



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcoming All,
Worshipping Christ,
Working to Share
God's Love!

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First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

10:00 AM

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

We Gather in God's Name

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn (2X) Draw the Circle Wide *Draw the Circle*
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.
No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Prelude The Poet Speaks *R. Schumann*

* Call to Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

One: Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

All: *As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.*

One: In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt, and temptation.

All: *As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.*

One: Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

All: *As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.*

* Hymn No. 427 Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart *Loe De Isa*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our hands and lives full of all our foolish ways. Your people, we treat the strangers who walk among us with fear and doubt. We inflict our anger on those who care about us the most. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives. So now we bring our hearts to you, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that you will mend them. As you hear our faltering words, we pray you would answer us with your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others, even as the one who is Lord of all, Jesus Christ, has been so generous to us. (silence is kept) Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Congregational Response

Hymn No. 851 (2X) Come, Bring Your Burdens to God *Woza Nomthwalo Wakho*

We Hear God's Word

Parable Time

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn No. 455 Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken *Listen*

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13 *N. T. pg. 53*

Message

We Respond to God's Word

The Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Prayer of Dedication (*The congregation uniting*)

From a laptop and a daycare center, from retirement and teaching, from construction work and nursing, from all the places where we derive a living, we offer you our gifts, God of grace, so they might become part of all the fruits of hope and of healing, of peace and patience, which you give to others throughout the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Piano Sonata in B flat major K. 333 - II. Andante cantabile

W. A. Mozart

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*Forgive us our sins...*)

* Hymn No 436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us

O Quanta Qualia

* Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in E minor

JS Bach

*Please greet one another with the Peace of Christ,
then join us downstairs for a time of fellowship!*

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Participants in Today's Service:

The Rev. Nona Holy, Interim Pastor and Parable

Cooper Coats, Liturgist

Peyton Cole, Organist/Pianist

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Reflections:



3/9 – 3/16

Date	Start Time	Event Name
Sunday, March 9, 2025		First Sunday in Lent
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	11:00am	Fellowship
Monday, March 10, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	2:15pm	LBPC Volunteers @ The Garage
	7:00pm	Alanon
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	7:00pm	Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal
	10:00am	Staff Meeting
	12:00pm	Alanon
	5:45pm	Wisdom Wednesday
	6:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, March 15, 2025	8:00am	Women's AA Group
Sunday, March 16, 2025		Second Sunday in Lent
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	11:00am	Fellowship

Children of all ages are welcome in worship, but should a parent desire, nursery care is provided downstairs.

In case of emergency, an AED unit is located in the hallway on the ground floor across from the bulletin boards.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY 9:30 – 2:30 Laura Deitcher

WEDNESDAY 9:30 – 2:30 Laura Deitcher and Chris Jackson

THURSDAY 9:30 – 2:30 Becky Kennedy

FRIDAY 9:30 – 2:30 Becky Kennedy

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A reminder that this Monday is **Garage Monday!** If you've volunteered to provide food, please drop it off before 2:00 PM Monday afternoon. Volunteers will gather in the church parking lot at 2:15 PM to caravan to The Garage in Kennett Square.

The Season of Lent

Letting Go

Join us this Lenten season as we put a new twist on the tradition of "giving something up" by "letting something go."

Sunday Mornings at LBPC

9:00 AM Adult Study
10:00 AM Worship/Children's Church School
11:00 AM Fellowship

Holy Week Schedule

April 13: Palm Sunday Worship
10:00 am Worship with Palm Processional

April 17: Maundy Thursday
6:00 PM Potluck Dinner
6:45 PM Communion

April 18: Good Friday
7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

April 20: Easter Morning Worship
8:30 AM Potluck Breakfast
9:15 AM Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 AM Worship with Communion and Flowering of the Cross

LOWER BRANDWYNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Fellowship Committee warmly invites our wonderful congregation to embrace the joy of service by contributing to our community meals, lending a hand with setup, and helping with cleanup—especially during special celebrations like our New Year's gathering. We're also encouraging more members to take the lead in organizing a special event Sunday or any Sunday you feel inspired to serve.

Together, we can make these moments even more meaningful!

Below are upcoming special fellowship days that are planned in March, April, and May.

MARCH

- 9th **International Prayer Day** - Bring a dish that represents your heritage or a dish from a different country whose food you enjoy.
- 16th **St. Patrick's Day** - A time to share Irish Stew, Corned Beef, Soda Bread/Scones, or even Green Eggs and Ham, celebrating our shared heritage. They do say we all have a wee bit of Irish in us!
- 30th **Hands & Feet of Jesus** - Fellowship committee will be providing sandwiches and chips.

APRIL

- 6th **Sunday School Take-Over!** What will our lovely children prepare for us?
- 20th **Easter Brunch** - A potluck before the service to share your favorite brunch dishes.
- 27th **LIFT Taking over Fellowship!** Our tastebuds will be lifted to new heights.

MAY

- 11th **Mother's Day** - A time for the men of the congregation to shine and showcase their culinary skills! We can't wait to see what they whip this year!

Anyone or any group interested in leading a Sunday is warmly invited to shadow the Fellowship Committee and learn the ropes. Let's come together in service, joy, and community, embracing the true spirit of fellowship.

Make sure to read the weekly Wee Messenger for updates!

With blessings and heartfelt gratitude,

The Fellowship Committee

