

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10:30 AM

Music for Gathering

Handbell Ensemble

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (Haydn)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude

“Worship and Praise” (Rogers)

Handbell Ensemble

Call to Worship

(Based on Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Robin Morris

This season of Lent is coming to an end.

Our hearts are full as we anticipate the days of Holy Week.

After these weeks of Lent, are your hearts repentant?

Our hearts are full, and we long to be repentant.

God says that the days are surely coming when there will be a new covenant.

Until that day we gather here.

We gather here to teach one another and say, "Know the Lord."

But the new covenant will be written on our hearts.

We gather here to worship the God who loves us and forgives us.

We gather here because we are God's people.

*Hymn of Praise #265

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

~~Please bring your Lenten Prayer Slips forward during this hymn~~

*Call to Confession

Robin Morris

*Prayer of Confession

(Based on Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness,

according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity

and cleanse me from my sins.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned,

and done what is evil in your sight.

You are justified in whatever sentence you decide.

You are blameless when you pass judgment.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

and renew a right spirit with in me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

and uphold me with a willing spirit.

And forgive, we pray, the sins we now name silently...

*Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Assurance of Pardon Response #437

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the Steps

Carrie Wyatt

Anthem

"What Wondrous Love" (Larson)

Handbell Ensemble

First Reading

John 12:20-33 (Pew Bible NT p.106)

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:5-10 (Pew Bible NT p.220)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit

"Seeing Jesus At That Moment"

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

(A Declaration of Faith, 4.4)

We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross
God achieved and demonstrated once for all
the costly forgiveness of our sins.
Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.
He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us,
fulfilling the obedience God demands of us,
accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.
In his lonely agony on the cross
Jesus felt forsaken by God
and thus experienced hell itself for us.
Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will.
He was acting on behalf of God,
manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself
the loneliness, pain, and death
that result from our waywardness.
In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,
not holding our sins against us.
Each of us beholds on the cross
the Savior who died in our place,
so that we may no longer live for ourselves,
but for him.
In him is our only hope of salvation.

*Affirmation of Faith Response #582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Prayers of the People concluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory

"Near the Cross" (Pethel)

David Thompson

*Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn #69	“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)”	
*Charge and Benediction	Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller	
*Postlude	“Rise Up and Serve the Lord” (Harris)	Rita Harmon
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*Please stand, in body or in spirit.		

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God and in memory of Renee’s mother, Janice LaVanture’s, birthday by Renee & Dean Wiseman.

**Please remember in prayer:**  
Imogene Elliott; The Nice Stranger on I-85; Sara Setzer; Butch & Barbara Jarman; Lynda; Matt; Karen Lydon; Tracy; Barbara Grinter; Patsy Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley; Justina Eddy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**  
The March giving opportunity is One Great Hour of Sharing. You may mark your check "OGHoS" or put it in the MGO box in the worship space.

**Spring Bible Study**  
We conclude our study of Daniel with chapters 10-12 this week. After last week's 10-horned beast and Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who knows what we'll see this week! Join us as we wrap up this book that combines familiar stories with things less easily explained. Tuesday 6:00 p.m. in the FLC.

**CE on Wednesday: The Lord's Prayer**  
*For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.* The Lord's Prayer concludes with a powerful affirmation. Join us on Wednesday after supper as we consider this last statement in the Lord's Prayer. Supper is at 6 p.m. with prayer and program beginning about 6:30 in the FLC.

**Spring Small Group Gatherings**  
Small group gatherings will conclude this week. This is a time for us to join with others for a meal and a time of fellowship. Sign up in the FLC to attend the gathering of your choice if you have not already done so.

**Holy Week Services**  
Jesus' journey to the cross was marked along the way by the adulation of crowds, meals with friends and more. We invite you to join us for worship that remembers those moments.  
Sunday, March 24. Palm Sunday. 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary  
Thursday, March 28. Maundy Thursday. 6:00 p.m. in the chapel  
Friday, March 29. Good Friday. 12 noon in the chapel  
Sunday, March 31. Easter. 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**March 17, 1734:** Forty-two families of German Protestant refugees landed in the American colonies. Sponsored by the British Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge (SPCK), the 78 religious pilgrims soon founded the town of Ebenezer, 30 miles from Savannah, GA.

**March 17, 1897:** Emilie Grace Briggs became the first woman in America to graduate from a Presbyterian theological school, when she received her Bachelor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary, in New York City. She was a daughter of Presbyterian minister Charles A. Briggs, who was suspended by the General Assembly for certain alleged heretical and unorthodox teachings, but who was still a Professor in the seminary.

**March 18, 1314:** Jacques deMolay, last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, and 38 other French Knights Templars were burned at the stake in Paris. Most church history experts agree that these and other hostilities shown against the Knights Templars were caused by the greed and cunning of Philip the Fair, who sought the great wealth this medieval military religious order had amassed in the centuries following the Crusades.

Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.  
Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.  
This week we are praying for:

Jason Blanton  
Karsyn Blanton  
Camron Snuggs  
Barbara Ross

CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Sunday, March 17**  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:50 AM Handbell Rehearsal  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
11:45 AM Session Meeting – Conference Room  
12:15 PM Small Group Gathering @ Becky Wheeler’s  
4:00 PM Yoga

**Tuesday, March 19**  
6:00 PM Bible Study – FLC

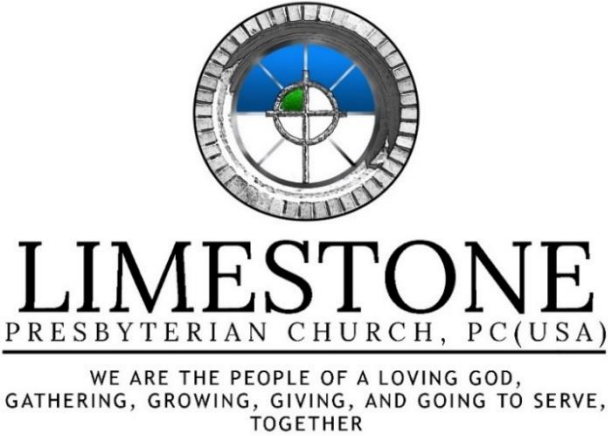
**Wednesday, March 20**  
6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper – FLC

**Thursday, March 21**  
6:00 PM Small Group Gathering @ Michelle Jolly’s

**Saturday, March 23**  
12:00 PM Small Group Gathering @ FLC hosted by Robin Morris

**Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday**  
9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

**Upcoming**  
March 24 Palm Sunday  
March 28 Maundy Thursday Service  
March 29 Good Friday Service, 12 noon, Chapel  
March 31 Easter Sunday  
March 31 Easter Egg Hunt



NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- ☐ Mark May 18, 2024 on your calendar. We will host Foothills Presbytery that day!
- ☐ RSVP for Wednesday night supper.

MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
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"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."

No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil and God tempts no one. But one is tempted by one’s own desire, being lured and enticed by it.... James 1:13-14

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