



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP CONCERT

Sunday, March 24th

10 a.m.

Covenant Presbyterian Church

400 Lancaster Ave.

Malvern (Frazer), PA

covenantfrazer.org

Welcome to this service of worship and celebration of Holy Week.
We invite you to respond with bolded words during prayers and readings.

**All those who are able, please stand*

WELCOME

INTROIT Orchestra
The Cross

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, on this day of excitement and celebration, hear our prayers of thanksgiving and praise to you! Give us the courage we need to share your love boldly. Give us the wisdom to follow the Messiah who comes riding on a donkey, lifting the lowly, and showing love to all. Teach us to rely on you when our lives are full of light and walk with us when we find ourselves in dark valleys, all so that we may understand and share the good news that we have from you. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE..... Rev. Alex Becker
There is no Children's Church today. We invite all children to enjoy the special music with us. Nursery care is available for children up to age 3.

A Musical Celebration of Palm Sunday

RESPONDING HYMN Congregation, Brass, Unity Handbell Choir
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ride on King Jesus arr. Larry Shackley Worship Choir

The Prayer arr. Jeanne C. Warzyn Unity Handbell Choir

HYMN OF PRAISE Congregation, Brass, Unity Handbell Choir
All Glory, Laud and Honor

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE Orchestra
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You arr. Martha Lynn Thompson Unity Handbell Choir

Celebrate the Shadow by Ruth Elaine Schram Worship Choir

Lenten Fantasia arr. Jason W. Krug Unity Handbell Choir

You Do Not Walk Alone by Elaine Hagenberg Worship Choir

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

May you see God's light on the path ahead,

Even in your hour of sorrow, may you hear notes of God's presence.

May you always remember when the shadows fall:

You do not walk alone.

I walk with you

We walk with you

God walks with you

Christ walks with you

And the Holy Spirit embraces you.

In light and shadow, may Christ be our guide. Amen.

POSTLUDE.....Orchestra

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Our cover art is "Palm Sunday as Jesus Enters Jerusalem" by Paul Oman, used with permission.

LITURGISTS

Alex Becker, Maggie Niles, Dara Harris

SOUND

James Looney

UNITY HANDBELL CHOIR

Director: Patti Mann

Michel Bentley
Kathy Brackin
Jim Godbold
Dottie Graham

Meg Hauler
Penny Hidell
Colleen Myers
Amanda Nagler

Scott Pelton
Sandy Ritchie
Carolyn Unkle
Al Zlogar
Sue Zlogar

WORSHIP CHOIR

Director: Amy McLoughlin

Accompanist: Bonnie Sumerfield

SOPRANO

Corinna Becker
Gloria Jung
Lee Paylor
Maria Pennington
Karen Smith
Sherry Wang

ALTO

Judy Culeman
Janis Hayes
Carolyn Reardon
Colleen Widergren
Sue Zlogar

TENOR

Rocky Avvento
Stephanie Callaro
Alec Hayes
Les Waxler

BASS

Adam Baldoni
Duane Billingsley
Steve Trubey

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Piano/Keyboard – Bonnie Sumerfield
Flute – Sue Zlogar
Oboe – Jeanmarie Loss
Clarinet – Amanda Nagler
Trumpet – Heather Looney
Horn – Pete Culeman

Trombone – Mary Ellen Byrne
Violin – Jessie Jin
Viola – Will Einhorn
Cello – Emily Lucas
Bass – Kim McNamara
Percussion – Al Zlogar

*With sincere thanks to all of those who have spent endless hours volunteering their time and heart to sing,
ring, play, and speak their praise! Thank you to the families who support them.
Eternal thanks to God our Creator, Savior, and Friend, and the reason we do this!*

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are working together to create comfortable worship spaces for all our members and visitors.

- Join us in the sanctuary. Children's activities for the pew are located through the back doors of the sanctuary or on the windowsill near the front of the sanctuary.
- Adults and children are also invited to the Gathering Space for worship. A children's table with quiet activities and a rack with children's books are available for little ones.
- If you need a quieter worship space, the parlor is available.
- The nursery is open for children birth through age 3 during the service.
- A mother's nursing room is available at the end of the hallway past the bathrooms (Rm. 108).
- Please join us in the Gathering Space following the service for Covenant Connect, a time of food & fellowship.

Every year Covenant partners with Presbyterians worldwide in **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Please give today, Palm Sunday or Easter by writing a check to Covenant Presbyterian Church (memo: OGHS), giving online through our website (choose One Great Hour of Sharing from the fund menu), or by giving online at pcusa.org/give-oghs.

Adult Christian Education will NOT meet on Easter. The class will resume on April 7th.

The pantry is accepting shampoo, conditioner, ham donations, and ham coupons from Giant. If you have coupons, you can give them to Dolly Hatton, Mary Decker, or drop them off at the church office. For those who wish to donate hams, you can do so on the following mornings at the pantry: Sat., March 23rd, Tues., March 26th, and Wed., March 27th. Or hams can be brought directly to the church on Sundays or to the church office during office hours.

Women's Retreat Saturday - May 11th Looking for a way to relax and take care of yourself? Come hang out with your fellow congregants and Pastor Maggie for a Women's retreat on Sat. May 11th from 9a.m. - 3p.m. This retreat, "Spirituality in Daily Life; Encountering God in Ordinary Ways" is for any woman of any age who wishes to discover God in our daily rhythms of life. This will be a day of spending time in nature, reflecting, journaling, and getting in touch with our spirituality. This is a great opportunity to invite friends - no religious affiliation needed! The retreat will take place at St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley (2475 St. Peter's Road, Malvern). \$20 suggested donation. Continental breakfast and catered lunch provided. **Please RSVP to Pastor Maggie as soon as possible to let her know you are interested! mniles@covenantfrazer.org**

Volunteers and donations are needed for the **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event in the CCLC on May 18th**. 10-15 people are needed for set-up from 8:30-10 a.m. and 65 people for packing from 10 a.m.-12 noon with clean up immediately following. Sign up to volunteer at the welcome desk or volunteer/donate online at covenantfrazer.org/RAH.

Camp Firelight (Vacation Bible School) will be taking place June 24-28, 2024! Online registration opens on March 31st. Sign up on the board in the Gathering Space or contact Dara Harris (dharris@covenantfrazer.org) if you are interested in volunteering to help. Many hands are needed to provide this event to the community.

The Youth Plant Sale is coming soon! Order forms will be available beginning March 31st. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs are available. Plant pick-up will be May 4th. All proceeds benefit youth summer trips.

Covenant softball is back for the 2024 season! Come join us for intergenerational fun under the sun on Sundays from mid-April to early July. The Upper Main Line Church softball league is a co-ed league for all ages (14 and up). Last year, we had more than 25 men and women play at least one game with the team. If you can only make one or two games, that's ok! If you haven't played much, that's ok too! The goal of the league is fellowship and fun while glorifying God's name on the softball field. The team's first game is on Sunday, April 21st (time TBD but either 1:30 or 3:00 pm) at the field in Berwyn. If you are interested in learning more or participating, please contact Noel Langlois at 267-264-7007 or langnoel93@gmail.com.

This Week at Covenant

Sun. March 24 – Palm Sunday

10 a.m. – Worship Service/Concert

11:15 a.m. – Covenant Connect

11:15 a.m. – Salt & Light Ringers

4:30 p.m. – Youth Group

7 p.m. – Overeater's Anonymous

Mon. March 25

10 a.m. – LIFT

6:30 p.m. – Promise Keepers

Tues. March 26

10 a.m. – Covenant Quilters

6:15 p.m. – Unity Handbells

Wed. March 27

9 a.m. – People's Pantry

Thurs. March 28

6:30 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service

Fri. March 29

6:30 a.m. – Promise Keepers

12 – 3 p.m. – Good Friday Prayer
Service/Stations

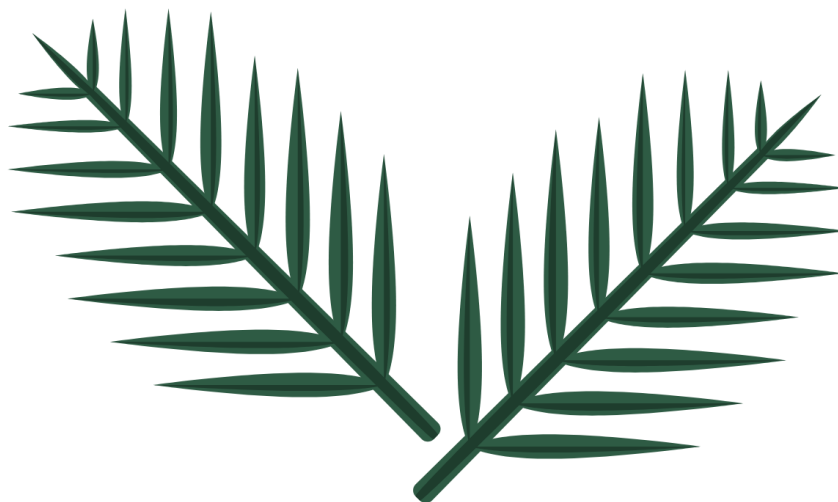
6:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service

Sun. March 31 – Easter

9 & 11 a.m. – Worship Services (Egg hunts
after each service)

7 p.m. – Overeater's Anonymous

See more events and find meeting Zoom links at covenantfrazer.org/events and subscribe to our emails at covenantfrazer.org/newsletter. For more information, call the church office at 610-648-0707, Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.





Then They Remembered | Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY Wandering Heart: *"Songs of loudest praise"*

Read | John 12:12-16

From the Artist | Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

In the Matthew, Mark, and Luke versions of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, two unnamed disciples follow Jesus' orders to retrieve a colt. In these accounts, the disciples actively participate in the parade, laying down their cloaks and singing praise. In contrast, John's version of this story provides minimal details and the disciples are hardly mentioned at all. However, the text does a unique thing: it breaks the fourth wall to tell us something important:

"His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered" (John 12:16).

Is Peter at the parade? Does he lay down his cloak and follow the others? Does he sing songs of loudest praise? Or is he lost in the cacophony of the crowds, confused by and afraid of what is taking place? Maybe he is thinking about the blur of events in the days just before: Lazarus raised from the dead, Jesus anointed in Bethany, the crowds knocking down their doors, the plot to kill Jesus and Lazarus swelling like a darkened, fast-approaching sky.

They didn't understand at first, but then they remembered.

This image attempts to visualize these two locations in time and space. On the left, Peter looks out from the palm procession—his eyes glazed over as he watches Jesus riding into the city where he will surely meet his death. As the crowds sing "hosanna!" for a new, soon-to-be-killed-king, the dissonance of the scene causes Peter to tremble—like a guitar string snapped suddenly mid-tune.

In the top right is Peter's mirror image. In this mirage, we glimpse the future. Peter stands aghast at the empty tomb, waves of hope and relief rushing through him like a river of grace, the remembering happening all at once—like a childhood song plucked from memory, like the refrain of a chorus that won't let you go: *it's true, it's true, thank God it's true.*

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Holy Week is a time to reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Remembering Jesus' actions, reflecting on his messages and recommitting to living as his disciples in the world today, we gather as a community to worship Christ together.

We hope this schedule helps you plan to observe these important days, both on your own and with others. May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday, March 24th

10 a.m. Worship Concert - Celebrate the Shadow: Exploring the Darkness before the Dawn. Come and hear scripture and music combined as we journey together from Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and onward to the solemn events of Holy Week. This special time of worship is a cherished Covenant tradition and calls upon singers, instrumentalists, and handbells to share the incredible story of Jesus' love for all. There will be no Children's Church this Sunday.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

6:30 p.m. Communion Worship Service - At this service of remembrance of the Last Supper, we will offer our thanks for Jesus' willingness to give his life for us, anticipating the cross of Good Friday, the grave of Holy Saturday, and looking towards the resurrection of Easter Sunday.

Good Friday, March 29th

12 - 3 p.m. - Prayer Service/Stations of the Cross - Short prayer service at noon, followed by open house stations of the cross.

6:30 p.m. - Good Friday Worship Service - Join us for this intergenerational service, honoring the life and ministry of Jesus in the shadow of the cross.

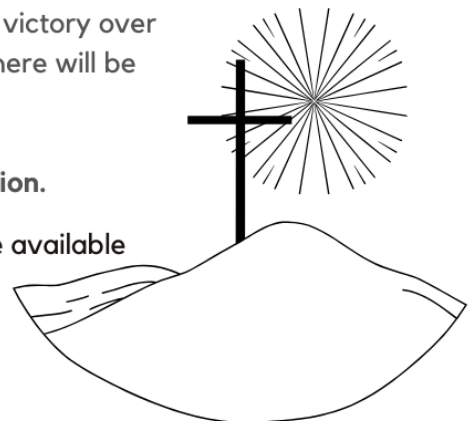
Easter Sunday, March 31st

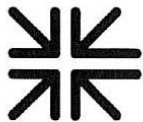
Join us for a joyful celebration of the amazing love of Jesus and his victory over sin and death! There will be no Children's Church this Sunday but there will be Easter Egg Hunts after each service!

9 a.m. — Traditional service with choir and handbells

11 a.m. — Family-friendly service of the hope of Jesus' resurrection.

All services, except the noon prayer service on Good Friday, will be available through our livestream at covenantfrazier.org/live





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