



**5th Sunday in Lent**

**April 6, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

*Rev. Kathryn Morgan, Pastor*

*Megan Prescott-Ezickson, Director of Music Ministry*

*Anna Greene, Children/Youth and Communications Director*

*Ed Clapper, 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:** Jeanne Richards

**Counters:** Ted Hidell, Kathy Wike

**Liturgist:** Ed Clapper

**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](mailto: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.

# WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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Relying on God's grace do you promise to nurture Maggie 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 Maggie by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ?

**All: We will, with God's help.**

## **BAPTISM OF MARGARET**

**HYMN 486** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* verses 1 & 4

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you did not disdain the company of sinners but welcomed them with love. Look upon us in mercy, we pray. Our sins are more than we can bear; our pasts enslave us; our misdeeds are beyond correcting.**

*(Silence is kept)*

**Forgive the wrongs we cannot undo, free us from a past we cannot change; heal what we can no longer fix. Grace our lives with your love and turn the tears of our past into the joys of new life with you. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**One: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit with you. This is great good news.**

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

**\* 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**

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

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of all gifts, we are grateful for the many ways you continue to provide for us. As we offer a portion of these gifts today, we ask that you might receive them and transform them. Allow these gifts to become acts of restoration and hope, here in this community and beyond. So that all of your children might live into the abundance and the joy that you offer us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE READING      Isaiah 43:16-21 NRSVUE**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

### **SCRIPTURE READING      John 12:1-9 NRSVUE**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him.

Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." <sup>9</sup> When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

SERMON

Rev. Kathryn Morgan

\* HYMN 201 *A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar* verses 1 and 4

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

\* HYMN 186 *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table*

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is right, and a good thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. With wonder, we muse at how you formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all

the company of heaven, we delight in your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in highest.**

One: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Through him, we find meaning and purpose for our lives. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. And so, in remembrance of your wonder-filled acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in self-giving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

One: The gifts of God of the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have made us one people in Christ. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world. In the name of Jesus, amen.**

**\* HYMN** *We Are People on a Journey* (see page 8)

**\* BENEDICTION**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

# We Are People on a Journey

1 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, fol-lowing where the Mas-ter  
 2 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, tak-ing up the cross of  
 3 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney to the ta-ble of the  
 4 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, ris-ing up in life re-

walks. We are peo-ple on a jour-ney in the  
 Christ. We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, mov-ing  
 Lord. We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, fed by  
 born. We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, speak-ing

sha-dow of the cross. What com-pels? The face of  
 on from death to life. We re-lease the sin that  
 wa-ter and the Word. We re-mem-ber, we re-  
 peace, ac-cept-ing scorn. We are walk-ing toward a

Je-sus! Who pro-protects? Our faith-ful guide: he who  
 tan-gles. We re-lin-quish all ac-claim. We re-  
 mem-ber how you wash dis-ci-ples' feet; we re-  
 home-land, to a mys-tery yet un-known; to a

treads the road of ser-vice, Christ the Lord, the cru-ci-  
 ceive the suffering Sav-ior, he our glo-ry, wealth, and  
 mem-ber on the last night gifts of wine and bread to  
 king-dom com-ing quick-ly, to the light of God's own

fied.  
 fame.  
 eat.  
 throne.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Schedule

### **Today, Sunday, April 6**

10AM Worship  
11AM WOW Choir Rehearsal  
11AM Coffee Cove  
1PM Cub Scout Banquet~FH  
5:30PM Confirmation Class  
6:30PM Tower Youth

### **Monday, April 7**

7PM Zoom Lenten Study  
7PM Boy Scouts~FH

### **Tuesday, April 8**

10AM Knitting~LO  
12:15PM Women's Fellowship  
Luncheon~LH

### **Wednesday, April 9**

6:30PM Rabbit Hill Night of  
Creativity  
6:30PM Handbell Rehearsal  
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, April 10**

7PM Boy Scouts Leader Mtg~LH

### **Friday, April 11**

6:30PM Al-Anon~LH

### **Saturday, April 12**

10AM Sensory Friendly Easter Egg  
Hunt~FH  
11AM Easter Egg Hunt~FH  
2PM Fellowship Hall Reserved/  
Beswick Family

## *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.



## **Holy Week Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th**

7PM Worship at Tree of Life Church

**Good Friday, April 18th**

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

**Easter Sunday! April 20th**

10AM Worship



**Holy Week**



# Easter Flowers Order Form



	Color & Quantity	\$
<b>Tulips</b> \$8.00 6" pots red, purple, yellow or pink		
<b>Daffodils</b> \$8.00 6" pots		
<b>Hydrangeas</b> \$19.00 8" pots, pink or blue		
<b>Azaleas</b> \$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".

***Deadline to order flowers is Sunday, April 13th.***