

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



**Fifth Sunday in Lent
First Lesson: Isaiah 43: 16-21
Second Lesson: John 12: 1-8
Sermon: "The Spiritual Touch"**

April 6, 2025

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

LEADER: Come to this time of worship in reverent awe.

PEOPLE: The place where we are standing is holy ground.

LEADER: Know the presence and power of the Living God.

PEOPLE: God comes to us as a burning fire that does not consume, a revelation bringing warmth and vitality.

LEADER: We have known God throughout our history.

PEOPLE: Yet there is so much of God we do not know. God's purposes are so far beyond our understanding.

LEADER: Now in these moments we would be open to the unexpected.

PEOPLE: Come, Holy Spirit, that we may respond. Discipline and cultivate us, that our lives may bear fruit.

***Opening Song:** *"He is Exalted"*

Responsive Reading *Psalms 118: 1-2, 24-29 (NIV)*

¹ The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad

² **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

²⁴ Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ **Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success!**

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

²⁷ **The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With**

boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.**

***Song of Confession** *“Lead Me to Calvary”*

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

Old Testament/Hebrew Bible: *Isaiah 43: 16-21*

This is what the Lord says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

Gospel Lesson: John 12: 1-8-

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Children's Sermon:

Heather Cronan

Sermon: "The Spiritual Touch"

Rev. LoisAnn Furgues-Oler

Song of Praise "Forgiven"

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.*

Responsive Invitation to the Lord's Table:

LEADER: Arms outstretched as on the cross, you call each of us to communion with you this day, O gentle Savior.

**PEOPLE: As we come to your bounteous table once again.
Enfold us in those same loving arms, recalling us with the bitter
taste and texture of your sacrifice for the world's sake.**

LEADER: Fill us full of your power and grace, reminding us, through the familiar symbols of bread and wine, how very much you love us.

ALL: Stand now in our midst, blessed Redeemer, as our host, our Savior, our brother and our friend. Amen.

Communion:

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of grace, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Song:** *"Old Rugged 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 13):

Preacher – Cadie McNaboe

Worship Assistant – Charlie Petersen

Audio/Visual -- Judy Maurer

Coffee Hour: Linda Pattersen

Opening the Building – Kim Pattersen

Weekly Announcements:

The service project with Family Promise of the Main Line was a success, where families enjoyed a meal of chicken and rice casserole, broccoli, fresh fruit, tossed salad, brownies, and Rice Krispie treats. The event also included social time with parents and children, featuring games, homework assistance, and general socializing. Special thanks to Darlene, Kim, Heather, Blessing, and Linda Patterson for their help in organizing and coordinating the project.



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.

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.



Holy⁺Week **SCHEDULE**



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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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