



# GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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## PALM SUNDAY

March 25, 2018

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M.

*Lenten Service Project*  
**Church School for all Ages**



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## EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

9:30 A.M.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

*Communion*

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### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

offerings will be collected during Lent. These offerings support the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Envelopes are available in the pews.

**Lenten Service Project:** Our goal is to collect enough for 100 bags. If you are donating items, they are due back on **March 25** when church school students will sort and bag the items during the Church School hour. Thanks for helping us help others in our community.

**Special Worship Service:** Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The West Deptford Madrigal Singers will be performing. Dutch treat dinner at Charlie Browns (sign up in the chapel) to follow.

## HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING...

Choosing music for worship can be a daunting task. There are many things to consider. There are many aids which can help in this decision process. The Liturgical Year, Lectionary and Sermon Topics provide a framework, but I believe that it is important to also consider the current needs and concerns of our congregation.

Every church is different. Considering all the available demographics both cultural and age related, you can begin to get a picture of an individual congregation. I have the fortunate and wonderful situation of having my entire family in our church. We are all involved in many different aspects. This allows me to have a clearer picture of our membership. Additionally I am serving in my 34<sup>th</sup> year as Minister of Music. I have watched members grow up and become leaders. I know the families and have struggled with the many issues we all have encountered over the past decades. Therefore when choosing a hymn for worship, I attempt to allow all of this to assist me in the selection.

Music touches us in many ways. Corporate singing has many benefits that are indescribable. When singing a hymn, we are all breathing together. This alone connects us in a way which is truly dramatic. I believe in the power of singing to express the many feelings that we have difficulty expressing. When combined with a love of God and the common purpose of achieving good, we can, in small ways, change the world.

As always I encourage each of you to participate in the music of the church. Your voice is beautiful to God's ear and the depth of feeling that you will experience will be something that I promise you will not regret.

As the great hymn so beautifully expresses:

*My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far off hymn  
that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my in most calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of Heaven and Earth,  
how can I keep from singing!*

The love of Christ be with you all.

Jack Hill  
Minister of Music



**Women's Retreat:** April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening will be 6-9 and Saturday will be 9-12. Suggested donation is \$15. The leader for this retreat will be Sarah Craven. She is the associate pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church Cherry Hill. The topic she will lead on is Her Story, My Story, Our Story.

Please join us for dinner on Friday night and time for fellowship. Saturday we will offer a Continental breakfast with more discussion from Sarah. We look forward to this time with all ages of women from our church. There is a sign-up sheet in the chapel.

**THE EASTER OFFERINGS,** given through the designated yellow envelopes in your box, support our children and youth who go to Camp Johnsonburg and other Christian camps through scholarships. Thanks to your generosity, our kids have some Christian adventure opportunities in the summer.

**APRIL MEETINGS:** Because of the Easter holiday, all Monday meetings will be pushed back a week:

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Church office closed
- April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM – Trustees (Sunday meeting this month)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Task Force Chairpersons Meeting; 7:00 Task Force Meetings
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00 pm Session
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Deacons

**YOUTH GROUP: SATURDAY Worship Service – March 24, 2017.** All are welcome to come and support and join the Youth at 6:00 pm.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Rummage Sale will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS:**

**ADULT CLASS** with Dave Platt will be continuing a series entitled, *Praying the Names of Jesus*.

**LENTEN BLOCK:** *He Chose the Nails*. Join us for the final class in this series on March 25 at 11:00 am.

**SPRING BLOCK CLASSES**

**April 15 – May 6**

*Christian Worldview vs. Current Scientific Theories*

Do you ever wonder about Origins? How did the universe begin? How did life begin? Were Adam and Eve the first humans? Is evolution a fact?

Starting April 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have 4 consecutive Sunday Spring block classes (11 am) dealing with these questions and compare and contrast scientific theories with Biblical explanations. These classes will be led by Van Lynch, a former high school science teacher and former adjunct professor at Rowan University.

Please bring your Bible and your questions!

**COMMUNITY DINNER**  
*Thursday, April 12*  
**5:30 P.M.**



*Join the church and community for a time of delicious food and fellowship!*



**ANNUAL GOEPEL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Following 9:30 service

**SAVE A LIFE!** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, May 16. It will run from 1:00-6:30 P.M. Please donate a pint of blood to help someone in need! No appointment is necessary.



**PALM SUNDAY**

**March 25**

9:30 AM – Worship Service

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**March 29**

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**March 30**

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 1**

9:30 a.m. Easter Service

**Church Picnic - Save the Date:** On June 3, our Church Wide picnic will be held from 12-3. It will take place at Red Bank Battlefield and everyone is encouraged to come have fun! More details and sign-up sheet to come.

**JOHNSONBURG WOMEN’S RETREAT: April 20-22, 2018.** Join women of all ages for a weekend of reflection, rejuvenation and recreation! All of this will create a memorable weekend not to be missed. Retreat fee: \$160 for a semi-private room, \$180 for a private room. The retreat includes: Two nights lodging and Friday Dinner through Sunday Lunch. For more information and to register online, visit [www.campjburg.org](http://www.campjburg.org), or call (908) 852-2349.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Carol Bowersox, Meghan Orem, Don Tatham, Alex Jenei, Harriet Crockett, Florence Meyer, Fred Davis, Emma Mustard, Brian Praetzel, Dorothy VanHorn, Megan Lolly, Wayne Dahmer, and Amelia Exley. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers, including Jonathan Gabler, Nathan Wadding, Cameron Wadding, Jarrod Fetty, and Wesley Tatham.

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: MARCH 25 - 31, 2018**

- Palm Sunday:* 9:30 AM Worship Service/Baptism
- 10:45 AM Children’s Choir
- 11:00 AM Church School for all ages/Lenten Service Project
- Monday:* 10:00 AM Pitman Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
- 7:00 PM SJ Choral Arts Rehearsal
- Tuesday:* 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- Wednesday:* 7:00 PM Cub Scout Leader’s Meeting
- Thursday:* 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday:* 7:00 PM Good Friday Service

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: APRIL 1-8, 2018**

- Easter:* 9:30 AM Worship Service/Communion
- 10:45 AM Children’s Choir
- 11:00 AM Church School for all ages
- Monday:* Church Office Closed
- 6:30 PM Girl Scouts
- 7:00 PM SJ Choral Arts Rehearsal
- Tuesday:* 6:30 PM Cub Scouts
- Thursday:* 6:30 PM Boy Scouts
- Friday:* 6-9 PM Women’s Retreat
- Saturday:* 8:30 AM Handy Helpers
- 9:00 AM Women’s Retreat
- Sunday:* 9:30 AM Worship Service
- 10:45 AM Annual Goepel Pancake Breakfast