

A large purple cross is positioned at the top left. Below it, the word "Palm" is written in a purple, cursive script. Underneath "Palm", the word "Sunday" is written in a black, sans-serif font. To the right of "Sunday", there is a green palm frond graphic with multiple leaflets.

April 13, 2025

10:00 AM

Rev. Kathryn Morgan, Pastor

Megan Prescott-Ezickson, Director of Music Ministry

Anna Greene, Children/Youth and Communications Director

Nanci Petroski, Liturgist

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Welcome!

We hope you experience the grace of God while you worship with us.

Thank you to those serving today

Coffee Cove Volunteer: Donna DiZebba

Counters: Ted Hidell, Kathy Wike

Liturgist: Nanci Petroski

Ushers: Cathy and Mark Agan

Helpful Worship Information

Children's activity bags for use during worship are in the tie-dye bags next to the table in the Narthex. Please *clean out and return bags* after the service.

Child care for infants and young children under age 6 is provided during the service in our nursery. The nursery is located on the Main Floor, in the Rabbit Hill classroom next to the Lounge, beginning at 9:45 to 11:15AM.

Blue Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks and on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to request prayers, please fill one out and the ushers will collect them during our first hymn.

Church Membership

If you are interested in joining our wonderful church, please contact Pastor Kate. She can be reached at 856-889-6172 or pastorkatefpc@gmail.com.



Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:

Anne Branton, Dana Catania, Felicia Clapper, Jim Harrington,
Lisa McKee, Lisa Neff, Aletha Sciubba, Rose Marie Sharkey, Karen
Shields.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

CENTERING MUSIC *Days of Elijah*, Mark Praise Band

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: People of God, be gathered together!

All: Like a hen with her brood beneath her wings, God has brought us together.

One: People of God, await Christ's coming!

All: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord of heaven! Hosanna in the highest!

* HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

(Ushers will collect blue prayer cards)

SPECIAL MUSIC *Jumping Up and Down*, Evans WOW Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME

LORD'S PRAYER

BAPTISM OF EMBER LOUISE PLUNKETT

Parents: Danielle (DiZebba) & Joe Plunkett

Pastor: As many of you we're baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ.

Clerk: On behalf of the session, I present Ember Louise Plunkett, child of Danielle and Joe to receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor to Parents: Do you desire that Ember be baptized? *We do*
Trusting in God's gracious mercy do you turn from the ways of sin and

renounce evil and its power in the world? *We do*

Do you turn to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love. *We do*

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? *We will with God's help.*

Relying on God's grace do you promise to nurture Ember in the life and faith of the Christian community? *We do*

Clerk to Congregation: People of God, do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ember by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ?

All: We will, with God's help.

BAPTISM OF EMBER

* HYMN 482 *Baptized in Water* verses 1& 3

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: O Living God, age after age the children of dust make their way to holy places to seek you yet you are closer than hands or feet.

Men: In temples and in churches, people make sacrifices and offerings but what you seek is the love and well-being of your children.

Women: Your Word promises those whose hands are clean and whose hearts are pure can climb the heavenly hill; but who can do that?

All: On our journey through life our hearts and our hands have become stained and dirtied.

One: If we have stretched out our hands in greed or lust, or love of money,

All: Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

One: If our hearts have been sullied by pride or resentment,

All: Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

One: If we have turned aside from your ways to follow the world's ways, or to seek false gods or spirits other than your Holy Spirit,

All: Lord, cleanse us by your mercy.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Lord, you forgive the sins of all who turn to you in sincerity, you cleanse the penitent heart. Lord, set our course according to your Word so that we may take up afresh the challenge of the journey.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*** GLORIA PATRI 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with all of you.

All: And also with you.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Blessed Be Your Name*, Redman Praise Band

*** DOXOLOGY HYMN 606** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, as a covenant people, we seek to witness your will and way. Help us to know more clearly what you would have us do with the resources entrusted to our care. We contribute to the needs of your people, we present ourselves as living sacrifices. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:28-40 NRSVUE

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it

just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: ³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" ⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

SERMON

Rev. Kathryn Morgan

* **HYMN 160** *A Stable Lamp is Lighted*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 15:1-5, 11-15** NRSVUE

Jesus was taken in chains to Pilate. The chief priests were accusing Jesus of many things, so Pilate questioned him. "Aren't you going to answer?" he said, "Listen to all their accusations." Jesus refused to say a word and Pilate was amazed. Pilate spoke to the crowd. "What do you want me to do with this one you call King of the Jews?" They shouted back, All: Crucify him! "But what crime has he committed?" Pilate asked. They shouted all the louder. All: Crucify him! Pilate wanted to please the crowd, so he set Barabbas free from them. Then he had Jesus whipped and handed him over to be crucified.

* **HYMN 218** *Ah, Holy Jesus*

* **BENEDICTION**

* *Please stand if you are able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOW Aides Needed



We still need your help on Sundays from 10-11:15am with our 2 WOW classes. WOW which is 2rd - 5th grade and WOW JR. which is 4yrs old - 1st grade. Please use the link in Thursday's weekly newsletter to sign up!



VBS is coming soon! Please join us for a fun-filled four days in the summer. Our VBS is for children four-years-old to going into 5th grade and will happen June 23-26, from 9:15-11:45 AM. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family (in cash or check). We hope you can join us!

We also need volunteers to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Manderachi, kmmaze@hotmail.com, or Anna Greene, annadgreene@gmail.com.

April Mission of the Month



Chester Eastside is a welcoming and inclusive community that enables individuals of all ages to achieve their goals and aspirations. The mission promotes a peaceful co-existence in Chester through advocacy and programs for education, social services and justice. CE has been actively carrying out their mission since 1985 and now located at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. CE programs feature a Food Ministry which provides more than 200,000 meals each year and an after school literacy enrichment program. They also operate an award-winning Community Garden which, in 2024, produced 1392 pounds of food that was distributed to the wider community.

Last month the Executive Director Rev. Andy Jacob joined us for worship when he provided insight to the programs at CE and the unfortunate circumstances the residents face in the surrounding area. Please consider giving a generous donation to help our congregation in support of this worthy local mission program.

Schedule

Today, Sunday, April 13

Last day to order Easter Flowers!

10AM Worship

11AM WOW Choir Rehearsal

11AM Coffee Cove

1PM Phila Freedom Chorus Rehearsal~FH

1PM Cub Scouts/Webelos~LH

3PM Cub Scouts/Tiger~LH

Monday, April 14

7PM Zoom Lenten Study

7PM Boy Scouts~FH

Tuesday, April 15

10AM Knitting~LO

Wednesday, April 16

6:30PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:15PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Maundy Thursday, April 17th

7PM Worship at Tree of Life Church

7PM Boy Scouts Leader Mtg~LH

Good Friday, April 18th

12PM Worship at Church of the Redeemer, Pastor Kate preaching

6:30PM Al-Anon~LH



Holy Week

Rabbit Hill Spring Break April 14-21st



Deadline to order flowers is today!



Easter Flowers Order Form

	Color & Quantity	\$
Tulips \$8.00 6" pots red, purple, yellow or pink		
Daffodils \$8.00 6" pots		
Hydrangeas \$19.00 8" pots, pink or blue		
Azaleas \$12.00 8" pots red or pink		
		Price Total

Your Name (s) _____

In Memory of (Deceased) _____

In Honor Of (Living) _____

Will you take or leave your flowers? Please specify color and quantity. _____

Due to seasonal allergies and strong fragrance sensitivities, hyacinths and lilies are not offered. Please pay with your order. Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, Memo/Note "Easter Flowers".

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