



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcoming All,
Worshipping Christ,
Working to Share
God's Love!

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn No. 399 (Sung 2X) God Welcomes All *Themba Amen*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

Prelude Swallowtail Jig *Traditional*

*Call to Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

Leader: We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

All: *our cries of awe join the anthems of the universe.*

Leader: We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,

All: *we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.*

Leader: We gather as the children of God,

All: *young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched*

lift the new, new songs of faith.

* Hymn No. 410 God Is Calling through the Whisper *W Zlobie Lezy*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

Awe-inspiring God, we know who we are: people who hear the harmony of your grace and love in our souls, but sing off-key so often. We want to learn new songs, but those haunting tunes of our past mistakes run through our heads. We long to make a joyful noise to you, but the hurts inflicted on us, and the pain we have caused others, silence our voices. Sing to us, Conductor of Grace: sing of your forgiveness, your hope, your love for us. Strike a chord of humility in our hearts so our eyes could see all you have done for us; and in seeing, we might believe how much you love us; and in believing, we would echo that new song of hope and life composed through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. (Silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:14-23 O. T. pg. 241

Parable Time

Message Music Hath Power to Soothe

We Respond to God's Word

Ritual of Friendship

Call for the Offering

Prayer of Dedication (*The congregation uniting*)

Take our gifts, Composing God, and weave a song of healing for the broken, of nourishment for the hungry, of hope for those who despair, and peace for those torn by violence. We sing our praises, as we offer our treasures, as well as our hearts, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*Forgive us our sins...*)

* **Hymn No. 641** (vs. 1, 2, 5)

When In Our Music God is Glorified

Engelberg

* **Benediction**

Postlude

Red Haired Boy

Traditional

(Please be seated for the special music)

* **Passing of the Peace**

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Participants in Today's Service:

The Rev. Nona Holy, Message

John Danzeisen, Liturgist

Candace Smith, Parable

Maxwell and River Brown, Fiddlers

Marti Coats, Pianist

The flowers on the retable are given by the congregation to the glory of God.

Portions of the liturgy created by Thom M. Shuman, (c) Lectionary Liturgies.

At LBPC, our morning offering is an opportunity to act on our faith, to join with what God is doing in the world through our giving. Our congregation is grateful to be able to support the work of The Garage, Urban Promise, Meals on Wheels, The Seaman's Center and more with our gifts of time and treasure. In addition to our morning offering, you may give online using PayPal or by setting up an automatic transfer.



The PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing celebrates 75 years of partnering with others to share God's love. We invite you to read the inserts in this week's and next week's bulletins to learn more about how this important offering impacts our communities and the world. OGHS giving envelopes will be included in the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday bulletins as well. We ask that you prayerfully consider an Easter gift to OGHS.



Start Date	Start Time	Subject
3/17/2024		Fifth Sunday in Lent
	9:00 AM	Adult Topical Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School after Parable Time
	11:00 AM	Fellowship
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal
3/18/2024	7:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	7:00 PM	Alateen (Basement)
	7:00 PM	F & A Meeting
3/20/2024	10:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	12:00 PM	Al-Anon (Rm 3-4)
	4:00 PM	Organist Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15 PM	Sr. Choir Rehearsal and Handbells - Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal
3/21/2024	6:30 PM	Divorce Care
3/22/2024		Church Office Closed
3/23/2024	10:00 AM	Soul Matters Small Group
	2:00 PM	Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert @ KHS
3/24/2024		Palm Sunday
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In case of emergency, an AED unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor across from the bulletin boards.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship, but should a parent desire, nursery care is provided downstairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual EASTER Potluck Breakfast

Everyone is invited to our Annual Easter Breakfast potluck, from 8:30-9:30 Easter morning in the Social Hall before the service. Please bring a simple dish that can be set on the serving table as you come in. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask Betsy, Sarah, or Dorie.

Please encourage your little ones to attend the Easter Egg hunt at 9:15 AM on Easter Sunday!

EASTER EGG HUNT

9:15 AM on Easter Sunday at LBPC

*Bring a bag for the hunt



HOLY WEEK

3/24/24: **Palm Sunday**

10:00 AM Worship

3/28/24: **Maundy Thursday**

6:00 PM Potluck

6:45 PM Communion

3/29/24: **Good Friday**

7:00 PM Worship

3/31/24: **Easter Day**

10:00 AM Worship &

Flowering of the Cross

