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SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

Sunday Worship

10:15 AM

K-5 Sunday School

11:00 AM

Fellowship and  
"Food for Thought"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS!](#)

### Gethsemane by Mary Oliver

*The grass never sleeps.*

*Or the roses.*

*Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts until morning.*

*Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.*

*The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,  
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,  
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.*

*Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did,  
maybe the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and  
didn't move, maybe  
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a  
blue pavement,  
lay still and waited, wild awake.*

*Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that could  
not  
keep that vigil, how they must have wept,  
so utterly human, knowing this too  
must be a part of the story.*

Isn't this a powerful poem? It came to mind as I prepared a devotion this week on what it means to pray "Thy will be done," because I used Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane as a focal point. While Jesus was praying, the disciples slept. So utterly human, as Mary Oliver writes, and it is true. For the disciples, and for us. We all fall asleep on the job of being faithful disciples. It is why Gethsemane and the cross was necessary, why Jesus had to take the cup, had to die for us. Because we fall asleep, we sin. The grass never sleeps, nature doesn't sin. But we do.

How those first disciples must have wept, Mary Oliver writes, knowing that they must tell this story of falling asleep as Jesus prayed. If they are going to be faithful followers, they must be honest, and tell the story, tell all of the story. And how grateful we are, to know all of the story, to know that even those closest to Jesus, who were there in that holy garden on that holy night, slept. They waited, slept, and wept. Because the spirit was willing, but their flesh was all too weak. Thank you, Jesus, for bearing our sin for us, for staying awake for us. Amen

The Rev. James Laurence

From My Pastoral Ponderings: Pondering my way through  
God's beloved world. 2/26/2021

## JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 13, 2022

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!*

We give thanks for the worship leadership of Jeff Kenton. Thank you!

We continue to lift up the people of the Ukraine and all who are affected by the war with Russia. Donations for the support of Ukraine can be made through [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#).

We continue to pray for those who among our church family who are recovering from illness or surgery including:

- Ed Messikomer
- Dave Robertson
- Dr. Herb Oettgen
- Keeley Lannon



### 2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 2022 Budgeted Giving: | \$233,441 |
| 2022 YTD Giving:      | \$ 56,925 |

### WORSHIP LINKS

**March 13, 2022**

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

**LENTEN SEASON AT LOWER BRANDYWINE**

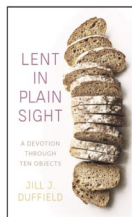
## 40 DAYS OF SPIRITUAL PREPARATION OBSERVING LENT FROM ASH WEDNESDAY TO HOLY THURSDAY

### LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

LBPC Social Hall - 6:30pm

Thursdays: March 10, March 17,  
March 24, March 31, April 7

Starting March 10 join us to discuss  
Jill Duffield's devotional "Lent in Plain  
Sight" while enjoying a light dinner.



These welcoming, lightly moderated sessions are one of the ways you can observe the Lenten Season with LBPC. Books available in the church office.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

LBPC Social Hall - After the 10:00am Service

Sundays: March 6, March 13,  
March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10

During Lent, be sure to join us in the Social Hall after our Service of Worship for an extended time of fellowship. There you will find some fun and thought-provoking "Food for Thought" conversational prompts on the tables, as well as some crafts or hands-on activities for the children that further explore our "Lent in Plain Sight" theme.

A Series of Events Celebrating Lent at Lower Brandywine

### Lent In Plain Sight Sundays and Thursdays during Lent

All Are Invited and Welcome to Join Us



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**EASTER WEEK AT LOWER BRANDYWINE**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES APRIL 10 THROUGH APRIL 17

### Palm Sunday - April 10

10:00am - Traditional Worship Service with palm branches. [Sanctuary]  
Lesson and crafts for the children. [Classrooms]

### Maundy Thursday - April 14

6:00pm - Our Youth Group, LIFT, will be baking bread, which will be provided for those attending the Maundy Thursday events. [Social Hall]  
7:00pm - Dinner, followed by readings and communion. [Social Hall]

### Good Friday - April 15

7:00pm - Taizé Service of music and meditation. [Sanctuary]

### Easter Sunday - April 17

8:30am - Join us for an Easter Potluck Breakfast. [Social Hall]  
The Fellowship Committee is organizing a Potluck Provision Sign-Up.  
10:00am - Traditional Easter Service of Worship [Sanctuary]  
Afternoon - Easter egg hunt, table games, and crafts. [Inside/Outside]



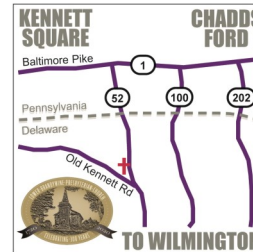
**A BEACON IN THE BRANDYWINE VALLEY FOR OVER 300 YEARS**

#### WHERE



Photo by Hank Davis

#### HOW TO GET THERE



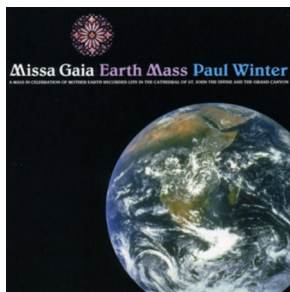
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**Interested in participating in the Lent in Plain Sight dinners? Please click [HERE](#) to sign up!**



The 15<sup>th</sup> annual Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert will take place on Saturday, March 26, at 2:00 PM in the auditorium of Kennett High School in Kennett Square. With the pandemic necessitating a "virtual" concert last year, it is exciting to be presenting a live concert again this year. The featured work this year is Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)* for choir and a nine piece jazz ensemble. The Wilmington Handbell Ensemble under the direction of Kerry Dietz will also perform. This concert will benefit Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Neuro-Oncology. Suggested donation is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, but gifts of all amounts are appreciated.

More information can be found on the website [jonathanbeechmemorialconcert.org](http://jonathanbeechmemorialconcert.org), where you can also make a donation on-line if you prefer.

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## IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

### Goodbyes

are not forever, are not the end;  
it simply means *I'll miss you*  
until we meet again.



As we follow God's path each day, friends become family and family become friends. You of Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church have become my **family**. With God's help, I have been lifted up and over a few "bumps in the road" in the past couple years. You have been there for me and words cannot express my gratitude. "Be mindful that happiness is not based on possessions, power, or prestige, but on relationships with people you love and respect" (author anonymous).

Thank you for sharing the joy in knowing and serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Stay safe and be well.

Peace,

Joan Cummings

new address: 102 N. Palm Villas Ct., St. Simons Island, GA 31522

(Consider this a new place to stop in for "sweet" tea, wine, or pecan pie!)

## UrbanPromise Wilmington Spring into Auction Thursday, April 7, 2022



### Join UrbanPromise Wilmington for the Silent Auction!

Thursday, April 7, 2022  
The Carriage House at Rockwood Park  
4671 Washington Street Ext.  
Wilmington, DE 19809  
(enter off of Washington St. Ext.)

5:30pm In person Registration  
8pm Auction ends

Advance Tickets: \$25 (deadline: April 1)  
Tickets at door: \$30

Hearty Hors D'oeuvres will be served!

Register online at [urbanpromise.org](http://urbanpromise.org)



NEW: Virtual bidding will be available  
to registered guests starting at 9am

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### Leave Gifts to Benefit Lower Brandywine Presbyterian

Please consider making a gift to Lower Brandywine Presbyterian that tells the story of your hope in Christ. Each will is unique and must be structured to fit the needs and estate plans of the individual in accordance with the laws of the state in which they live. For this reason, you should consult a lawyer to assist you in drafting your will and estate plan. Our Presbyterian Foundation Ministry Relations Officer (MRO) can guide you through this important giving process:

[Olanda Carr, Jr. 5141 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210 \[olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org\]\(mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org\)](mailto:olanda.carr@presbyterianfoundation.org)

Legacy Options You can leave a gift to your church in the following ways: • A bequest in your will • Retirement plan beneficiary • Life insurance beneficiary • Proceeds from the sale of real estate or property • Other ways that suit your situation.

Consult with an attorney or professional advisor before making changes to your estate plans.

For more information visit: <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/wills-legacy-giving/>



***Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution or electronically through our website? Visit the Giving tab on our website to see how!***

**Stock Transfers** – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **272-118389**.  
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 [finance@lowerbrandywine.org](mailto:finance@lowerbrandywine.org) 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.

For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)" or speak with your tax advisor.

# CALENDAR

## MARCH 14TH—MARCH 27TH

| Start Date        | Start Time     | Subject                                      |
|-------------------|----------------|--|
| 03/14/2022        | 7:00 PM        | Alanon                                       |
|                   | 7:00 PM        | Alateen                                      |
| 03/15/2022        | 10:00 AM       | Missions Committee Meeting                   |
|                   | 12:00 PM       | Richard Rohr Small Group                     |
| 03/16/2022        | 12:00 PM       | Alanon                                       |
|                   | 022<br>7:30 PM | Senior Choir Rehearsal                       |
| 03/17/2022        | 12:00 PM       | Brown Bag Bible Study                        |
|                   | 6:00 PM        | LIFT   |
|                   | 6:30 PM        | Lent in Plain Sight                          |
| <b>03/20/2022</b> |                | <b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>                  |
|                   | 8:00 AM        | Adult Topical Study (Zoom)                   |
|                   | 10:00 AM       | Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed) |
|                   | 10:15 AM       | Children's Sunday School after Parable       |
|                   | 11:00 AM       | Fellowship and 'Food for Thought'            |
|                   | 11:30 AM       | Handbells                                    |
| 03/21/2022        | 7:00 PM        | Finance and Administration Committee Meeting |
|                   | 7:00 PM        | Alanon                                       |
|                   | 7:00 PM        | Alateen                                      |
| 03/23/2022        | 12:00 PM       | Alanon                                       |
|                   | 7:30 PM        | Senior Choir Rehearsal                       |
| 03/24/2022        | 12:00 PM       | Brown Bag Bible Study                        |
|                   | 6:30 PM        | Lent in Plain Sight                          |
| 03/26/2022        | 2:00 PM        | Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert @ KHS        |
| <b>03/27/2022</b> |                | <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>                 |
|                   | 8:00 AM        | Adult Topical Study (Zoom)                   |
|                   | 10:00 AM       | Worship Service (In-Person and Livestreamed) |
|                   | 10:15 AM       | Children's Sunday School after Parable       |
|                   | 11:00 AM       | Fellowship and 'Food for Thought'            |
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## March 2022 Readings

### **First Sunday in Lent—March 6**

Deuteronomy 26:1–11

Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16

Romans 10:8b–13

Luke 4:1–13 Second

### **Sunday in Lent—March 13**

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3:17–4:1

Luke 13:31–35 or Luke 9:28–36

### **Third Sunday in Lent—March 20**

Isaiah 55:1–9

Psalm 63:1–8

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Luke 13:1–9

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent—March 27**

Joshua 5:9–12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–3

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

03/03 Mary Kennedy

03/12 Brenda Boucher

03/13 Thomas Craven

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

03/26 Bruce Webber

03/27 Roman Garvey

03/27 Enzo Natali

03/29 Joyce Murphy

03/30 Donna Beech

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

03/01 Brian and Dot Kent

03/20 Dan and Carla Major

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