



LOWER BRANDYWINE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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Palm Sunday

April 13, 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	<i>Draw the Circle</i>
	<i>Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.</i>	
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	<i>No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.</i>	
	<i>Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.</i>	

Prelude	Träumerei	R. Schumann
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Introit	Hosanna, Hosanna!	L. Waldecker
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* Call to Worship *(Please stand and join responsively)*

One: We begin the holiest of weeks this day,
seeking to discover God in the celebration and the grief.

**All: *Have grace on us, O God, as we listen for words
which will sustain us in our weariness.***

One: We will be invited to sit at the Table,
where Jesus welcomes friends and followers.

**All: *Have grace on us, Brother of our tears,
as we struggle not to turn our backs on you.***

One: As the days unfold, may we worry not so much
about ourselves, but for the One who stands by us.

**All: *Have grace on us, Spirit of comfort,
and hold us in every moment of this journey.***

* Processional Hymn

No. 197	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	Ellacombe
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Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession *(The congregation uniting)*

We are so busy thinking about ourselves, God of constant love, that we cannot begin to ponder what was in Jesus' mind. We shout for joy on a day like this, smiling as we wave our palms, yet quickly toss them aside as we go out into the world. We set our faces, not in discipleship, but to turn away those who come looking for help from us.

Yet, because he was fully human like us, we too can be more like Jesus. So, as we begin our journey through Holy Week and beyond, may we choose humility over pride, weakness over strength, compassion over self-interest, and seek to do whatever we are called to do, without any promise of reward. God of unfailing compassion, we pray this in the name of our Teacher, Jesus. (silence is kept) Amen.

Assurance of Pardon *(Please join responsively)*

One: God dares us to think like Jesus, knowing that if we do, we will discover the gifts we can offer, the words of hope we can share, the grace we can use to bless those around us.

All: *God hears our prayers, listens to our hearts, fills us with forgiveness, and walks with us in these moments and in all the ones to come. Thanks be to God for such incredible mercy! Amen.*

Congregational Response

Hymn No. 851 (2X)

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Woza Nomthwalo Wakho

We Hear God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28-40

N. T. pg. 72

Anthem

Wave Your Branches

G. Emory-Ownes, T. Pavlechko

Parable Time

Message

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn No. 198

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!

St. Drostan

The Ritual of Friendship

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Call for the Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

La fille aux cheveux de lin

C. Debussy

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

* Hymn No. 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

* Benediction

Postlude

Menuet from Suite Gothique

L. Boëllmann

*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

Dennis Witmer, Liturgist

Candace Smith, Parable

Peyton Cole, Organist/Pianist and Bell Choir Director

Marti Coats, Jr. and Treble Choir Director

Jr. Choir, Treble Choir, Bell Choir

The flowers on the retable are given by The Major Family
in honor of Dan’s birthday.

Portions of the liturgy from Rev. Thom Shuman’s *Lectinary Liturgies* and Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes from *Unfolding Light*
and used with permission. Prayer for Illumination adapted from prayer by Rev. John Paarlberg.

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Reflections:

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.*



4/13 – 4/20

Date	Start Time	Event Name
Sunday, April 13, 2025		Palm Sunday
	9:00am	Adult Topical Study
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship
	10:15am	Children's Church School
	10:15am	LIFT
	11:00am	Fellowship
Monday, April 14, 2025		CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
	7:00pm	Alanon
Tuesday, April 15, 2025	11:00am	Rohr Group via Zoom
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	12:00pm	Alanon
	6:30pm	Jr. Choir Rehearsal
	6:45pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Sr. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, April 17, 2025		Maundy Thursday
	6:00pm	Maundy Thursday Potluck
	6:45pm	Maundy Thursday Communion and Foot Washing
Friday, April 18, 2025		Good Friday
	7:00pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
Saturday, April 19, 2025	8:30am	Women's AA Group
Sunday, April 20, 2025		Easter Sunday
	8:30am	Easter Brunch Potluck
	9:15am	Easter Egg Hunt
	10:00am	Sunday Morning Worship and Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN US FOR
Holy Week
4/13-4/20

PALM SUNDAY
10:00am WORSHIP

MAUNDY THURSDAY
6:00pm POTLUCK SUPPER
6:45pm COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY
7:00pm TENEBRAE WORSHIP

EASTER DAY
8:30am POTLUCK BRUNCH
9:15am EGG HUNT
10:00am WORSHIP &
FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

Easter Sunday Brunch

Join us at 8:30 a.m. on April 20th
for our Potluck Easter Morning
Brunch.

If you would like to
bring a dish
Just put on your Bunny Ears
and
Hop on over to the
Sign-up sheet
Let's Celebrate the
Lord's Resurrection Together!



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EASTER SUNDAY
EGG HUNT
9:15 AM