



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Sonata in E minor, Third Movement *J. S. Bach*
Choral Introit Glory Evermore *J. Clarke*

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

One: Come and worship!

Many: How can we worship in "such a time as this"?

One: Yes, the world can feel hopeless but come and worship!

Many: Why worship in "such a time as this"?

One: Yes, human kindred don't listen to one another. People worry about winning at the expense of joy, kindness and community, but come and worship!

Many: Who is there to worship in "such a time as this"?

One: Do not let the world steal your hope! Turn to the Holy present in all creation, especially now.

Many: Where is the hope in "such a time as this"?

One: Look around you. God has not left you. God is present in the struggle and in the heartache. God is present in neighbor, enemy, and family. God calls most emphatically in "just such a time as this!"

Many: But it's hard to perceive!

One: Come and worship anyway!

Many: We are here. We have come to worship in "just such a time as this!"

* Hymn No. 163 Yellow Book You Are My Wholeness *Salmond and Mulder*

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

We confess we sin individually against others, we confess we repeat our mistakes, even though we know better. We allow our actions to make it harder for others to reach you. Release us from our flawed ideas and the desires that trip us up causing our fall into sin. Move us closer to you and away from that which tempts us.

We confess we are also a part of the world's systems of sin.

We are all twisted up in that which we barely understand.

We claim our success is of our own doing and anyone can do as we, even as our kindred struggle in poverty or other injustices that we never face.

Release us from our ignorance and arrogance so that we can live as your beloved community. In the name of Jesus, our guide and friend, we come.

(A time of silent confession) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Hymn No. 214 (v. 1) You Are My Refuge, Faithful God *Morning Song*

Parable Time

Sean Kennedy

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Esther 4:9-17 O. T. pg. 412

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem	The Lord Is My Light, and My Salvation	<i>J. Leavitt</i>
Sermon	A Time Like This	The Rev. Nona Holy
* Hymn No. 307 (v. 1, 3, 4)	God of Grace and God of Glory	<i>CWM Rhondda</i>
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (<i>Forgive us our sins...</i>)		
The Ritual of Friendship		
The Giving of Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Anthem	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	<i>arr. R. Turner</i>
* Doxology		
Prayer of Dedication (<i>The congregation uniting</i>)		
<i>You trust us enough to place your blessings in us, so may we be as faithful in offering them back to you, so others might be kept in their loneliness, might be fed in their emptiness, might receive hope in their despair. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.</i>		
* Hymn No. 432	How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord	<i>Repton</i>
* Charge and Benediction		
* Choral Dismissal	Old Irish Blessing	<i>D. Agay</i>
Postlude	Sonata in E minor, Fourth movement	<i>J. S. Bach</i>

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Participants in Today's Service:

The Rev. Nona Holy, Pastor

Will Hahn, Liturgist

Genna Hahn, Flutist

Donna Beech, Music Director

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CALENDAR

Start Date	Start Time	Subject
3/19/2023		Fourth 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
	11:45 AM	Digging Deeper Lenten Speaker - Oliver Yost, Psychiatrist
3/20/2023	6:15 PM	Finance and Administration Committee Meeting
	7:00 PM	Alateen: LIFT Room
	7:00 PM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
3/21/2023	9:00 AM	Men's Bible Study w/Green Hill at J's Cafe
	10:00 AM	Missions Committee Meeting
	11:00 AM	Richard Rohr Small Group
3/22/2023	10:30 AM	Alanon: Classrooms 3-4
	1:00 PM	Music Rehearsal Preparation: All Upper Level
	1:00 PM	Alanon Post Meetings: Classroom 1
	6:00 PM	Dinner with the Word
	6:00 PM	Worship Visioning Team
	6:30 PM	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Handbells
3/24/2023	7:30 PM	Senior Choir Rehearsal
		Church Office Closed
3/26/2023		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/Retirement Party for Linda Natali
	11:30 AM	Treble Choir Rehearsal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join us today for our next *Digging Deeper* speaker, Dr. Oliver Yost (who you may know as Zoe's dad). He will be leading a discussion on how the work done in therapy can be part of our spiritual journey of digging deeper. Join us in the Social Hall at 11:45 AM.

- Rehearsals for the Sixteenth Annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert are underway, and adults and high school students are invited to participate! The concert will be on April 29 at Kennett High School, with the featured work as Randall Thompson's 'Frostiana', based on Robert Frost's poems. You must attend at least four Wednesday 7:30 P.M. rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 29 at 11 A.M. Come join this talented group of wonderful community singers! This year's concert will benefit Make-A-Wish of Philadelphia, Delaware, and Susquehanna Valley. See Donna or Marty Beech for more details.
- Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - 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. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

The OGHS offering will be dedicated during worship on Sunday April 2, but you're welcome to give online at any time during Lent at [Presbyterian Special Offerings \(pcusa.org\)](http://pcusa.org).

If children would like to fill a fish bank for OGHS, please contact Candace Smith.

- LIFT will be meeting **this Thursday (March 16) from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM**, in the basement. Dinner is provided! The other planned meetings are: **March 30, April 13, April 27, May 11, and May 25**. All at the same time, in the same location. Bring a friend and any homework questions you might have!



To make an Easter Flower dedication, please fill out this form and return it to the church office along with a check for \$18.00 per plant. Make checks payable to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and mark your check, "*for Easter Flowers.*" You may return your dedication by dropping it in the offering plate, putting it in Becky's box, emailing it to lbpc@lowerbrandywine.org, or by mailing it to the church office. (101 Old Kennett Pike, Wilmington, DE 19807)

In loving memory of _____

To the Glory of God

Dedications must be received by Wednesday, April 5th.

Name

Phone Number

*You may pick up your flowers after the Easter service.