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Service for the Lord's Day

Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude "The Palms" Faure

Call to Worship *from John 12:13, 15*

Hosanna to the King of Israel!

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

Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt.

* Processional Hymn 196 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

God of light,

you sent Jesus Christ to illumine the world.

Yet we stumble in the dark

as those who do not know where they are going.

We dwell in lies and act as if you do not know us.

We live by fixed rules and resist your mercy.

We question your love and stray from truth that might set us free.

Take away our sin.

Speak your mercy so that we can hear your voice

and receive the fullness of your eternal life;

through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

* Silent Confession

* Kyrie 437 ***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace
During the season of Lent, we refrain from singing alleluia.

Words of Welcome

Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-9 (OT p. 667)

Psalter: Psalm 118 (Hymnal 391)

The choir will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.

A Time with Children

Anthem "Hosanna!" Linda Spevacek-Avery

Gospel Lesson: John 12:9-19 (NT p. 982)

Sermon: "More Than One Celebrity in the Parade" Rev. Carter
Sermon Series: Concealed and Revealed

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 197 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (Hymnal p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Minute for One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering

Offertory "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" arr. Lani Smith

* Response 694, verse 1

***Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care.
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start;
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.***

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 198 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Calvary" arr. William Farley Smith

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

Flowers are given by Cass Morgan in memory of Heidi Matthews.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William G. Carter
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Diane Randall
Usher	Bett Ellis and Diana Pope-Albright

Journey Through Grief - Losing a loved one is a difficult time. Often, we don't know where to turn for support. Through our Deacons, FPCCS offers a series of books that can help people after a loss. The **Journey Through Grief** books is a series of four books sent out over the first year after someone dies. The first one goes out about 2 weeks after the death and the other are spaced so the last one arrives about a month before the anniversary of them passing. They were developed by the Stephen Ministries to offer spiritual help to people who are grieving.

If you or someone you know has suffered a loss, we are happy to send these books. They don't need to be church members or even live close by. They have gone to people in many states. Contact Judy Cutler at 570-446-9310 or jdragonflyc@hotmail.com if you would like them sent to someone. She will need the name and address of the person they are going to and the name and date of death of the person who passed.



Palm Sunday, March 29 – Worship at 10 a.m.

LIFT program in Fellowship Hall following worship

Maundy Thursday, April 2 - Worship at 7:30 p.m.

Lord's Supper with Tenebrae ("Shadows")

Good Friday, April 3 - Worship at 12:00 noon

Marking the Passion of Jesus

Easter Sunday, April 5 – Worship at 10 a.m.

Festive worship followed by an Easter Egg hunt

One Great Hour of Sharing – Phil Muntzel will speak for One Great Hour of Sharing. We're more than halfway there! Because we believe that all people are created and loved by God, our faith compels us to work toward justice for all in the way of Christ Jesus. This Easter, may we do our part to be the Church together by supporting One Great Hour of Sharing and the justice ministries it supports.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, **scan**



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 29

- 10 a.m., Worship in the Sanctuary and online
- 11:00 a.m., Confirmation, Room 206
- 11:15 a.m., LIFT Program, Fellowship Hall
- 3 p.m., OA, Room 210

Tuesday, March 31

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10:00 a.m., My Brother's Keeper Quilt
- 6:15 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary

Wednesday, April 1

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer & Share
- 12:00 p.m., Bridge Club
- 6 p.m., Adult Education, "The Celtic Way," Room 206
- 7 p.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 111

Maundy Thursday, April 2

- 8:30 a.m., Men's Breakfast, Room 206
- 7:30 p.m., Worship in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 3

- 12:00 p.m., Bridge Club
- 12:00 p.m., Worship in the Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4

- 9:45 a.m., OA

Sunday, April 5

- 10 a.m., Worship
- 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour with Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship Hall

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God equips God's people for ministry in the world and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for worship.

- We gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

Free Bibles: Take What You Need! Help yourself to one (or more) of the Bibles on a table in the Narthex. If you want more, there are a couple of boxes of used red pew Bibles in Room 210. Everybody needs a Bible! Help us find new homes for them.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Debbie, Molly, Ellen S., John, Nancy, Sarah, Carol, Leslie, Kim, Stuart, Kathy, Timothy, Claire, Craig K., Gary K., Judy S., AJ, Lee, Sally, Terry, Estelle, Nate, Len, Millie, Faith, Erin, Katie, Mary, Sue and family, Margaret, Jim L., Robyn, K.J., Christine, Rachel and family, Theresa, Cindy, Bob, Dick, Kate, Shirley, Peg, Dorina, Jane & Family, Stan and Leona, Denise H. and family, Char and Family, Renee and Wendy.

Our Lenten Series: "The Celtic Way – When Heaven Touches Earth"

On Wednesdays in Lent, we will explore the Celtic contributions to the Christian Life. Join us each week at 6:00 pm in Room 206 (Session Room). We will meet an ancient saint or two, reflect on the "Thin Places" we have known, and discuss the high crosses and the ornate vines that decorate them. All are welcome! The six-week series runs from February 25 through Wednesday, April 1.

FPC Young(er) Adults - On Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m., we will go bowling with some of the church youth at Idle Hours North, 2008 Scranton-Carbondale Hwy, Scranton, PA. All adults and youth are welcome. Contact Michael at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691 to join for this and other events. We also have a Facebook group you can join!

Today, Palm Sunday, March 29 - L.I.F.T. Program for Holy Week - We will host a L.I.F.T. (Living in Faith Together) program after worship on Palm Sunday, with a lesson and activities over a simple lunch for all in Fellowship Hall. Households of all ages and sizes will break bread together as we hear God's Word and engage in discussion and activities. Can you make a crockpot of soup to share? Please let Jana know.

Upcoming Spring Lunch: Please join us and our guests from the Clarks Summit State Hospital on April 7 at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in attending lunch and fellowship, or if you have questions about this event. contact Janet at 570-563-1887. She is looking for several bakers to provide cookies and/or fancy breads. Due to allergies, please NO NUTS.