



SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

Easter Sunday

Worship Schedule: 8 AM & 10 AM

Both services in –person and livestreamed

Masks are required!

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Pastor’s Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

Friends, this week is Holy Week, a time where we reflect on Jesus’ betrayal, crucifixion, and resurrection. The stories we will explore this week are of Jesus’ friends betraying him and of the crowds crying out to crucify him. It can all feel a bit too much to bear, especially as we hear the news of violence and hatred that seems all too common in the world. You may find yourself wishing that we could just skip the hard stories of Holy Week this year and fast-forwarding to the joy of Easter morning, the joy of celebrating the resurrected Savior. I invite us to resist that urge to skip ahead to the ending of the week and to spend intentional time with the scriptures that we lift up on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—either joining us for worship in person or online, or spending time privately reflecting on these scriptures. This does not mean that you will not still feel overwhelmed but, perhaps the feelings will be balanced with the assurance that we are loved by a Savior who knows what it was like to be completely human, who felt hope and friendship and anger and joy and grief and all of the other human emotions. Friends, Easter is coming, hold onto hope. Below is a poem from Thomas Merton that has nourished my soul this Lenten season. I hope it reminds you that even as this week and our lives in general may, at times, feel so heavy and difficult that God is always with us.

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going.
 I do not see the road ahead of me.
 I cannot know for certain where it will end.
 Nor do I really know myself,
 and the fact that I think I am following your will
 does not mean that I am actually doing so.
 But I believe that the desire to please you
 does in fact please you.
 And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
 I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
 And I know that, if I do this,
 You will lead me by the right road,
 though I may know nothing about it.
 Therefore I will trust you always
 though I may seem to be lost
 and in the shadow of death.
 I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
 and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 28, 2021

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Emma is available for conversation and prayer. Also, please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

Carolyn Hooper asks prayers for her husband, Bob, who fell over a couple of days ago and broke his upper femur. He was scheduled to have surgery at Wilmington Hospital Friday and is awaiting news of the next steps. Their daughter Laura was with Carolyn to support her and Bob. They ask for prayers for Bob's healing and quick recovery.

We pray for those who don't feel safe.

We pray for the victims of gun violence and for those who are championing a safer world.

We give thanks for the opportunities presented to us to worship together during Holy week!



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	\$78,494
Budgeted Giving 2021:	\$244,249

WORSHIP LINKS

March 28, 2021

"Covenant: Celebration and Loss"

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday	April 1st 7:00 PM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship with Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	April 2nd 7:30 PM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship
Easter Sunday	April 4th 8:00 AM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship April 4th 10:00 AM YouTube Livestream and In-Person Worship *Overflow seating available in the Social Hall

ALL LIVESTREAMED SERVICES MAY BE ACCESSED [HERE](#).



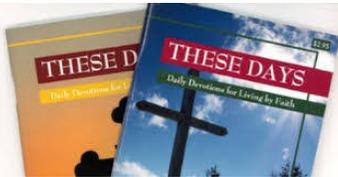
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
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Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian 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.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

LBPC will receive the OGHS offering on Sunday, April 4th. Click [HERE](#) to give online.

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These Days for April | May | June 2021 have arrived. If you would like a copy mailed to your home, please respond to lpbc@comcast.net

Copies are also available as you enter the Social Hall.



Did you notice how smooth those slide transitions were this past Sunday morning during our livestream?? That's because John Dezell with Sound-Design installed a new switch for us last week. It will make operating the livestream much easier and more professional looking. Stay tuned for information regarding livestream training opportunities. Additionally, we will be unveiling a new and improved website very shortly! Exciting times!

ALSO...Please note the office will be CLOSED on Easter Monday, April 5th and the Messenger will be mailed on Tuesday the 6th.



Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

HOWEVER

Voicemail is always monitored. If you have an urgent need, do not hesitate to call. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.



Mark your calendar! April 17th LBPC will be hosting a day to honor Mr. Rogers (rescheduled from March 20th). This is an event for the whole family. There will be a prayer walk, Mr. Roger's dress-up, trivia games, snacks, some Mr. Roger's Neighborhood episodes, and a showing of *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, starring Tom Hanks.

More information coming soon.

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

300th Anniversary Campaign Update



We have reached \$295,938 toward our pledge goal of \$300,000. ***We are so close!***
There's still time to donate to the 300th campaign!!

Contact Linda Natali at linda.natali@comcast.net or visit www.vancopayments.com to give electronically, or mail your check to the church office with a memo, "300th Anniversary."

Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution? Or electronically via Vanco services? Vanco – visit our website and follow the instructions to “contribute online.”

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **772-118389**. If needed – Fidelity Investments – 4001 Kennett Pike Ste. 120, Greenville, DE 19807, our Account Executive is Daniel Glazer 302-428-3776 ext. 78869.

Please remember to advise Linda Natali at [linda.natali@comcast](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.

Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities, such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion. These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax-exempt contribution. Lower Brandywine would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

March 2021 Lectionary Readings

Third Sunday in Lent—March 7

Exodus 20:1–17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

John 2:13–22

Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 14

Numbers 21:4–9

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

Ephesians 2:1–10

John 3:14–21

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21

Jeremiah 31:31–34

Psalm 51:1–12 or Psalm 119:9–16

Hebrews 5:5–10

John 12:20–33

Passion/Palm Sunday—March 28

Liturgy of the Palms

Mark 11:1–11 or John 12:12–16

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Liturgy of the Passion

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03/02	Martha Coats
03/03	Becky Kennedy
03/06	Heather Garvey
03/12	Brenda Boucher
03/13	Thomas Craven
	Julie DiNatale
03/17	Joshua Boucher
03/18	Madelyn Underwood
03/22	Tylor Walther
03/23	Stephen Salle
03/24	Cooper Coats
03/25	Mauricette Benzing
03/26	Emily Underwood
	Bruce Webber
03/27	Enzo Natali
	Roman Garvey
03/28	Marilee Calibrese
03/29	Joyce Murphy
03/30	Donna Beech

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

03/01	Brian & Dot Kent
03/10	Christopher & Alexis Kenny
	Jesse & Heather Garvey
03/20	Enzo & Linda Natali
	Edward & Ann Major
03/25	Rev. David & Mimi Lovelace

ZOOM AND WORSHIP CALENDAR

WEEK OF MARCH 29TH

Start Date	Subject	Start Time
03/29/2021	Al-Ateen	7:00 PM
	Al-Anon	7:00 PM
03/31/2021	Al-Anon	12:00 PM
	AA Meeting	8:00 PM
04/01/2021	Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 PM
04/02/2021	Good Friday Service	7:30 PM
04/04/2021	Resurrection of the Lord/Easter	
	Worship Service	8:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
04/05/2021	Church Office Closed	12:00 AM
	Al-Ateen	7:00 PM
	Al-Anon	7:00 PM





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