



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 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

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Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

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Prelude

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J. Rutter

* Call to Worship (Please stand and join responsively)

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

All: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

One: I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

One: I will bless you as long as I live;

All: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

* Hymn No. 440 (v. 1, 2, 3)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Aberystwyth

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (The congregation uniting)

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead of reforming our own. Turn us, O Lord, from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us, O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life.

(silence is kept) In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Anthem

Ut Vitam Habeant

R. E. Schram

That They May Have Life

We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Matthew 19:16-22

N. T. pg. 18

Parable Time

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)

Gracious God, you give to us out of your abundance. For the material gifts and the spiritual gifts you give us, we thank you. We dedicate these gifts of time and talents and tithes to you and ask that you continue to lead us as we use these gifts to join your work in this community. Amen.

Offertory

Chanson

J. Rutter

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

* Hymn

Return My Soul

Finlandia

Lyrics by Steve Garnass Holmes

*Return, my soul, from all your hungry wandering,
your fearful search for comfort and control.
Let go my grasp of things apart from God,
for God alone can heal and hold my soul.
Return to God, for God alone will love me,
and give me life, and bless and make me whole.*

*Return, my soul, from all the things that dull me,
that soothe my sense, but leave my sin in place.
My broken heart, return from tricks and bargains;
turn to the One who meets me face to face.
Return to God. Each moment turn again;
receive unending love and life and grace.*

*I turn, O God, to you who love with patience.
You walk beside me, though I cannot see.
You are my life in dry and weary deserts,
my spring of life that flows eternally.
I turn to you, from false desire and grasping,
and letting go, I find that you hold me.*

* Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

J.S 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
Sean Kennedy, Liturgist
Candace Smith, Parable
Peyton Cole, Organist/Pianist
Sandra Borrer, Flute
Treble Choir
Marti Coats, Treble Choir Director

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Reflections:



3/23-3/30

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday in Lent

Adult Topical Study
Sunday Morning Worship
Children's Church School
Fellowship: Who Are Our Neighbors?

Monday, March 24, 2025

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00pm

Alanon

7:00pm

Session Meeting

7:00pm

Jonathan Beech Memorial Concert Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

12:00pm

Alanon

5:45pm

Wisdom Wednesday

6:30pm

Jr. Choir Rehearsal

6:45pm

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm

Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30am

Women's AA Group

Sunday, March 30, 2025

All-day

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Hands & Feet of Jesus

9:00am

Adult Topical Study

10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship

10:15am

Children's Church School

10:15am

LIFT

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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEWS FLASH

Sunday, April 13

The Fellowship Committee is seeking volunteers to help with setting up fellowship on Palm Sunday.

Two of committee members will be away and the others will be making music.

Responsibilities include: heating up, plating, and setting food on table, placing cold beverages on table and turning on coffee maker (coffee will be set up.)

Please contact any member of the Fellowship Committee if you can help.

Thank You

Betsy McCreary, Dorie Hahn, Kim Cole, Sarah Yost



Sunday, March 30th is our next Hands and Feet of Jesus Sunday. We'll begin worship in the sanctuary and then our feet will move us downstairs to continue our worship by serving with our hands: cutting out and baking Easter cookies for The Garage. Your hands and feet are needed!



Want to make an Easter Flower dedication?

Forms may be found in the front and back of the sanctuary.