis April 27 Margo Har Charlotte King Holly Stabler Julio Suarez April 28 Katherine FitzGerald Brayden Lush Shelli Strausner

Tammi Swartzbaugh

Dolores Yakencheck

April 29
Lawrence Sanders
April 30
Josie Brownley
Amira Reed





70 Bob & Pat Smith!

Deliver to shut-ins

Easter Flowers

Honor your loved ones with the beauty of flowers at Easter. This year we offer you a choice of two flowers: lilies and tulips. Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check (**payable to Gettysburg Presbyterian Church**) to:

Gettysburg Presbyterian Church 208 Baltimore St. Gettysburg, PA 17325

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Any flowers not picked up by Monday, April 22 at noon will be taken to shut-ins.

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Getting to Know Our Candidate

A Message from the Candidate

Grace and peace to you in the name of Christ. My name is Rev. Caleb McClure and I have been excitedly waiting to meet you all today! When I began my search last year I started with a prayer: "I'll go where you lead me. Lord." That prayer guided my family through the difficult process of listening for God's voice over all the noise of life. And there are four small children, two cats, and one dog and a couple browning plants that my wife and I share a home with, so you can imagine some of the noise!

When we first met Gettysburg in November, the interview felt less like a series of questions and far more like a conversation between two parties, eager to see what God might be doing. This feeling only grew and matured as we got to know GPC over the next few months.

The openness, the vulnerability, the willingness to engage in ministry and mission, the hand-made displays of stewardship adorning Fellowship Hall, the Christian concern shown to me and between the members of the PNC all point to the vibrant and active presence of Christ here in this church. This drew me in and has not let me go.

We are excited to experience the richness of culture and history here at Gettysburg and to walk alongside a team of bright and energetic partners in ministry as we build up the Kingdom. I am excited about all of the possibilities to continue serving God and look forward to worshiping with you on the Gth!





Why Reverend Caleb McClure

Discernment Process

The rationale for selecting this candidate:

- The PNC has relied on prayer, God's leading, and collaborative visioning throughout.
- The candidate aligned with a majority of our identified competencies.

 The candidate best met the congregation's vision as shared through the survey and the transition team forums.

Top survey priorities:

Preaching

Pastoral care

Admin/managerial skills

Other characteristics:

Energy

People person

Approachable

Inclusive

Educator

Active in the community

Passion for mission

A developer of leaders

Interested in youth and young families

Able to navigate an intergenerational congregation

The more contact the PNC had with the candidate, the more we became convinced that this candidate is the person God was leading us to select. The candidate is devout, smart, and self-aware. The candidate anticipated areas where we might want reassurance and impressed us with wisdom, leadership, and deep spirituality throughout the process.

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The PNC is eager to present this candidate to the congregation. Our time together has brought us closer to each other and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have leaned on each other to get through over half a year of challenges, including the loss of loved ones as well as other health, work, and personal struggles. Throughout this time, the PNC remained focused on discerning who would best lead GPC into its next exciting chapter. We deeply appreciate the prayers of our congregation for us as we discerned this call. We also benefited from Presbytery guidance and the dedicated individuals who gave of their time and shared their collective experience with a pastor nominating process.



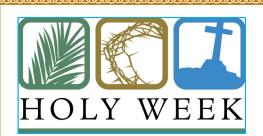
EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Your Deacons invite you to the all-church

Easter Continental Breakfast Buffet on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

Serving times will be 9 – 9:30am and 10:30 – 11am in Fellowship Hall.

We hope you will join us for fellowship before or after the worship service you choose to attend as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



The events framed by Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection are some of the most dramatic and theologically important of the entire scriptural narrative. These days feature not only the drama of the triumphal entry, trial, last supper, and crucifixion but also poignant prayers and prophetic teachings of our Lord.

John's gospel devotes eight of its twenty-one chapters to this week alone!

The week begins with Passion/Palm Sunday and ends with the "three days" (also called the *Triduum*, from sunset on Thursday to sunset on Easter Day), the period during which we mark Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection. (*Worship Sourcebook*, second edition, 2013)

While this week can cause dissonant chords to rise within our souls as we move through the week's events, may we be reminded that from dissonance comes growth and we cannot celebrate Christ's resurrection without bearing witness to his death.

Join us this Holy Week & consider who you could invite, for this journey is meant to be shared.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10th

8:15 & 11:00* a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30* a.m. Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 14th

7:30* p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service with Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 15th

Community Good Friday Service – details TBD

Easter Sunday, April 17

6:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service at the Eternal Peace Light on the Battlefield

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:30* a.m. Contemporary Worship with Sunday School (ages 3 – Grade 5)

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

11:00* a.m. Traditional Worship

(* - This service will be livestreamed. Click the following link or copy-and-paste it into your web browser: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOVLEYqfS9exy76HqL9Tbpg)

Community Prayer Vigil for Ukraine

The Gettysburg Ministerium will hold a prayer vigil on Wednesday, March 23rd at 6PM at the United Lutheran Seminary Chapel.

If you are unable to join in person, then please make time in your schedule on March $23^{\rm rd}$ at 6PM

to join in prayer from wherever you might be at the time.

Ukrainian Relief Opportunity

We have all been following the tragic stories of displaced people fleeing war in Ukraine. The images of refugees streaming from bomb-damaged cities shock us. They cause us to cry out to our Lord for peace and safety on behalf of our brothers and sisters caught in the fighting. Here are three things you can do to help...right now!

1. **PRAY**.

God hears our prayers and promises act for the good of His people! Let us all commit to lift up our Ukrainian neighbors daily

2. GIVE.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has set up a direct link for donations through Presbyterian Disaster Relief. You can find this link on their website at www.pcusa.org, by clicking on the link at the top of the home page marked "Support emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine." Through trusted partners in the region, we are able to demonstrate solidarity with refugees and displaced persons through immediate gifts to the communities leading relief work and receiving refugees.

3. **STAY INFORMED**.

Listen to trusted news sources to keep up with developments in the region. Do not let your hearts be hardened or ears become deaf to the cries and needs in Ukraine and other European countries in the area.

Thank you for your love and care expressed on behalf of our Ukrainian neighbors!



Hershey Park Tickets

Thinking of going to Hershey Park this summer?

Want to buy tickets at a cheaper rate?

We've got the answer for you!

You can order and buy tickets through the church group rate.
These tickets can be used ANY DAY **April 2,2022 thru January 1,2023**.
The rates are: \$39.95 for AGES 3 - ADULT (regular rate is \$77.80)

You may order these tickets by signing up in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings. FINAL DATE TO SIGN UP & PAY FOR THESE TICKETS IS **SUNDAY, APRIL 17.** Please make checks out to "Gettysburg Presbyterian Church." There will be no refunds for tickets not used. You do not have to be a church member to participate. Thanks!!

Communicating with your Doctor

Have you ever left your doctor's office, and wondered what he/she was talking about, or wished you had asked more questions? Good communication between doctors and their patients is essential to your health, and yet too many patients feel uncomfortable "bothering" the doctor with their questions or fears. Would the average consumer be too uncomfortable to ask a plumber or contractor to explain what the problem is and how they propose to fix it?

Why do we go to the doctor?

There are many reasons:

To establish a good and trusting relationship so they will get to know you and your medical history *before* you need their expertise

You are having illness/symptoms and need to be seen

To evaluate your health risks and to keep us focused on healthy habits

Prevention

Helpful hints for your next appointment:

- 1. If you don't understand—ASK. Medical jargon is confusing; ask for an explanation in plain language. Doctors and nurses often lapse into "medical speak" without even realizing it. Don't hesitate to stop them and remind them to use more understandable terms. (Ask Phyllis Dowd about our recent abbreviation conversation.)
- 2. Going to the doctor can cause anxiety and we forget some of the things we wanted to discuss with our physician. Make a list of questions you want to ask *before* you go.
- 3. Give the doctor all the information he needs to help you—this includes symptoms, medications (including over the counter medications), allergies, and major stressors in your life. The loss of a job or illness of a loved one can have a major impact on your health.
- 4. If you are feeling rushed, tell the doctor, and think about making your next appointment for a time that isn't as busy. (I choose the first appointment of the day, or the first one after lunch.)
- 5. When your doctor is explaining something, try repeating it back to him to make sure you understand, or take notes while you are there. (You can always invite your Faith Community Nurse to go along to be an extra set of eyes and ears.)
- 6. Sometimes you might have to change doctors. My analogy is: "Sometimes the dress doesn't fit." You may have to search for a different doctor—one who gives you the time and information you need to truly understand your own health status. Ask your friends and relatives about their doctors with whom they are happy.

Don't hesitate to ask your Faith Community Nurse to attend a doctor's appointment.

Feel free to call me with your appointment dates so we can

work together for your health needs.

Pam Phillips FCN at 410-596-0777 or email gpcfcn@gettysburgpresbyterian.org

Palm Sunday, April 10th One Great Hour of Sharing A Special Offering

For over 70 years, Presbyterians have joined with other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to provide resources to people experiencing need. Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The gifts of OGHS support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development. They help give people safety, sustenance, and hope. To learn more about how your gift to OGHS makes a difference, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

Please prayerfully consider making a special offering Palm Sunday, April 10th. Envelopes can be found in Fellowship Hall or in the pew racks.

| Sunday 3/27/22 | - Monday 3/28/22 | - Tuesday 3/29/22 | Daily Prayer: |
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| Visit the OGHS interactive map at https://tinyurl.com/t6vbumd or SCAN ME Pray and give gifts for 5 or more locations | "In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression: Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity." ~OHGS website Give a gift for every clean glass or bottle of water you've had today. | Read: One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability. Through One Great Hour of Sharingwe stabilize, we strengthen those who are weak, we connect. GALATIANS 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." | THANK YOU, GOD FOR CONNECTING US. THANK YOU, GOD FOR CONNECTING US. THANK YOU FOR NEIGHBORS, EACH WITH NEEDS AND GIFTS TO SHARE, AND FOR OUR CHURCH, THE WHOLE CHURCH, TOGETHER, AND FOR JESUS CHRIST, AMEN. |
| where Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is serving. Wednesday 3/30/22 | Thursday 3/31/22 | Friday 4/1/22 | Saturday 4/2/22 |
| Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. ~OHGS website | When rain is scarce, special collection systems are built to catch the water so it can be used for growing plants. 1,097 Presbyterian congregations purchased eco-palms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods | God's love is shown in so many ways. Rather than playing pranks, find at least three kind things you can do today or tomorrow to share God's love with those around you (at home, work or school). | The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - 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. |
| Give a gift for every meal each family member was able to have today OR any time you felt hungry today. | Give a gift for each farm you passed today, to help bring water to farmers when it doesn't rain. | Share your experiences as a family and give a gift of joy after you do each. | Give gifts of thanksgiving today for your safety and hope. |

| Sunday 4/3/22 | Monday 4/4/22 | Tuesday 4/5/22 | Wednesday 4/6/22 |
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| Think: What if these were the days when Jesus was living with us? What if this were the moment God chose to connect? Where would we find Jesus? In our congregation? Or in our neighborhoods? Perhaps Jesus would be working in a neighborhood, mostly ignored by governments and industry, except when there are resources to be exploited or removed. Take a walk today and give a gift for all the natural resources. | Perhaps Jesus would be among people classified as "essential," who might struggle to feed their own families, while ensuring food makes it to others' tables. Perhaps Jesus lives in any of the places, so impoverished in a world of plenty, that help and hope seem like illusions. Each person, find a couple items (of plenty) that you can donate to help others in need locally. | Over 40 years ago, the earthen dam of a nuclear waste disposal pond broke near Church Rock, NM. The toxic and cumulative effects of this human-caused disaster have impacted the Navajo people for generations — especially in the form of such chronic health problems as asthma as well as a higher incidence of miscarriages, birth defects, and liver and pancreatic cancer. Each year, hundreds of families come together near the tragic anniversary to pray, to heal and to act, together. Give a gift for each doctor your family has had access to this year. | March 6, 2022 was designated "Wear your blue" as a testament of one of the ways One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference. Help us remind others that gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support disaster recovery efforts in the United States and around the world. Will you be a part of this joyful manifestation of hope? Please take a photo of your Blue Out creativity! Send it to pda@pcusa.org so we can share with others. Together let's tell the story of hope out of chaos. To watch the video: |
| Thursday 4/7/22 | Friday 4/8/22 | Saturday 4/9/22 | Palm Sunday 4/10/22 |
| Peter Michael Egwudah, program coordinator for the Civil Society Coalition for Poverty Eradication (CISCOPE), says, "Even though Nigeria is one of the wealthiest, oil-producing countries in the world with an abundance of natural resources, the money doesn't go where it needs to go, to the people." Give a gift for anything your family uses oil for (cars, gas appliances, or heating your home) | Dear God, Guide everyone through the paths that feel lonely, assured that you are always with us. May it be disaster, hunger, or hopelessness, be with us in the "darkness" as we walk by faith and not by sight. Give a gift for every lightswitch in your home, because electricity is not available for everyone all over the world. | Modern communication with family members is something to be thankful for. Call or facetime a relative and share what you are thankful for about them. Be mindful of your own gifts, talents and strengths this season too! Give a gift for any pieces of technology in your household including: cell phones, tablets, televisions, gaming systems, laptops, or computers. | Collect a final family gift and bring it to church for the One Great Hour of Sharing collection today. Pray for everyone that your gifts will positively impact this year! |



The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday April 22ND AND 23RD. The Bake Sale will be back also.

We are asking only 3 bags OR boxes of CLOTHING per family. If we find later in the week that we can accommodate more, we will put out a notification. Please only donate clean, usable SPRING AND SUMMER clothing and items. Please donate household items, jewelry, tools. We are not able to take electronics, Christmas items, drinking glasses or books. Any furniture larger than an end

table, coffee table or book case, please call or text or email a picture to Margo Har.

We'd like to get an idea of the number of volunteers who can help with set up, work the days of the sale, or both. Strong people are needed at 8:30 Monday morning to set up tables. There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please email Margo Har at stepmargo@comcast.net or call 978-807-3750, indicating how you'd like to volunteer.

Thank you, in advance Presbyterian Women

ITEMS FOR RUMMAGE SALE

3 BIG BAGS OR BOXES OF CLOTHING—CLOTHING - CLEAN - (NO WINTER OR COATS)

SHIRTS **PANTS** SHOES AND BOOTS

GLOVES SCARVES HATS PURSES BELTS SOCKS

JEWELRY TOYS **GAMES HOUSEWARES** PLATES AND DISHES

COFFEE MUGS GLASS SETS (NO SINGLE GLASSES) **COOKIE TINS**

SETS OF CHINA **TOOLS** COOKWARE AND UTENSILS NO KNIVES

ARTWORK FRAMES PICTURES LAMPS AND SHADES

WORKING APPLIANCES - COFFEE MAKERS, CAN OPENERS, TOASTERS, CLOCKS

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FURNITURE: SIDE TABLES, COFFEE TABLES NO SOFAS OR LARGE FURNITURE OR CONTACT MARGO HAR

NEED A RIDE?

If you are having trouble attending church services and/or church functions due to not having transportation, let the Deacons help you.

We are only a phone call away.

March 14 - April 10 please contact Leslie Casteel at 717-387-1088



"Calendar of Giving"

The Calendar of Giving is an opportunity for our congregation to support numerous local organizations. Through this program, we identify local organizations that are in need of smaller donations. Each month, we will be collecting specific items for the identified organization.

For the month of:

April

We will be collecting items for **Adams County Office of Aging**

Adult pull-on briefs (not the kind with tape on the sides) in sizes M, L, XL, disposable bed pads, Ensure or Boost nutritional supplement drinks and flushable wipes.



Women's Book Club

We will be kicking off the 2022 Book Club on Monday, March 28th at 7pm in the Eisenhower Room. Please bring a book that you've recently read that you really enjoyed ... or a few ... or a book that's been on your "To Read" shelf ... or just yourself! We will spend the hour socializing, enjoying delicious des-

serts, and getting to know some of each other's favorite books. All you need to bring is yourself and your favorite book! Also, mark your calendar for Monday, April 25th when we will meet after reading <u>Alice I Have Been</u> by Melanie Benjamin. Please email Megan if you are interested in joining or being added to our email list, <u>MeganZiegler2014@gmail.com</u>

MISSION PRAYER LIST

On Sunday mornings we will be praying for the following people/groups that we support:

3/27 Teen Workcamp

4/3 Family Mission Trip to Krislund

4/10 Mexico Mission Trip

Works with Accion Ministries to do construction, VBS, a glasses ministry, and fellowship with local Mexico Christians in the Yucatan each summer.

Please consider including them in your own prayers!



SAVE THE DATE
June 20 -23
VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL

"EGYPT: Joseph's Journey from
Prison to Palace" is our theme.
Registration begins May 10th thru June 7th.
Volunteers for Marketplace signup begins
March 27th. Leaders for groups will begin
on March 27th also.

Signup to help us make this a wonderful return to full VBS.



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Harry Winsheimer and family on the recent death of Charlotte. Mary Camlin's family upon her recent death.

Stephen Ministry

Are You Stressed? Discouraged? Feeling Down?

You don't have to go through difficult times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide you with confidential, one-to-one, Christian care and support to help you get through a tough time. So don't keep it all inside and struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry, contact Lou Nyiri in the church office 717-334-1235.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

<u>Gettysburg Presbyterian Church Mission Statement</u> Gettysburg Presbyterian Church believes that God calls us to invite people to faith in Jesus Christ, and equip them to grow as His fully devoted followers. As disciples we:

* study regularly

* pray daily

- witness boldly
- live faithfullý
- serve passionately
- give generously
- * worship weekly



Next Newsletter Deadline: Noon, Thursday, March 31, 2022

March / April 2022 GPC WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship @ 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

March 27 "A Lot Can Happen in Forty Days"

Fourth Sunday of Lent

April 3 Rev. Candace Veon-Nyiri Preaching

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Communion

April 10 Rev. Dale Williams Preaching

Palm Sunday

To view live stream, go to: www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org Click "View Services" on the top right hand corner