



March 17, 2024 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) -- *Have you **checked in** for worship today?*

*please stand as you are able

Welcome & Work of God's People

Rev. Wes Allen

The Ten Commandments

Rev. Allen

Way of the Week #21: You're Sent, Now Go

21. YOU'RE SENT, NOW GO. We're blessed to be a blessing. God intends to use you to bless, heal, restore, and liberate a dark and hurting world. We're here for others: in our families and our community and in the world. Go to the need. Live missionally.

Ideas for Action: Check out the Missions tab on our website. Look at our local mission partners' websites for information and ideas for service. Contact Linda Jagiela, Director of Outreach, for additional suggestions. Make plans to go and serve ASAP.

Music in Preparation for Worship

Joel Krott, Organ

Chaconne in D Minor

L. Couperin

Introit

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Vulpus

Chapel Choir

*Call to Worship

Elder Gayle Payne

From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,
Come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to
cleanse, and to liberate from the slavery of selfishness,

Come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross, to lead the way, to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,

Come, Lord Jesus.

continued

Today, in this place, to us,
Come, Lord Jesus. We adore you and we desire to follow you.

*Prayer of Adoration

Elder Payne

*Hymn No. 213

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

***Seating interlude

Call to Confession & Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Allen

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of those who are broken and sorrowful. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that, truly turning away from our sins and acknowledging our need, we may gain from you, God of all mercy, full forgiveness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Time of silent and personal prayer as the Kyrie is sung.

Kyrie

Carol Manion, Piano

Kyrie

Merbecke

Nadia Khalifa, Alto (Grade 8)

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Allen

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks to God for this indescribable gift.

Sharing with our Young Disciples

Rev. Spencer

Anthem

Carol Manion, Piano

The Children's Prayer

Powell

Choristers

Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer ('debts')

Rev. Spencer

Offertory



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Offertory Music

Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name

Spiritual, Arr. Dennard

Chapel Choir; Matthew Stewart, Tenor (Grade 10)

Hush, Hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
I'm so glad that trouble don't last always. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
I'm so glad I got my 'rigion in time. Hallelujah, Lord!
I'm so glad I got my 'rigion in time. Oh, glory, Lord!
I'm so glad I got my 'rigion in time. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
Hush, Hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
Soon one morning, death come creepin' in my room. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?
Hush, Hush, somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?

*Doxology No. 809

Sermon

Rev. Stuart Spencer

"What a Waste!"

Scripture: John 12 : 1-8 (Pew Bible page 106 NT)

Sermon Series: *Meeting Jesus at the Table*

*Hymn No. 231

Ah, Holy Jesus

Music in Preparation for Service

Layla Joshi, Organ

Ah, Holy Jesus

Brahms Op. 22 No. 2

Benediction and Going Forth; [Ways Video](#) (Luke Maxted)

Rev. Spencer

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9:00 a.m. Worship Ministry

Acolytes: Sam and Alex Long; **Beadle:** Elder Gayle Payne; **Audio Technician:** Harris Ransom; **Live Stream Technician:** Jonathan Nawrocki; **Ushers:** John Miller, Patrick McIlroy, Steve Emerson; **Flower Arrangers:** Stacy Schaffer and Karen Arsenault; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Arranger:** Jean Donahue; **Deacons 3rd Sunday Flower Deliverers:** Sarah Clarke Boone and Karen Hynoski; **Trustee Greeter:** John Miller; **Sanctuary Greeter:** Stephen Minister Jim Cole; **Deacon Greeter:** Deacon Bobbi Voglesong; **Nursery Caregiver:** Chelsea Margerum; **Coffee Hospitality:** Volunteers*/property staff

Worship flowers are given by Sheila Schneider to the glory of God and in loving memory of Franz Schneider and our parents.

**Volunteers are now needed to support our coffee hospitality on Sunday mornings and set up and clean up the coffee service area. Our property staff is quite busy on Sundays and may be in other areas of the building. Please contact Sue Piper or Lissa Herman if you can periodically assist with this ministry.*

Work of God's People (See *Connections*, eblast, website and Church Center app for details)



Invite a friend to worship. **New Holy Week/Easter postcards** are available throughout the church beginning **Sunday, March 10** so you can pick one up and invite someone to Holy Week or Easter events March 28-March 31. There are address lines if you would like to mail it as well. The worship guides for **Sunday, March 17** will have the postcards inserted for your convenience (both services).



Saturday, March 23: [Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden Work Day \(9am-5pm\)](#) -- We will be working with our garden builders to remove sod, till soil, lay down weed-prevention fabric, and spread compost and wood chips. Would you be willing to come out for an hour or more to help with this work? Your help is definitely welcomed and friends of all ages are encouraged (YOUTH: earn service hours). Let Leslie Spencer know you are interested, RSVP online or just show up!

Children 2-10 are invited to the [Children's Easter Celebration](#) (Saturday, March 23, 10:30 am). No cost, donations of non-perishable food items welcomed. Remember your basket! We will be outside so dress accordingly. **Several (8) teen and adult volunteers are needed, can you help out for a time? Youth: earn service hours too!**



NEW: Centering Prayer series; Wednesdays in Lent **Feb. 21-March 20** (6:30-7:00 pm); Join Pastor Stuart for an introduction to this contemplative prayer known as centering prayer. Stuart shares the biblical foundation for this prayer of surrender with direction on how to begin. Classes are 30 minutes and follow Wednesday's Family Dinner. Meets in the Pastor's Study or via Zoom; See the [Lent and Easter Activity Guide](#) and Church Center event page for Zoom link.

PARENTS: Be sure to check the church calendar for our Easter break schedule for activities, fellowship groups and choir rehearsals March 26-April 7.

WJCMS Concert -- On Palm Sunday March 24, West Jersey Chamber Music Society ends its concert season with Festival Music for Choir, Brass, Organ and Percussion being performed by members of the West Jersey Chamber Symphony and Chorale and Adult Choir. Tickets online at www.wjcms.org.

Adult Spiritual Formation: [1 Corinthians study](#) (10:15-11:15 am, Fellowship Hall) led by Lissa Herman, Lorenzo Eagles and Paul Gordon. Indicate interest online and stop by on Sunday mornings. Runs through May 19.

Children & Families: Pick up fish banks for One Great Hour of Sharing offering and Lent-in-a-Box kits at Sunday School. See *Connections* for more information.

Palm Sunday Offering -- One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assists in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

"At The Table" Maundy Thursday Drama & Communion – Thursday, March 28 (7:00 pm), a special event presentation of monologues and duets to mark Holy Week (Miller Commons); Alex Wilkie director

Good Friday Tenebrae Worship – Friday, March 29 (7:30 pm), a service of light and darkness marked by the gradual extinguishing of candles and loud sound or *strepitus* marking Jesus' death.

Celebrate the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday with three worship services: 6:30 am Sunrise Worship (at the Cemetery Cross); 9:00 am Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:00 am Contemporary (Miller Commons). Invite someone to join you. A Love Feast or Agape Meal will be passed at each of the services.

The church office/campus is closed Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter Monday.