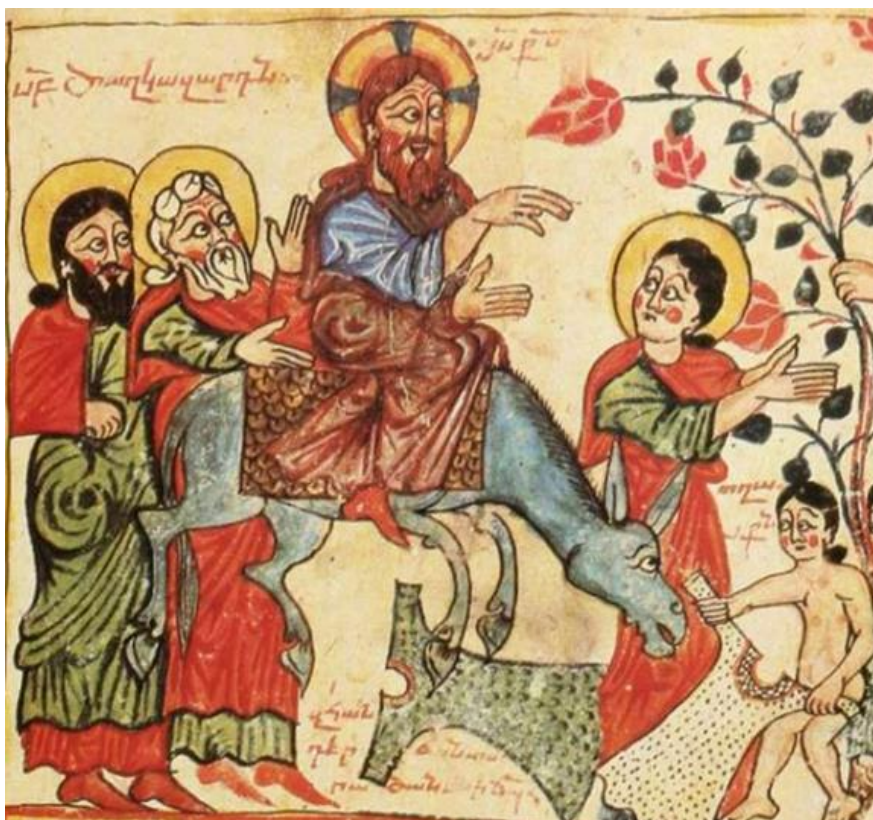


# West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian Church

Belleville, PA



Palm Sunday

March 31, 2024

## ***GATHERING***

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING THOUGHT/ SILENT PRAYER

Where do you stand in the crowd? Close enough to throw down our coat at the foot of the savior? At the edges watching, doubting, waiting to be convinced? As we enter this Holy Week, Gracious God, strengthen us in this festive parade of palms to follow Jesus into the way of the cross. Let us be united with Christ and all the faithful that we may one day enter through the gates of the eternal city where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Luke 19:28-40)

Awake, to the day of triumph for our Savior!

**Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!**

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

**Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**\*PROCESSION OF PALMS** (as we sing our hymn)

**\*HYMN** PH#89 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (vs 1-3)*

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Even though we profess to follow Christ, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! Amen.**

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy. Blessed is the one who has done for us what we could never do for ourselves, bringing us life and love forever and ever. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**\*PEACE OF CHRIST:** Let us extend the Peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our Sanctuary. The Peace of Christ be with You!!    **C: And also with You.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory to be the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

## ***THE WORD PROCLAIMED***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:1-10

GOSPEL READING: John 12:12 - 16

MESSAGE: *Love a Parade; Do Not be Afraid*      Rev. Ela J. Robertson

## ***RESPONSE TO THE WORD***

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Awake, the voice commands) by J.S Bach      Susie Yoo

*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Confession of 1967)*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission.

His human life involves the church in the common life of all people.

His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being.

His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need.

His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice.

In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

JOYS and CONCERNS

## PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

### LORD's PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

HYMN: PH#404 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

## ***SENDING***

#### \*BLESSING

Worship leaders: Rev. Ela J. Robertson, Seulki Susie Yoo – Music Ministry, Lay reader: Ann McNabb

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Lenten Devotionals:** Devotionals for the Lenten season this year have been left to individual discretion. Here is one link to a free on-line devotionals that can be printed or sent to your email each day. [www.pts.edu/devotional](http://www.pts.edu/devotional)

Cindy has ordered tulips; leave your donation of \$9 for each in your offering envelopes or in the office. Thank you, Cindy.

**Lay Readers West Kish:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Matt Waddell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Corbin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ann McNabb, 4<sup>th</sup> Matt or other, 5<sup>th</sup> Brent Stoner

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**March 23 (today)** Palm Sunday

**March 28** Maundy Thursday Service at East Kish 7PM

**March 29** Good Friday service at West Kish 7PM

**March 31** Easter Services: West Kish 10AM, East Kish 11:15AM  
Easter Breakfast 9AM West Kish

### **PRAYERS**

**Peace.** Pray for peace among the people of Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East. Pray for those who are ill, undergoing diagnosis, operations, treatments and recovery: especially, Sally's son in Michigan, Anne Marie Yoder –surgery. Marty Bridgens. Please pray for members in our community suffering loss of friends and family members: The family of Jerry and Jeff Young and Barb on the passing of Jeff's father Bob (3/19 morning), Barb and the family of Sherwood Frankhouser, Cindy Sharp and family of Red Wilson. Ruth Ann Baggus and family of Darryl Baggus on the loss of his wife Laura, Pray for Ray Byler family, Jim Stroup, Elliana Byler, Pam Ritchey, Levi Fultz, Cathay Drury, Hannah Faulkner, Jim Marthouse, Pat Byler, , Bertha Penepacker, Jon Helfrick, Cindy Coder, Shawna Horn.

**Valley View Terrace:** Jean Ecklund A204; Edie Meachum A320, Al Shutz A201, Marty Runkle  
**Valley View Haven:** Larry Ecklund - 412; Alice Long - 510

**Westminster Woods:** Bill Rumbaugh - 360 Westminster Drive, Huntingdon, PA  
Ron Bailey - 109 Sycamore Way, Huntingdon, PA 16652

**In the Military:** Rob Westover, Eric Kauffman, Shawn Seager, Michael Yutesle