

LIVING THE STORY OF GOD THIS WEEK

Today 8:30a HS Youth Group Breakfast: Foundation
M 9:30a Women's Bible Study: Fellowship Hall
6:30p Celebrate Recovery: Fellowship Hall
T 9:30a Coffee Break: Fellowship Hall - Easter Brunch
6:30p Divorce Care: Classroom E
6:30p GriefShare: Fellowship Hall & Online
W 5:00p CR Step Study: Classroom E
7:00p Prayer Meeting: Fellowship Hall
T 7:00p Maundy Thursday Worship: Fairlawn Church
F 7:00p Good Friday Worship: Sanctuary

Holy Week Calendar

MAUNDY THURSDAY — April 14: Worship will be at 7pm with our brothers and sisters at Fairlawn CRC.

GOOD FRIDAY — April 15: Worship will be at 7pm in the sanctuary. The Lord's Supper will be served. Families are encouraged to worship together as nursery will not be provided.

EASTER SUNDAY — April 17: Join us for morning worship at 9:30am as a family. Please spread the word to your family, colleagues, friends and invite them to worship with us! There will be no KidStreet—the nursery will be open.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS — This is a tradition found in Christian art as early as the sixth century. The flowering of the cross represents the transition from Good Friday to Easter, from meditation on Jesus' death to joyful celebration of his resurrection. The ceremony transforms a barren cross, a reminder of Jesus' death, into an Easter symbol. This Easter Sunday we are requesting you bring and place a colorful fresh flower on the cross in the sanctuary. If you do not have any flowers or greens in your garden, we will provide one for you.

CARE — COME ALONGSIDE OTHERS

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER — *"Jesus Christ, we thank you for your love. You loved us when we were sinners, hopeless and condemned. You entered Jerusalem with a cheerful heart knowing what was ahead of you, for our sake. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate your love, your humility, and your selflessness. We magnify your name. Let our hearts meditate on your sacrifice on the cross to set us free, and the promise of your second coming to take us to your Father. Amen"*. Pray for Debbie VandenAkker who is scheduled for a shoulder replacement next Thursday—we pray for a swift recovery!

SERVE — CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS & RESOURCES

OUR SECOND OFFERING — Today will be for the GEMS Girls Clubs. Thanks for your support!

HELPING HANDS — The purpose of this ministry is to have the opportunity to be the **Hands and Feet of Jesus** by ministering to those in need or simply by volunteering in church. We are focused on assisting those in need and asking members to showcase their gifts by volunteering in many aspects of church life and who are also willing to help out in times of need. Please fill-out the card in your mailbox and return to Sadie in the office—*Many Thanks!*

GROW — CULTIVATE YOUR FAITH

COFFEE BREAK EASTER BRUNCH INVITATION — Please Join us next Tuesday at 9:30am for an Easter brunch. Bring your children, grandchildren and invite your friends—there will be plenty of food and fellowship—*Anna Bloem*

"GOING PUBLIC" — Interested in processing with others what it means to profess before God and His Church, or to become full confessing members of the church? Join Pastor Matthew for a (3- part) **Profession of Faith** class taking place after worship May 1, May 15, and May 22. Profession of faith (or confirmation as its called in other traditions) is an opportunity for the baptized to publicly declare their personal faith in Christ and take their place within the church community. In baptism, God embraces us into his covenant family in Jesus Christ. In our profession of faith we respond to God's embrace of us by declaring our personal faith and commitment as members in Christ. The class will run from 11:30am - 1:30 pm and will include lunch together. The class is open to middle and high school age students. Questions or ready to join in? Talk to Pastor Matthew or send an email to matthew@pscrc.org.

CRC SOFTBALL OUTREACH MINISTRY — Men 16 years and older interested in fun, competition, and fellowship are invited to join the combined Pleasant Street and Fairlawn CRC team. Games are played on Monday evenings at 6pm from mid April through early August. For more information, contact Scott Schneider at SMSchneider68@hotmail.com or Jonathan Steele at jsteele1964@gmail.com.

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Welcome! We are so glad that you are here!



If you have been worshiping with us for a long time or you are entering the doors of a church for the first time, it is our hope that you will experience a kind welcome, a sense of genuine community, and the grace and truth of Jesus Christ that the Christian Church has celebrated for centuries. If you're asking questions about faith and spirituality, join us in our formation opportunities and ministry events to learn more and meet others. Help us get to know you or let us know how we can pray for you by filling in the Communication Card in the fellowship hall and putting it in the offering basket—we'll be in touch.

WORSHIP — Celebrate What God Is Doing

We would love to help your kids become devoted followers of Christ! Please visit the Children's Ministry check-in station in the fellowship hall to get a security tag so your children can join us downstairs. The nursery is open for infants through 3 year olds during the whole service. KidStreet Children's Church for age 4-2nd grade is dismissed to go with teachers right before the sermon. Please bring your security tag to pick up your children in the nursery or classroom C after the service. Echo for kids in 3rd-5th grade will meet in classroom B but will be dismissed to the fellowship hall at the end of the service.

We are excited to serve you!

The Lord be with you!

Prayer of Preparation

Loving Father, as we journey with your Son in this week of remembrance and hope, help us to understand you and your love for the world more clearly. Transform us through Jesus Christ and prepare us for service in your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord.

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is right that with full hearts, minds and voices we should praise you.

For Christ has ransomed us with his blood and paid for us the debt of Adam's sin.

The Lord is our strength and our song; He has become our salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever!

SONGS: *Hosanna*

Oh Praise The Name

RENEWAL

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, having heard your word, we acknowledge Jesus, who is King over all the earth. But we also acknowledge that we have not responded faithfully to our King.

Jesus, we need your salvation as much as the crowds who cried Hosanna, and the leaders who plotted your death.

Because of our Sin, your path in this world was from Jerusalem to the Cross, and from the Cross to the tomb.

Jesus, we mistake you for a friendly companion or our personal problem-solver; we fail to see you as King of all creation.

At the start of this holy week, we remember how faithless we have been.

We are embarrassed by your poverty, we are disappointed by your restraint, we are frightened of your suffering. Forgive us by your Cross. Re-shape us under your Crown. Amen.

Words of Assurance

For Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world should be saved.

In Christ, God has set us free. In Christ we are forgiven. Therefore let us be imitators of God, as beloved children.

Silent Reflection on Jesus' Triumphal Entry.

It's often noted that the crowds who shout "Hosanna" are the same crowds that, a few days from now, will shout "Crucify him!" We can be fickle with our loyalty, and our trust is fleeting. Are there days in your life that begin with praises and end with curses? What would you like to say to God about that?

"Hosanna!" means something like "Save, now!" Seeing Jesus come into Jerusalem as the messiah, what in your life right now cries out for saving? What do you long for deliverance from? Where do you feel trapped or abandoned?

Jesus doesn't ride a war-horse on Palm Sunday. He rides a donkey – a symbol of both humility AND royalty. But it's a donkey that's never been ridden, symbolizing that Jesus will be a different kind of King. What captivates you about the different way that Jesus takes power? How is a royal-humble King good news for me this week?

How can I share Jesus' royal-humble reign with a friend or neighbor this week?

SONG: *How Deep The Fathers Love For Us*

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

KidStreet Dismissal

[Children age 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed]

WORD

Morning Prayers

Scripture - John 12: 12-33 + "Palm Sunday and the Donkey King"

COMMIT

ECHO Dismissal

[Students in grades 3-5 are dismissed]

Morning Offerings: 1) Ministries of Pleasant Street; 2) Gems Club

SONG: *All glory, Laud and Honor*

SEND

Benediction

SONG: *Oh Church Arise*

The candle in the front is lit as a symbol that Jesus Christ is present in our worship this morning.