

The Adelphi Presbyterian Church

News



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WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY CONTINUES...

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Be blessed by the circle of love.

Leave with the peace of Christ into the world.

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| March 2 | John 12:24-26
A Grain that Bears Life |
| March 9 | John 15:1, 2, 5, 9-17
A Vine that Bears Fruits |
| March 16 | John 1:3-5
A Light that Shines in Darkness |

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, March 20 11:00 A.M.

Passion/Palm Sunday

(Fish Banks for One Great Hour of Sharing
will be collected during worship)

Thursday, March 24, 7:30 P.M.

Maunday Thursday

(with Communion)

Friday, March 25, 7:30 P.M.

Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 27, 11:00AM (10:55AM)

Easter Sunday Service



(A Note from Y. Eunice Yang: The followings are adapted from “*Liturgical Year – The Worship of God. Supplemental Liturgical Resource 7*” prepared by The Ministry Unit on Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Published by Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, KY.)

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

The service for Passion/Palm Sunday maintains the inherent tension that exists between the joyful entry of the palm processional and the somberness of the passion, the focus of Holy Week. The tradition of the day includes a congregational procession into the church and a reading of the passion narrative.

A tendency in recent years has been to combine the passion and the palms for the following reasons. First, since at least the fourth century, the focus of the first day of Holy Week, or Great Week, has been the passion of Christ. The joy of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem is overshadowed by sober meditation on the suffering and death of Christ.

Secondly, the journey to Jerusalem has the cross as its goal, and the cross needs to be kept in sight even during the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. For those who do not come for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, Passion/Palm Sunday provides an opportunity to hear the entire passion story. Without the death on the cross, there is no resurrection on Easter. Long and careful meditation on the mystery of the cross must precede the wonderful message of Easter.

THE TRIDUUM (“THE THREE DAYS”)

The three final days of the Holy Week (from sunset Thursday through sunset on Easter) complete the commemoration of Christ’s passion. These three days are called the Triduum. Because of the interrelationship of the three days, each service of the Triduum needs the others to tell the whole story. The services provide an

opportunity to travel Christ’s path of servanthood, through the Lord’s Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter.

Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by faithful participation in worship during the preceding week, especially during the whole of the Triduum.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Two elements mark the service of Maundy Thursday: Footwashing and the Lord’s Supper. Footwashing (our church does not do it at this time) in ancient time was a lowly task performed by menials, with or without pay. So, the focus of the footwashing story in the gospel of John is on Jesus (the person not the act of footwashing) who took upon himself the humiliation of the cross, the ultimate symbol of his selfless love for others. The act of footwashing symbolizes our servanthood within and beyond the body of Christ.

We do not reenact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. We observe the Lord’s Supper as the way to celebrate the salvation won for us in Christ and to share with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. We should retain the paradox of the day in which to allow for numerous contemplative moments, and to permit the power of silence to speak for itself. No colors, flowers, candles, or decorative materials are appropriate on Good Friday, except, perhaps, “representations of the way of the cross.”

The passion narrative according to John is read on Good Friday, because at the heart of John’s passion narrative is the good news of the cross – the victory of the cross. Thus, John’s emphasis on crucifixion and glory corresponds to the tension and ambiguity of the day.

EASTER VIGIL (Currently, our church does not provide this service.)

The vigil begun in darkness is traditionally called the “jewel” of Christian service and is the first service of Easter (not the sunrise service), which is a season of 50 days up to Pentecost. The service includes the service of light, the service of the Word, Baptism, and a festival Eucharist.

On the final night of this Easter journey we pause in vigil, at which time we remember stories about who we have been and are now becoming. As the community of faith, we recount our centuries-long pilgrimage culminating in the renewal of baptismal promises. Because we have been here for so long, it takes a long time to tell who we are. We will not be hasty folk on that night.

A “REAL” VISIT FROM THE PRESBYTERY

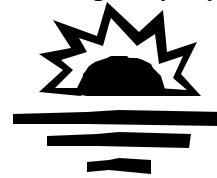
Rev. Carla Gorrell, Interim Associate Presbyter, will preach on **March 6**. Carla was scheduled to preach on January 30. However, the snow came and she could not get out of her house. Let us pray that this time she will bring spring breeze and sunshine with her.



PRESBYTERY MEETING IN JANUARY

National Capital Presbytery met on January 25. A couple of ministers were received and one person was enrolled as candidate for ministry of Word and Sacrament. During lunch, a round table discussion of the vision of the presbytery was held. Heard a report from Dr. R. Bruce Douglas from Reformed Institute about their mission and work. A debate was held regarding General Assembly’s action on divestment of Israeli interests. Disaster Response Task Force reported that the presbytery received 8,500 health kits for tsunami victims. (Later, it was confirmed that the

total kits received were 10,000 – all from the churches of our presbytery.)



TSUNAMI UPDATE

After a couple of snow Sundays, we finally got our health kits together. We have put together 25 kits. They will be delivered to a collection site when the place and time is known. Thank you to those who contributed the materials and money.



RECAP OF LENT EVENT

Lent Event was held on Sunday, February 13, the first Sunday of Lent. We enjoyed good foods and fellowship. A place mat collage was the craft of the day which will be used as a Lenten family devotion. We also watched the video from One Great Hour of Sharing and put together the health kits.



Peace Notes

Published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program

The Presbyterian UN office represents the Presbyterian Church (USA) at the United Nations. Staff members help to equip Presbyterians for discipleship by training them to put faith into action in the global arena. The Presbyterian UN Office bears witness to Jesus Christ by advocating the concerns of the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assemblies to the United Nations. The Presbyterian UN Office is one way in which the church responds to Christ’s call to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and let the oppressed go free.



SINCERE APPRECIATION

The family of Keith Wattay acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and presence for our entire family. The outpouring of support meant so much during this very painful time. Though we miss Keith, we take comfort in knowing he is in God's Care



Help By Phone Dinner Menu

Beef Stew Macaroni & Cheese Spaghetti Pork & Beans	Jell-o Pasta Soup Peanut Butter Fruit	Dry Milk Coffee Tea Cocoa	Pudding Pancake mix Pancake Syrup
Dried Northern Beans	Apple Sauce Baby food Cold Cereals Grits Oatmeal		Red, Green & Yellow Vegetables Rice

We are asked to do something different for the month of March. Each week you will bring one food item per week.

All foods must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet health department regulation. Please bring the above items and place them in the grocery basket in the back of the sanctuary.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



David and Kay Beard, March 15
Richard and Cherry Smith, March 17

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Comfort Anigboh	March 9
Rhoda Nixon	March 11
Percy Kofi Agyei-Obese	March 12
Mebanga Ojong	March 12
Michelle Wiltshire	March 12



Lectionary Reading

March 6: 4th Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalms 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 13 5th Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalms 130
Roman 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 20 Passion/Palm Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11
Psalms 118:1-2/19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9
Psalms 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66/27:11-54

March 27 Easter/Resurrection of the Lord
Acts:10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalms 118: 1-2/14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18
Matthew 28:1-10

March Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Acolytes	Liturgists
March 6 11:00 a.m.	The Milligans	Janet Dolen	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Brandi Wiltshire	Y. Eunice Yang
March 13 11:00 a.m.	Gail Rodman	Jennie Cardin	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	John A. Thurber	Chester Guild
March 20 11:00 a.m.	The Lancasters	Martin Ojong	Tad Jembere Jerome Farley	Verna Obese	Stig Hammond
March 27 11:00 a.m.	Vida Agyei-Obese	Gail Rodman	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Wesley Tembunde	Kathy James

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