



SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Worship Schedule: Single worship service at 10AM. Masks are required!

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

Friends,

Soon we will be coming upon the one year anniversary of the corona virus' grip on our nation. Although each person's experience during the last year has been different, almost all of us have dealt with some sort of loss or deep grief. Across the United States and around the world, many have lost their lives or the lives of loved ones. In some cases, those deaths have occurred in scared isolation without being able to say goodbye or receive a kind of comfort or closure in that loss.

Others have found themselves unemployed and without enough income to support their families. Their futures becoming more and more uncertain. Still others have felt a deep sense of isolation, whether due to limitations imposed in their residences or because of distance from friends and loved ones. Many have felt the pain that comes with the inability to fully celebrate significant events in their lives and the lives of others- weddings, birth of children, anniversaries and so much more. Some have felt a loss of connection with people they love or respect due to differences of opinion. As a world, we've had to redefine what it means to be in community with each other and what it looks like to love and take care of each other during this *difficult* time.

However, even in the midst of this deep grief and loss, we also have seen moments of hope and beauty. Communities have creatively found ways to come together and support each other. People have become aware of systems that need to be corrected in their own community and are working to make these changes. Some families have reconnected in new ways. Even in this time of deep grief and loss, there is still beauty and great love

Over the next few days, you may find yourself spending time thinking about these and so many other things that have happened in the last year. You may feel anger, grief, sadness, or a complicated soup of emotions that you can not name. In the midst of these feelings, know that you are loved by God, to whom you can always go to in prayer. Know too that I, Pastor Emma, am available for prayer or if you need to talk through the things you are feeling. Below is a practice that I find helpful; some refer to it as a grounding practice. May it help to center you in this overwhelming time.

- 1)**Pause**-write down 3 emotions that you are feeling
- 2)**Dig deeper**- write down your opinion of what's happening and how you feel about it.
- 3)**Speak and listen**-find a trusted friend. Share your feelings, opinion, and perspective. Invite them to share theirs too.
- 4)**Trust your feelings**- your feelings are real and valid. Don't doubt yourself.
- 5)**Breathe and pray**- God is with us when we are joyful, scared, angry and grieving. Take 5 deep breaths and know God is with you.

Friends, know that you are loved by God and that God is working and moving even now.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MARCH 7, 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!

Mimi Lovelace wishes to express her thanks for the prayers, cards and calls regarding her recent foot surgery. The caring concern of the LBPC congregation is deeply appreciated. She is recovering well.

We offer prayers of comfort and condolence to Kelly Firment and her family upon the sudden death of her mother, Nancy Smith. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to La Carcajada/ Huston Firment fund at the Delaware Community Foundation by mail to P.O. Box 1636 Wilmington, De 19899 or online to www.delcf.org/firment.

We give thanks for LIFT and their making of communion bread that was shared with LBPC, Greenhill and Grace UMC churches on Sunday morning.

Ed Nass and Deb Ventura are going to be grandparents! Caitlin and Bart are expecting a baby in August.

...but WAIT! That's not all! Nancy and Brian Day are ALSO going to be grandparents!! Heather and Denis have announced that they too are expecting a baby in August.

Congratulations to the Nass-Ventura and Day families for this exciting news! We keep ALL of you in our prayers.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Friends,

Remember that you may continue to mail in your pledge/donation or use our on-line portal by clicking [HERE](#).

Year to Date Total Giving 2021: **\$47,626**

Budgeted Giving 2021: **\$244,249**

47 Pledges \$200,154 – Goal \$207,000 (There's still time to pledge!)

WORSHIP LINKS

March 7, 2021

"Covenant: Turning Over the Tables"

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)

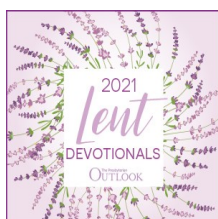


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the **Midweek Lenten Devotional**. Please gather with us via Zoom **every Thursday** (excluding Maundy Thursday) from **11am to about 12pm** where we will spend time looking into the text for *that* day more in depth. This weekly meeting may be joined from the Zoom app, the Zoom website, or by calling in using a home or cell phone. The Zoom information as well as instructions on how to access the meeting is outlined below.

For those who are unavailable to join us during that specific time, a video recording of a portion of the meeting will be posted on our YouTube channel by the end of the day each Thursday in Lent.

Please note that the meeting link and call in information is the same week to week.



Remaining Meeting Dates/Times

Mar 11, 2021 11:00 AM

Mar 18, 2021 11:00 AM

Mar 25, 2021 11:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting (audio and video or audio only)

If you already have a Zoom account set up, you should be able to join the meeting using the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82533472721?pwd=MytEbFFrdjdDaEsxNG1OZWFlaUExZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 3347 2721

Meeting pass code: 860420

To join by phone (audio only):

Instructions can be found inside the devotional booklet. Please contact the office if you need additional help.

Click [HERE](#) to view a PDF copy of the 2021 Lent Devotional materials.

During her sermon yesterday, Pastor Emma referenced the song "Turning over Tables" by The Brilliance. This song offers a perspective on the passage we explored in worship, John 2:13-22. If you would like to hear this song in its entirety, you can access it on YouTube here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cewLXaG3XsY&ab_channel=TheBrilliance



You are cordially invited to attend the installation service for The Rev. Nancy Anderson, pastor of Green Hill Presbyterian Church. Let us "share the joy" with the members of Green Hill PC during this spirit-filled occasion. March 14 at 4:00 PM. Zoom detail to come.



***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.

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LBPC Cooks by Zoom on Tuesday, March 23rd at 6PM!



Where: Your own kitchen!

Menu: Fajitas

RSVP to Betsy Coons, betsycoons@comcast.net or text 484-643-2479.

She will send you the easy shopping list and recipe.

We'll all cook together and then sit down together (Via Zoom!) to enjoy the meal.



FREE!!

DESK \$150

FILING CABINET \$40



These items are located in the Social Hall and need new homes. Please contact the office to make arrangements to pick them up!

lpbc@comcast.net or 302-658-2326



Al-Anon/Alateen is a recovery support fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon/Alateen members share how attendance has helped them more fully understand their alcoholic relative, and how they can enjoy a full and happy life, regardless of whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon meets twice weekly and Alateen meets once a week at LBPC:

Al-Anon Meetings: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday Noon-1:00 pm

Alateen Meeting: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm

Due to the pandemic, Al-Anon and Alateen are having virtual meetings.



As you know, we are down to one person in the office. Due to continuing reduced operations, and in order to keep a close eye on our finances, there are no immediate plans to add an additional person. For now, Becky will be in the office:

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.

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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.

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Christian Education News and Announcements

Sunday, 3/14 LIFT Zoom. Where Your Heart Is Devotional. A the ZOOM calendar for the link!

Saturday, 3/20 *SAVE THE DATE* Mr. Rogers Day!

All are invited to celebrate **Mr. Rogers' Day** at an outdoor showing of the movie, A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood, starring Tom Hanks. This is a fun family outing; safety protocols will be followed! Further information will be provided as the date approaches.



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 email, by dropping it in the offering plate before worship, 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 Monday, March 29th.

Name Phone Number

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

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 1ST

3/08	Al-Anon/Alateen Meeting	7:00 PM
3/09	Zoom Fellowship	9:00 AM
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87286676223?pwd=UnpFVEVxOHRWemZOZ3p1ZHhlaUljOT09	
3/09	KPA Meeting	5:00 PM
3/10	Al-Anon Meeting	12:00 PM
3/10	AA Meeting	8:00 PM
3/11	Zoom Lenten Devotional Study	11:00 AM
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82533472721?pwd=MytEbFFrdjdDaEsxNG1OZWFlaUExZz09	
3/14	Zoom Adult Bible School	8:00 AM
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81477282701?pwd=NFFhV29ITjJUYkI5bTJpMjBhZGswdz09	
3/14	Zoom Children's Sunday School	10:00 AM
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84572504707?pwd=N1hyOGlzTHJYQk1UNGhQbExVTHduUT09	
3/14	Worship Service	10:00 AM
3/14	LIFT ZOOM	1:00 PM
	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84045327940?pwd=YUpTM09vYXluT1Q0UFlvVldpMVkyZz09	



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