

Grace Presbyterian News

April 2021

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Worship; In Person and Live Streamed

In person worship continues with the mask and distancing protocols. I believe our first four Sundays back together have been a blessing. Thank you for your faithfulness and cooperation. After last year when all our Holy Week services were recorded and online only, it was very meaningful to celebrate Palm Sunday together on March 28. That said, we continue to livestream the services for those who want and need to remain at home. That also is a faithful decision in these still uncertain times.

On Maundy Thursday, April 1, we worship at 7:30 p.m. This service celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper. We will have Communion available for those who wish to come forward to the Communion table or the side tables to serve themselves bread and or cup. You can only receive one element and it still "counts" as Communion. This service also incorporates some of the church's ancient liturgy associated with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and concludes with the "stripping of the church," in which worshipers remove items used in the sanctuary so that the church is bare and without decoration or adornment on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, April 2, we also worship at 7:30 p.m. This is the service of Tenebrae, a series of Scripture readings and the extinguishing of candles, emblematic of the gathering darkness surrounding the crucifixion, punctuated by three sung solos of Holy Week texts. This service also contains some ancient liturgy and practices, particularly the "loud knocking" indicative of resurrection, the first glimmer of hope of Easter.

On Easter, April 4, we worship at 11:00 a.m. Please arrive between 10:45 and 10:55 a.m., masked and prepared to take a bulletin from the tables at the doors and find a seat quickly.

Thursday Night Study Group – New Study Begins April 8

The Screwtape Letters has become a Christian classic. Written by C.S. Lewis in 1943, the letters are the correspondence between the devil and a junior demon at work in the world. Obviously this is literary conceit, not to be taken literally. But the exchanges raise questions of Christian belief and conduct. Even if the British setting during World War II is a bit removed from present experience we can learn from it. These studies meet on Zoom, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., April 8-May 27. If you were not part of the previous Thursday night study, but would like to join this one, send Mike an email at jmkrech@yahoo.com.

Presbyterian Women Circles on Zoom (Lesson 8 in the Book)

The Night Circle meets Monday, April 12, at 7:00 p.m. and the Day Circle Tuesday, April 13, at 10:00 a.m.

Other Ongoing Activities On Zoom in April

Adult Sunday School meets on Zoom Sundays, at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School meets on Zoom Sundays, at 9:30 a.m.

Morning prayer meets on Zoom Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Game/Trivia night meets on Zoom Fridays, April 9 and 23, at 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Names on the dates are birthdays		1 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion <i>Judy Rutkauskas</i>	2 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Worship <i>Grace Lawson</i>	3 <i>Sierra Fry</i>
4 Easter 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship in person & live- streamed <i>Josie Benassi</i>	5	6	7 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	8 7:00 p.m. Screwtape Letters Study on Zoom <i>Jean Markham</i>	9 7:00 p.m. Game Night on Zoom	10 10:00 a.m. Presbyterial PW meeting on Zoom
11 9:00 Adult Sunday School on Zoom 9:30 Children's Sunday School on Zoom 11:00 Worship in person & live- streamed/Easter2 <i>Josie Benassi</i>	12 7:00 pm PW Night Circle On Zoom <i>Brooks Keiser</i>	13 10:00 a.m. PW Day Circle on Zoom	14 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer on Zoom	15 7:00 p.m. Screwtape Letters Study on Zoom	16 <i>Chuck Walker</i>	17
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