

**Welcome to Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church  
130 Haverford Road  
Wynnewood, PA19096**



**Fourth Sunday in Lent  
First Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-10  
Second Lesson: Luke 15: 1-3; 11-32  
Sermon: "Sibling Rivalry"  
March 30, 2025**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **\*Call to Worship**

LEADER: Come, people of God, to know again who you are, return to the One who gives you life.

**PEOPLE: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

LEADER: Come, all who are thirsty for living water. Open yourselves to the One who supplies it.

**PEOPLE: We would drink this day from the spiritual depths, seeking to know and experience life's meaning.**

LEADER: Gather as people of faith, embracing renewal, eager for reconciliation with God and humankind.

**PEOPLE: We have assembled to hear for ourselves the good news Christ brings to all people.**

**ALL: We will worship with enthusiastic expectation, anticipating salvation in our lives and relationships.**

**\*Opening Song:** *"Joy of the Lord"*

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 32: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup> **For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped**

**as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**\*Song of Confession "I Surrender All"**

### **Prayer of Confession**

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

### **Song of Confession Reprise**

**First Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 10: 1-13*

<sup>10</sup>For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup>They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The

people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.”<sup>8</sup> We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died.<sup>9</sup> We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes.<sup>10</sup> And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.<sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

## **Second Lesson:** *Luke 15: 1-3; 11-32*

**15** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.<sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons.<sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need.<sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs.<sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!<sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.<sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was

dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

## **Children’s Sermon:**

**Sermon:** “Sibling Rivalry”  
Oler

LoisAnn Furgess

## **Song of Praise** “*Whom Shall I Fear*”

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Sharing of the Peace**

### **Prayer Requests**

#### **Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

#### **Offering**

##### **\*Doxology** (Hymn #625)

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

##### **\*Closing Song:** "At the Cross"

##### **\*Benediction**

##### **\*Song Reprise**

*\*Congregation is invited to stand.*

Today's preacher is: **Rev. LoisAnn Furgess-Oler**

Pastor LoisAnn is a graduate of Johns Hopkins Hospital School of Nursing and holds a BSN and MS. from the University of Maryland and an M.Div from Wesley Theological Seminary. She was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament by the Baltimore Presbytery.

LoisAnn describes herself as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament with nursing roots. Following her ordination as Associate Pastor at First and Franklin Street Presbyterian, LoisAnn served a few years as Chaplain of an Adult community in Towson, Maryland and more than a decade as Interim Pastor for the United Church of Christ. After relocating to Narberth, she found a spiritual home at Penn Wynne Presbyterian and is our Parish Associate. She is available for spiritual counsel and support, and provides pulpit supply as needed.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S TEAM (April 6th):**

Preacher – Rev. LoisAnn Furess-Oler

Worship Assistant – Cadie McNaboe

Audio/Visual -- Judy Maurer

Coffee Hour:

Opening the Building – Judy Maurer

# Weekly Announcements:

## Weekly Prayer Group

We will be starting a weekly, virtual prayer group in May! With everything that is going on in the world and in our lives, this will be a great way to continue supporting one another throughout the week. If you are interested, please reach out to Blessing.

## Outreach Project -- Family Promise of the Main Line

Our friends at St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Ardmore are hosting families in their rectory during the week of March 30th. PWPC is signed up to provide help on Monday, March 31st. **Darlene Mandarino is in charge of the meal, so if you would like to help with it, please reach out to her at [damandarino@yahoo.com](mailto:damandarino@yahoo.com). If you would like to help out with dinner hosting on the 31st, or want additional information, contact Blessing.**

**Saturday, April 5th, 11am-1pm at the church -- Fellowship Brunch:** All are invited to our third fellowship brunch! This event will take place monthly and is a great opportunity for us to stay connected! Please use the SignUp Genius, emailed in our weekly newsletter, to RSVP. Also, please indicate what you will bring in the "comment" section of the sign up so we don't have any duplicates. You can also refer back to the link to see what others are already bringing. Thank you!

**Saturday, April 12, 2pm at the church -- Lenten Book Study:** Our weekly Lenten Book Series, *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. If you are interested in participating, we are asking that folks purchase their own copies. If there is any hardship, please reach out to Heather.

## Lenten Supper

**We will be hosting our annual Lenten Supper on Friday, April 11th at 6:30pm downstairs!** Please sign up to bring a soup or bread dish. Remember to indicate what you will be bringing in the "comment" section.



## Annual Egg Hunt

We are excited to announce that our annual Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 12th at 12pm on our front lawn! There will be egg hunting (of course), golden egg prizes, lawn games, and raffles. We will be collecting (non-chocolate) candy for the event (just because chocolate melts). If you're interested in donating candy for the egg hunt, please place it in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday(s) or reach out to Heather.



## Easter Children's Choir!

🎵 🧡 You're Invited to Join Our Easter Children's Choir! 🧡 🎵

Hello Parents & Little Singers!

Easter morning is going to be extra special this year, and **we need YOUR preschooler's voice** to help celebrate! 🌸 🎵

Join our **Children's Choir** as we prepare to **sing our hearts out on Easter Sunday!** Led by the amazing Frank Coates (aka **Mr. Boom Boom**), our fun and energetic Music Director, your little one will learn joyful songs, make new friends, and shine on stage during our Easter service!

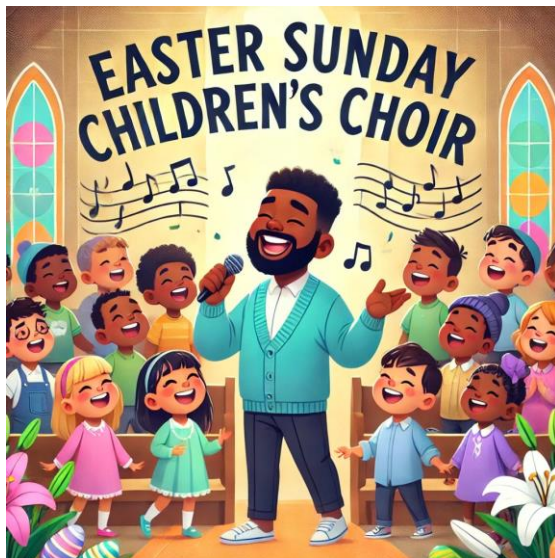
🌟 **Rehearsals Begin:** Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 PM

📍 **Where:** Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church sanctuary

🎤 **Easter Sunday Service:** April 20<sup>th</sup> 10am

No experience needed—just a love for singing, wiggling, and worshipping! 🐰 ❤️

We can't wait to see your little star join the fun! 🌟



# Holy Week **SCHEDULE**



**PENN WYNNE**  
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*Many Hearts Walking Together*

Palm Sunday Service	Sun., April 13th at 9:30am
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service	Thu., April 17th at 7pm
Annual Easter Breakfast	Sun., April 20th at 8:30am
Easter Sunday Service	Sun., April 20th at 10am

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*We welcome all visitors to our service today. We are delighted to have you. Penn Wynne is a loving and inclusive congregation. We welcome people from all backgrounds and all nations. We are committed to seeking justice in the world and in our nation, to caring for the poor and advocating on behalf of the powerless. Our congregation includes people from many different backgrounds, people in 12 step recovery as well as members of the LGBTQIA community. We are both a neighborhood church and a gathered congregation. Wherever you come from and whoever you are—you are welcome here!*

*Love,*

*The Session of Penn Wynne Presbyterian Church*

### **Penn Wynne's Mission Statement**

We are loving Christians who welcome all of God's children as they are. We serve our neighbors with kindness and compassion. We are an inclusive congregation that strives for justice. We each seek to nurture our own faith and the faith of others in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

At Penn Wynne, we: Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ, Welcome and support LGBTQ+ people, Welcome and support people of all races and nations, Welcome and support people who are suffering, Educate ourselves and others about anti-racism, environmental justice, and other social justice issues, and Support initiatives working to make this a better world for all.

We serve by: Educating children and adults, and Providing space for community programs (for example, 12-step programs and Girl Scouts).



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