



*Drawing on our heritage, centered in Jesus Christ, looking to the future;
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church reaches out with the Gospel to our community and the world.*

April 2023

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SUNDAY AT DMPC

Worship each Sunday is 
 broadcast live over WDNE 1240 AM
 and live-streamed on
 our Facebook Group
www.dmpc.org

Dear Friends,

We are well on our way to Holy Week and Easter! Lent is a time of anticipation, reflection and hope as we move toward the week of Jesus’ trial, torture and death. As Christians we know and believe that this was not the end. The resurrection is the defining moment of our faith. Death does not have the final say in Jesus’ life, nor in ours. Paul says that nothing, not even death, separates us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

During Holy Week, First Baptist Church will be hosting the Community Holy Week services beginning on Monday, April 3 and ending on Good Friday, April 7. Each day the service will begin at 12:00 o’clock noon followed by a luncheon prepared by the women of the churches in the community. In addition, on Thursday evening we will be having a joint Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here at DMPC at 7:00p.m.

Continue to observe a Holy Lent by prayer, meditation and if you choose, fasting, as we move together toward Holy Week. Prepare to go to the cross with our Savior and then on Easter morning celebrate his glorious resurrection. I look forward to the journey with you!

In prayerful anticipation,

Peter

SESSION NOTES FROM THE MARCH SESSION MEETING...

At its March 13th meeting the Session attended to the following items:

- *Sue Chenoweth presented a devotional of reflection on Micah 6:8, *What does the Lord Require of Us?*
- *Voted to transfer the membership of Bob and Pat Gilchrist to the Pioneer Presbyterian Church in Belpre, Ohio
- *A second vote to grant a request from Bob McCutcheon for \$2,295.00 to cover registration fee and itemized expenses to attend a Travel Study Seminar with Presbyterian Native Americans in the Southwestern United States. Funds will come from the Angel Fund.
- *As holders of Citizens Financial Corporation stock, Session voted on proxies regarding the make-up of the Board of Directors of the Bank.
- *Treasurer Sherri Marstiller announced the outcome of our claim to property held in the office of the State Treasurer of West Virginia. Dividends issued in 1997, 1998 and 1999 totaled \$1,432.49 and were deposited.
- * Monthly financial summaries for February 2023 were shared. Finance Committee held an audit of 2022 records and practices; a report was distributed. Committee will meet at 2:00 on April 4th.
- *Session voted to accept a bid of \$12,170 from Don Shriver's Video Drain Service to locate and repair the drain blockage and subsequent flooding in the basement. Emergency lights have been replaced throughout the building per Fire Marshal's order. Graham Simon Plumbing will replace the toilet in the out-of-order bathroom upstairs.
- *The Interim Pastoral Nominating Committee has met with General Presbyter Ed Thompson and will begin the Ministry Information Form work.
- *Pastor and Mrs. Vial have moved into their new home at 1623 S. Davis Ave.

EASTER LILIES...

The Presbyterian Women will be purchasing Easter Lilies for the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Donations for lilies can be made in honor or in memory of someone and will be \$10.00 each. In lieu of lilies, you can make a donation in honor or in memory of someone to the Presbyterian Women's Scholarship Fund. Your gift is a way to show support for our Youth. Forms are due in the church office by April 4. Please make checks to DMPC for PW Scholarship Fund.

Lenten Candle Liturgy

This year, the Worship Committee decided to use a candle extinguishing liturgy (trocaire.org) during Sunday Worship services to reflect upon the tone of Lenten Season and each of the seven final statements which Christ said on the Cross.

“Seven Statements from the Cross” uses one candle for each Sunday before Easter and Maundy Thursday – six purple and one rose, for the fourth (Laetare) Sunday. On the first Sunday of Lent, all candles were lit and the one at the top of the cross was extinguished during the devotional. Once extinguished, candles are not re-lit. The succession will continue until Maundy Thursday, when only the last candle will be lit and extinguished and we remember that Christ’s suffering was not in vain and that Jesus Christ died on the Cross to redeem humankind and to save us from our sins because of his salvific love for us.



February 26 - First Sunday of Lent: Lenten Candle Liturgy- with our prayers and sacrifices this Lenten season, each Sunday will recall one of Jesus’ final seven statements on the Cross. Jesus Said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ (Luke 23:34) (left) Lynn Proudfoot lighting all the candles (right) Dana Marzolf at the lectern as the first candle is extinguished by Lynn.



March 5
2nd Sunday of Lent
Jesus spoke to the thief on the Cross saying ‘I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in Paradise.’ (Luke 23:43) Braden Huffman and Tyler Perske



March 12
3rd Sunday of Lent
When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, ‘Dear woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ (John 19:26-27).
Brenda and Bob Hermanson



March 19
4th Sunday of Lent
‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ (Matthew 27:46)
Everett and Nate Garver-Daniels



March 26
5th Sunday of Lent
Jesus knew that everything was now finished, and to fulfill the Scriptures he said, ‘I am thirsty.’ (John 19:28).
Cliff and Sherri Marsteller

WHAT IS HOLY WEEK?

The week preceding Easter is known as Holy Week. It begins on Palm Sunday and is traditionally a week of somber reflection on the events preceding Jesus' death: his triumphant entry into Jerusalem; his betrayal by Judas; his Last Supper with his twelve apostles; his arrest, crucifixion and death; and his burial in a tomb.

WHAT IS PALM SUNDAY?

On Palm Sunday, Christians celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, which occurred several days before his death. According to the gospels, the people of Jerusalem spread branches from trees—identified specifically as palm branches in John's gospel—on the road to welcome Jesus as he rode a donkey into the city. Because of this, many Christian churches today offer congregants palm fronds as they enter the church on Palm Sunday. In some denominations, the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and of his death is read in church on Palm Sunday, juxtaposing the welcome Jesus received on one day with his betrayal and arrest a few days later.

WHAT IS HOLY THURSDAY?

On Holy Thursday (also called Maundy Thursday), Christians commemorate the Last Supper—a Passover meal that Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his death. During the meal, Jesus broke bread and offered his followers wine, saying “This is my body, given up for you.” Many Christians consider this event to have been the institution of the [Eucharist](#), which is a sacrament in some denominations.

WHAT IS THE PASSION?

Though today the word “passion” has romantic connotations, it was originally derived from the Latin word *passio*, meaning suffering. In religious contexts, the Passion (often capitalized) refers to the torture, crucifixion, and death of Jesus.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held immediately after the morning service.

PALM SUNDAY

COFFEE

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a coffee hour after the morning service. Please join us.

PALM SUNDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

We will hold a joint service with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here at DMPC.

APRIL 6, 2023 @7:00PM

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS CORNER...

We would like to thank all who participated in the “Bread and Broth” dinners and discussion group. Twenty or more attended each week. The soups were great and the discussions very thought provoking. We wish to give a special thank you to Brenda and Jane for supervising the kitchen clean-up.

Twelve voting members were present for the second half of our congregational meeting on March 19. The end of the year reports were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to go back to our pre Covid-19 service on Easter Sunday. We will once again pass the offering plate and pass the peace on communion Sundays. If you do not wish to shake hands, you may remain seated, fist bump or elbow bump. We will continue to celebrate communion as we have been doing instead of kneeling at the altar railing.

Holy Week services and lunches will be held April 3 through April 7 at the First Baptist Church, 412 Randolph Avenue with worship service beginning at noon. Our ladies will provide desserts on April 3.

Our next “Common Grounds Café” will be held on May 6.

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: Mary Rose Rinell on 3/23 and Lance Bond on 3/24!

The Legend of the Dogwood

At the time of Crucifixion the dogwood had been the size of the oak and other forest trees. So firm and strong was the tree that it was chosen as the timber for the cross. To be used thus for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the tree, and Jesus nailed upon it, sensed this.

In His gentle pity for all sorrow and suffering Jesus said to the tree:

“Because of your regret and pity for My suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross — two long and two short petals. And in the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with red, and in the center of the flower will be a crown of thorns, and all who see it will remember.”





APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Judy Guye Swanson
- 4 Brenda Hermanson
- 8 Lynn Hartley
- 8 Will Proudfoot
- 11 Richard Fath
- 12 Jan Burr
- 12 Melody Loudin
- 13 Scott Kyle
- 13 Matthew Maynard
- 14 Stephanie Riddle
- 21 Rachel Varner
- 25 Sonja Corbin
- 25 Seth Maynard
- 26 Marshall Crawford
- 27 William Kump
- 30 Mina Cupp



April 14 Allan & Judy Swanson

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- April 2-8 Holy Week**
- April 2 Palm Sunday**
- April 6 Maundy Thursday**
- April 7 Good Friday**
- April 9 Easter Sunday**
- April 4 2:00pm Finance Committee
- April 5 4:30pm Prayer Group/Jean Snedegar's
- 5:30pm Capital Gifts
- April 6 10:00am PW Coordinating Team
- 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
- April 10 6:30pm Session
- April 13 10:00am Circle 2/White Chapel
- 1:30pm Circle 1/White Chapel
- April 15 & 16 Church Directory Pictures
- April 19 4:30pm Prayer Group/Jean Snedegar's
- April 27 1:30pm Property Committee
- Mondays @6:30pm Boy Scouts
- Tuesdays @6:00pm Girl Scouts





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| Minister | Rev. Dr. Peter A. Vial |
| Director of Music | Dr. Melody Meadows |
| Assistant Organist | Mark Armentrout |
| Church Secretary | Marsha Gardner |
| Clerk of Session | Lynn Proudfoot |
| Financial Secretary | Dr. Larry Wing |
| Treasurer | Sherri Marstiller |
| After School Program | Monica Varchetto |
| Kids Club | Nate Garver-Daniels |
| Custodian | Dan Harper |

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CIRCLE MEETINGS

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| CIRCLE 1 | Mina Cupp, Chair April 13 @11:30pm in the White Chapel |
| CIRCLE 2 | Linda Rudy, Chair April 13 @10:00am in the White Chapel |

Join us on [Facebook](#)! Join the *Group* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" to receive current announcements, discuss topics, see our growing photo gallery, and generally stay in touch. Follow our Facebook *Page* "Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church" for live-streaming worship.

