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Sunday worship on April 2 will center on the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem beginning the events we call Holy Week. Palms will be distributed to the congregation by the Altar Guild.

The service time will be 10:30AM.

Maundy Thursday offers an opportunity to attend an evening service to commemorate the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus on the Thursday preceding Easter Sunday. The service will include the observance of communion, and conclude with the traditional solo by David Brown.

The service time will be 7:00PM.

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus as the vindication of his message and the defeat of sin and death. Traditional Easter hymns will be sung by the congregation. The choir and others will contribute to the festive nature of the worship service. The 'alleluia,' which is omitted from weekly worship during Lent, returns to the service as an expression of joy at the victory of Jesus.

The service time will be 10:30AM.



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From the Minister's Desk



We will soon be celebrating Easter Sunday and with it the good news that death could not keep hold of Jesus. The empty tomb has implications for our lives and this world.

The resurrection is the heartbeat of Christian faith. From different angles and perspectives, the four gospels relate their respective interpretations of what happened at the cross and in the hours and days following the discovery of the empty tomb. The Apostle Paul in his epistles likewise asserts that the resurrection is fundamentally important to what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Speaking of the resurrection and its organizing power for the first followers of Jesus, Shailer Mathews assures us: "It lies deep within the faith of the ancient church." That Jesus "showed himself alive after his passion," is attested to by the various New Testament accounts of his resurrection despite their slightly different accounts which speak more to honest recollection than deliberate collusion.

Easter is the ground and the goal of the faith. Easter marks the beginning but also represents the goal, of what faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord means. Easter is

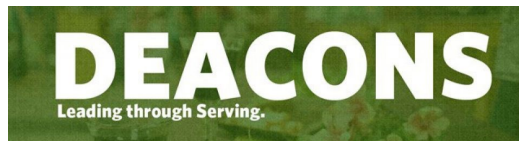
proleptic, which is to say that it anticipates what is to come. On the first Easter, God's future when death is no

more, suffering is ended, and every tear of grief and loss is wiped away reached back to first-century Israel, and into the tomb of Jesus. By raising Jesus from death, God has shown us what to expect for ourselves and all creation. Easter declares that sin and death will not have the last word in God's creation.

The effects of Easter ripple out into our world, our lives, and eternity. Nothing is left unchanged by the resurrection of Jesus. By it, we are empowered to live and love like Jesus here and now, two thousand years removed from the first Easter morning.

New Testament scholar, Gerd Theissen, in *The Open Door: Variations on Biblical Themes*, explains his metaphor of Easter's reach and power: "It seems to me like a giant field of electromagnetic waves for which we have no natural organs, but which we detect by its effects, say when we represent its structure with iron filings or demonstrate its power with sparks. It is present everywhere. Only sometimes a spark strikes our limited everyday world. The Easter experiences are such a spark. It is not the appearances that are important, but the field of force from which they come and which surrounds us everywhere. We can always trace this field of force, even when the Easter appearances fade into the past. None of us could be witness to them. But the spark of an unconditional courage to live and die can fly into each of us. And then each of us may relate to himself or herself the beatitude, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'"

Nothing remains the same after death loses its hold on Jesus. Two millennia removed from the Easter event, the resurrection continues to invite us to celebrate, reflect, and wonder at the mystery of God's saving and renewing love.



The Deacons offer prayer, companionship, rides, or meals, but don't always know where care is needed. If you know of a need (your own or another's), call the church office or any of our Deacons: Susan A, Marianna B, Jane J, and Susy S (moderator).

Diane and Mike B
William B
Levi C
Susan G
Bob J



Easter Memorial Flowers

If you would like to include someone in the Easter Memorial List, please use one of the envelopes found in the Narthex.



All monies received will be used for the beautiful display in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. After Easter service, these flowers will be distributed by the Altar Guild to those in need of our love, remembrance, and prayers.

Traditionally, \$20.00 has been suggested for each memorial; however, any amount will be gratefully received. You may place your envelope in the offering basket or bring it to the church office no later than noon, Tuesday, April 4.

The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering will be accepted Sundays, April 2 and 9.



This offering restores hope, feeds the hungry, and empowers the oppressed. Learn more from the OGHS bulletin insert on those Sundays.

Special offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex.

Meet the Staff **the Rev. Jeffrey Lang**

Lauren

Vocalist

Amy

Director of Music and Organist

Kate

Choir Director and Vocalist

Logan

Vocalist

Paisley

Videographer

Deborah

Administrative Assistant

the Rev. Dr. Dawn

Parish Associate

Items for the **May** edition of this newsletter are accepted in the church office through **9:00AM, Monday, April 24.**



Early submissions are always joyfully accepted!

Submitted information will be edited for clarity, accuracy, and length.

Mission in *Motion*



Fill the Glendale Village Square with Food

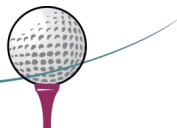
Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 10; our 13th year for this Mission event.

Your donations will be shared with VICRC, to help their clients in need, and The Princeton Closet, assisting students and families in the Princeton School District.

26th Annual Golf Outing

in memory of
Sylvia and Tom Allen
Saturday, September 16

Watch your weekly bulletin monthly newsletter for more details as they become available.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the March Food Offering. Dave C took a whopping 114 pounds of non-perishable food, personal care items, and cleaning products to Valley Inter-faith Community Resource Center.

To date you have donated, drum roll please, 268 pounds of goods!

VICRC distributes these items to the clients who are in need of a helping hand.

More than 100 people, including some of Glendale's finest police and fire personnel, turned out to keep Dave C and crew busy at the Pancake Breakfast!

A BIG thank you to Mark B for sharing his keyboarding skills with those enjoying pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and so much more. There is no doubt that a great time was had by all!

Dave will share total profits with you in the May edition of *The Messenger*.



Barbara K. Lundblad, in her article “God’s resurrection justice” (*Lutheran Woman Today*, April 2008, 25-6), recalls growing up on a grade-B dairy farm in Iowa, when it was illegal to sell margarine tinted yellow to look like butter. (Without food coloring added, margarine is as white as lard.) One could buy margarine in a white lump in a plastic bag that also contained a bright red-orange pellet of coloring, then knead that into the lump to make the color more appetizing.

“My dad barred oleo from our house, but Grandma Lundblad dared to buy a package now and then,” she writes. “Sometimes when I was staying with her, she let me squeeze the bag. I’d press my fingers into the bright red-orange dot until it broke open inside the bag. Then I’d keep squeezing until that bright spot of color spread throughout the whole lump, turning it into beautiful yellow almost-butter.”

Lundblad wonders: “Could Easter be like that? The bright light of resurrection didn’t stay in the tomb. That light-giving

light didn’t stay in one place but spread to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. ‘Jesus is not here,’ the angel told them. ‘Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee.’ The resurrection light transformed them and overcame whatever fear was in their hearts. They couldn’t stay at the tomb even though they might have wanted to reassure themselves by seeing that Jesus’ body wasn’t there. Resurrection couldn’t contain Jesus’ body. The women ran from the tomb with resurrection in their hearts. They couldn’t keep the news to themselves.”



The late Dr. Frank Harrington was senior minister of the largest Presbyterian Church in the nation, Peachtree Presbyterian in Atlanta, Georgia. It was explained, “Every Lent he and his wife arrange to have a massive cross planted on the front lawn that grabs the attention of even the most hurried driver on the busy Atlanta streets. The cross is furlled in purple until Easter Sunday, when the Harrington's arrange with a florist to have the giant cross festooned in flowers of every color and hue. This is the background you need to tell this story about why God's power has triumphed over graveyards.”

About an incident involving the display, Harrington shared in his April 1998 church newsletter: "A little drama played itself out on one of our buses two or three weeks ago. There was a new bus driver who was not familiar with us. It was his first Sunday and he was in animated conversation with someone who was riding the bus. When he drove in, he suddenly saw this huge cross we erect out front Right in the middle of his conversation, he interrupted his train of thought and exclaimed: 'My God, somebody **BIG** must have died.'

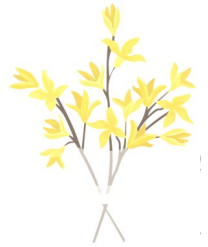
"He was thinking about one of those little white roadside crosses that we put up, sad to say, when somebody's been killed. Let me tell you, friends, somebody big did die for you and for me. But he came back."



Birthdays and Anniversaries



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Wednesday, April 12; 10:00AM

Bring your favorite beverage and gather in the church library for discussion on *The Personal Librarian*, by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

A remarkable novel about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Bella da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as a white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation.

You can pick up a copy of the discussion questions in the Narthex near where you pick up your bulletin.



Men's Lunch

All men are invited to gather for lunch at Gold Star on Springfield Pike in Springdale, Wednesday, April 12.

Fellowship begins when you arrive; lunch begins at 12:30PM.







Fellowship Dinner at Meritage

Wednesday, May 24; 6:00PM-8:00PM

Reservations are needed. Please use the sign-up sheet on the Church House bulletin board—OR—contact the church office so that we're sure to save a place at the table for *you*.



April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2   10:30AM- Worship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	3 2:00PM- Squirrely Stitches	4	5	6   7:00PM - Worship	7 	8
9  10:30AM- Worship <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>	10 9:00AM- Session reports due	11	12 10:00AM- Women's Book Club 12:30PM- Men's Lunch at Gold Star 6:00PM- Session meeting	13 6:30PM - Choir Rehearsal	14	15
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30 10:30AM- Worship	This calendar is a living document subject to frequent changes. Check the website (firstpresbyterianglendale.org) for the most accurate calendar. Please call the church office with calendar updates.					



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Sunday, September 11, 2022 through
Sunday, June 4, 2023.

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Sunday, June 11, 2023 through
Sunday, September 3, 2023.

Church Office Hours

Monday, 9AM-3PM, Tuesday, 9AM-1PM
Wednesday, 9AM-1PM, Thursday, 9AM-3PM
The office is *closed* every Friday.

Shared with you in Christian love



Holy Week worship opportunities



Palm
SUNDAY
April 2
10:30AM worship



Maundy
THURSDAY
April 6
7:00PM worship



Easter
SUNDAY
April 9
10:30AM worship

We'll save a place for you