Marple Presbyterian Church



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK Sunday, March 30 - 10:30 a.m. Worship, Fourth Sunday in Lent Pastor Jim Reisner Preaching – Sermon – Whosoever

The theology of the cross is nevertheless first of all a statement about God, and what it says about God is not that God thinks humankind so wretched that it deserves death and hell, but that God thinks humankind and the whole creation so good, so beautiful, so precious in its intention and potentiality, that its actualization, its fulfillment, its redemption is worth dying for.

> Douglas John Hall The Cross in Context: Jesus and the Suffering World

The sermon this week is really part two of a two-part series. The third and fourth chapters of the Gospel of John are meant to be read together. They tell two lengthy stories of people who have an encounter with Jesus: Nicodemus (chapter 3) and the woman at the well (chapter 4). The two are foils to one another. Nicodemus is a person of stature and position; the woman at the well has none of that. She is as far away from a candidate for grace that a devout Jew of Jesus' time could possibly imagine.

Thus, she represents the 'whosoever' of John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, that whosoever believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life."

We welcome you to join us in-person or virtually. You can access the live stream on Twitch <u>HERE</u>.

The live stream link and weekly bulletins are also available on our website, <u>www.marplepres.org</u>.

During Sundays in Lent, Pastor Reisner will lead an adult class after worship to be held in the newly renovated library. The class will include spiritual discernment and Biblical reflection and will serve the purpose of developing a new Mission Study for Marple Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend.

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP Saturday, March 29 10 am – 4 pm Tuesday, April 1 10 am – 3 pm

Wednesday, April 2 – Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm zoom.us/j/6103561098 PW MPC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, April 6 – Worship and Communion Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday Worship, Deadline to order Easter Flowers Wednesday, April 16 – Session Meeting at 7 pm Thursday, April 17 at 7 pm – Maundy Thursday Worship Service in the Chapel Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday Worship Service Sunday, April 27 - Cantata SPRING CLEANUP DAY – Please join us for our annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 5th from 10 am to 1 pm. As they say, *many hands make light work*! There are multiple ways for anyone who comes by to help. Please bring a rake (grass rake or hard rake) as our main task will be to rake out the gardens, spread mulch and repair lawn areas dug up by the snow plowing.



We have plenty of tasks to do inside the buildings for those of you who prefer to be inside. Please bring a Swiffer or Mr Clean sponge if working inside. It is a great way to get to spend time

serving the church together, so mark the date on your calendar and we'll see you there.

The rain date is April 12th from 9 am to 12 pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT– Please join us after the service on Easter Sunday for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will be holding an Egg Hunt for children in the Courtyard immediately **after worship on April 20**th. There will be candy, games, and lots of fun for everyone. We hope to



see you there!

We appreciate donations of individual miniature non-peanut Easter candy and help filling all the plastic eggs. Candy donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex or dropped off at the church office for

the next few weeks. Feel free to chat with Debbie Pettinelli for more information.

Sunday, April 13th • 10:30 am

Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship Service Sermon: The Two Parades

Thursday, April 17th • 7:00 pm, Chapel

Maundy Thursday Worship Service Communion Sermon: Commanded to Love

Sunday, April 20th • 10:30 am Easter Sunday Worship Service

Sermon: Like Him We Rise

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Easter Flowers Order Form

Please fill out this form and return to the church office with your payment no later than Sunday, April 13th if you would like to place a flower in the sanctuary for Easter.

Envelope No.	
Quantity	
\$9/each	
TOTAL	

During this time of pastoral transition please be aware that the Deacons will be available for addressing and communicating any pastoral needs. You can email or text/call:

Joyce Holmwood	jholmwood433@comcast.net	610-888-7458
	OR	
Linda Pursley	lpursley1981@gmail.com	631 942- 5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.