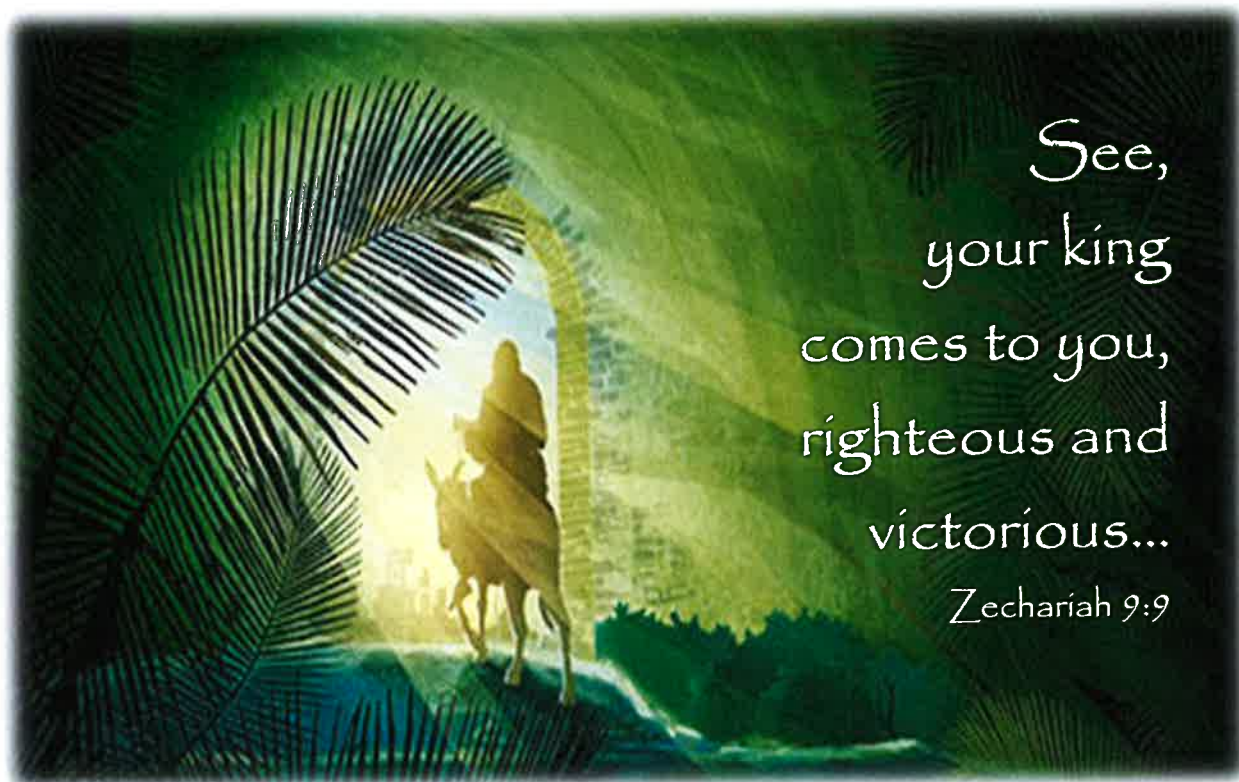




**First Presbyterian Church  
of Metuchen**

Where God's Love Welcomes All



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## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF METUCHEN**

**March 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday**

**One Church Together, An Intergenerational Worship Service**

**Livestreamed on our website and Facebook/FPC Metuchen**

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**270 Woodbridge Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840**

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Minister of Music Emeritus: Brenda Arnold Day  
Director for Christian Education: Nancy Leardi  
Youth Director: Seminarian Hanna Halleck Richards

## ASSEMBLE TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### GATHERING

**PRELUDE** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Concord Ringers  
Elaine Hansen, director

arr. Anna Laura Page

**PROCESSIONAL** Processional

Jordan Klotz, organ

Warren Martin

**WELCOME/ TIDINGS**

Jack and Julia Teti

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor : Hosanna the people cried.

Choir : Hosanna.

Children : Hosanna.

Congregation: Hosanna.

Pastor : They came to welcome the prophet.

Choir : They came to welcome the king.

Congregation: They came to welcome the one who heals.

Children : They all came to see the one from Galilee.

Pastor : He came to Jerusalem.

Choir : He came from Galilee.

Children : He is here with us today.

Congregation: Today we wave the palms to welcome the King of Kings.

Pastor : Let us worship the one who sets us free.

**\*HYMN # 197** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

### \*OUR PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION – Unison

Loise and Betty Kiru

Call to us, God of our salvation; call to us so we may greet the King of Kings. Let our joy be the garments strewn; may our hope be the banner waved. May freedom be our guide today; may we hear the hosanna as our own rescue. That today the Lord has come to set the captives free. Amen.

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*HYMN** The Palms

The Palms

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

Russ Dickow

## The Palms

English Version by  
Theodore T. Barker

J. Faure

[illegible]

1. O'er all the way green palms and blos - somes gay  
2. His word goes forth, and peo - ple by its might  
3. Sing and re joice, O blest Je - ru - sa - lem,

Are strewn this day, in fes - tal prep - a - ra - tion.  
Once more re - gain free - dom from de - gra - da - tion.  
Of all Thy sons sing the e - man - ci - pa - tion

5

Where Je - sus comes to wipe our tears a - way,  
Hu - man - i - ty doth give to each his right,  
Through bound - less love the Christ of Beth - le - hem

E'en now the throng to wel - come Him pre - pare;  
While those in dark - ness are re - stored to light. \_\_\_\_\_  
Brings faith and hope to Thee for - e - ver - more. \_\_\_\_\_

[illegible]

Join all and sing, His name de-clare, Let ev-'ry voice re-sound - with

12

Handwritten musical notation on a five-line staff. The notation includes a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a series of notes and rests. The notes are mostly eighth and quarter notes, with some beamed together. There are also some markings that look like 'x' or '13' below the staff.

ac - - cla - ma - tion: Ho - san - na!

14

3

Praise to the Lord! Bless Him who com - eth to bring us sal -

[illegible]

va - 3 - tion.

# THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:28-40

Mary Armeli

This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM Hosanna

Senior Choir; Brenda Day, organ

Daniel Moe

## SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

English: Christian Senduk

This is the Word of the Lord . . . **Thanks be to God.**

Indonesian: Arthur Jemmy

## CHILDREN'S TIME

The Puppeteers, Martin Brennan, Jack Teti, Emma Staal and Myles Bourne

Nursery care is available in Room 107. Children Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will exit to the chapel for Sunday School. Older children remain in worship.

## SERMON

"Religious Temptations"

The Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

### SETTLING OF THE WORD

#### \*HYMN # 544

Bless the Lord (Repeat four times)

TAIZE

#### CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

#### OFFERTORY

Hosanna

Taizé by Jacques Berthier

#### \*DOXOLOGY

(See hymnal insert)

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Margo Gunsser

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Bourne Family

The Peace of Christ be with you . . . ***And also with you.***

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Leksmana Leonard

**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 let us not fall into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN # 196

All Glory, Laud and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

#### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Julia Teti, Rev. Dr. Fred G. Garry

*During Lent, worship will end with the benediction. In keeping with the pensive nature of the season, the congregation will exit without music.*

*We want to thank our instrumentalists: Carol Dunkin, flute; Sarah Williams, oboe,  
and David Adam Nagy, bassoon.*

*Today's greeters are Alicia and James Lewis, and the ushers are Eli & Myles Bourne,  
Carli James Lewis, Reynolds Shaw, and Joanne and Zachary Bedenek.*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are from Hank Frank given with love for Deb Teall on her birthday, and  
from Tracy Regan given with love in honor of her mom, Nancy Regan, for all her love and support.*

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Luke 19:28-40**

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." 'So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!' Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

**SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.'

**SCRIPTURE READER: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

## March 24, 2024 WORSHIP HYMNS

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### **#197 HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA**

1- Hosanna, loud hosanna,  
the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

2- From Olivet they followed  
'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving,  
and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven  
rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children  
should on his bidding wait.

3- "Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise him  
with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence  
eternally rejoice.

### **#544 BLESS THE LORD (Sing 4 times.)**

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
And bless God's Holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
Who leads me into life.

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### **DOXOLOGY: THE TALLIS CANON**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

### **#196 ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR**

**Refrain:** All glory, laud, and honor  
to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring!

1- Thou art the King of Israel,  
thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest,  
the King and blessed One. **[Refrain]**

2- The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems  
before thee we present. **[Refrain]**

3- To thee, before thy passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise. **[Refrain]**

4- Thou didst accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest,  
thou good and gracious King! **[Refrain]**

## OUR WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

The First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen, NJ has adopted a policy in compliance with the enactment of the Federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) agreeing that a member has the right to have their health and personal information kept private and secure. This means that an individual must give permission to have their name publicly shared with the congregation. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE – 732-491-2300 to add a person to the prayer list. Persons requested to be on the prayer list will remain for one month and then be removed. If you wish to have a loved one on the prayer list for a longer time, please contact Vicky Lacson (vlacson@fpcweb.org) in the Church Office.

Jackson Alcantara (*grandson of Lori Nielsen*)  
Peggy Anastos (*friend of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
James Angley (*Lynne Angley's son*)  
Marilyn Avery  
The Bellini family (*friends of the Brennan's*)  
Gemma Bertelsen (*Sister-in-law of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
Abigail Bilworth (*Granddaughter of Marcia Archer*)  
Alliyon Blair (*Marcia Archer's granddaughter*)  
Anna Cackowski (*daughter of Al & Helen Burr-Cackowski*)  
Natalie Charles (*cousin of Tom Messina*)  
Giovanni Colon and his family (*family of Amy Bertelsen-Robles*)  
\*Beverly Cummings  
Bob Cushing (*friend of Cathy Wolpin*)  
\*Mary Kay Dangremond  
Lisa De La Fuente (*friend of the Kozo/Mollison family*)  
Robert Doeg (*friend of Niall Corbalis*)  
\*Tracy Donahue  
\*Ruth Endicott  
Hank Frank, Jr. (*Deb Teall's partner*)  
Carol Franklin (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)  
\*Marie Freeman  
Leah French (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)  
Lane Gibson (*friend of Bill Nann*)  
Garrett Glass (*Julie Bourne's brother*)  
\*Joey Hale (*Son of Matt and Laura Hale*)

\*Margaret Hathaway  
\*Tara Jusinski (*Sue Harmon's daughter*)  
Liz Lee (*Larrie Servino's Sister-in-Law*)  
Elizabeth Mack (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)  
Dennis Maiuro (*Colleen Walker's brother-in-law*)  
Patricia Maktal (*friend of Messina Family*)  
Michael  
Elliot Miller (*Larrie Servino's brother*)  
Ricardo Mollison (*Caitlin Mollison's brother*)  
Virginia Newton (*Virginia Shaw's mother*)  
Geri Rinaldo (*friend of Carol Carr*)  
Deanna Rogers (*cousin of Dawn Adam*)  
Jeff Rubin (*friend of June Keehler*)  
Angela Sampoli (*friend of Dawn Adam*)  
Paula Schwalje (*Mark Haulenbeek's sister*)  
Robert (*son of Karen Sorensen*)  
Cindy Thompson (*Jim Thompson's sister*)  
Richard Watson (*Nancy Gurzo's friend*)  
Ginny West (*related to June Keehler*)  
David Wong  
\*Lynn Hendricks Wong  
Michael Zambri (*friend of Kristina Scoglio*)

**Names highlighted in boldface were recently added**

\*Members of the church

### OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS OF COMFORT TO

Jill Prickitt and family on the passing of her husband and long-time member Mason Prickitt. A Memorial Service is set for April 10; details will be shared once finalized.

### FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Codyann Archer with the 215 peacekeeping soldiers in the Middle East (*Marcia Archer's daughter*)  
MSgt. David Hansen, USAF (*son of Elaine Hansen*)  
EM3 Cody Harmon, U.S. Navy, Hawaii (*Sue Harmon's nephew*)  
MC1 Kevin Leitner, U.S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Sue Harmon's cousin*)  
Lt. Cmdr. Krista Marquard, U.S. Public Health Service, Lawrence, KS (*Bill & Susan Marquard's daughter-in-law*)  
Major Matthew McQueeney, Pilot, USAF – Lakenheath AFB, UK (*son/stepson of Amy & Pete Bellisano*)  
LT John Alexander Petr, U. S. Navy, San Diego, CA (*Pennix Family friend*)  
\*CPT Bradley Shaver, U. S. Army – Ft. Carson, CO (*brother/son of Greg and Julie Walton Shaver*)  
CPT Julia Harris Switzer, MD USAF (*granddaughter of Grace Hammesfahr*)  
First Class Mason Weingarten, Coast Guard (*Bill & Susan Marquard's grandnephew*)



## THIS WEEK

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

**And by appointment for other times**

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Worship Service – Sanctuary and Virtual . . . . . 9:30 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour: Lent in Plain Sight – Chapel . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

Youth Commission – Office Conf. Room . . . . . 10:45 a.m.

After Worship Refreshments – Room 109 . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

APNC Meeting – Room 204 . . . . . 10:30 a.m.

CNS Task Force – PW Lounge . . . . . 10:45 a.m.

Sunday Book Club – Library. . . . . 11:00 a.m.

Indonesian Worship Service – Sanctuary . . . . . Noon

### MONDAY, MARCH 25

Men's Breakfast – Dining Room . . . . . 7:30 a.m.

Habitat Meeting – PW Lounge . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

DBSA Support Group – Room 109. . . . . 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Jubilee & Junior Choirs – Choir Room . . . . 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Easter Packing – Auditorium . . . . . 7:00 p.m.

AA Support Group – Room 109 . . . . . 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Bible Study (Pericopes of Luke) – PW Lounge . . . 10:30 a.m.

Lenten Concert – Sanctuary . . . . . Noon

Lunch & Games – Dining Room . . . . . 12:30- 3:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary . . . . . 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Indonesian Good Friday Service – Sanctuary . . . . 7:00 p.m.

Women's AA Support Group – Room 109. . 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

## COMING SOON

Mar 31 Easter Sunrise Service – Cemetery – 7:00 am

Mar 31 Easter Service – Sanctuary – 9:30 am

Mar 31 Indonesian Noon Easter Service - Sanctuary

Apr 1 Horizon Bible Study – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm

Apr 1 Social Justice Meeting – Office Conf. Rm. – 7:30 pm

Apr 2 Deacons Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm

Apr 3 Knit Scrubbies – PW Lounge – 1:00 pm

Apr 5 Presbyterian Queer Fellowship – PW Lounge  
– 7:00 p.m.

Apr 7 APNC Meeting – Room 204 – 10:40 am

Apr 7 Community Dinner – Dining Room – 5:00 pm

Apr 9 PW Coordinating Team – PW Lounge – 11:00 am

Apr 9 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Room 109 – 4:30 – 5:00 pm

Apr 9 Unicameral Board Meeting – Chapel – 7:30 pm

Apr 10 B & G Meeting – PW Lounge – 8:30 am

Apr 11 Local Mission Meeting – Auditorium – 11:45 am

Apr 11 Mission Commission – PW Lounge – 7:00 pm

Apr 19 Spring Rummage Sale – Social Ctr – 4:00-8:00 pm

Apr 20 Spring Rummage Sale – Social Ctr – 9:00am-3:00pm

## TREASURER'S TWO CENTS

### Offerings & Gifts Received March 17

2024 Pledge	\$ 9,290
Non-pledge	\$ 1,506
Cash	\$ 375
Per Capita	\$ 400
Special Offering	\$ 555
Special Funds	\$ 80

**TOTAL: \$12,206**

**Other Receipts: \$475 (Flowers & Parking)**

### HERE ARE WAYS YOU CAN GIVE:

**Direct** Cash or check in the plate are always welcome!

**Online** From our website [fpcweb.org/give](https://fpcweb.org/give), click on the **Give Online** button. This will redirect you to the Vanco app to set up your donation.

**Text** Text to give using this number: (855) 964-5393, and follow the prompts.

**Thank you for your generous support!**

### PASTORAL CARE:

If you or someone you know needs our support, or is in the hospital, please feel free to contact Rev. Fred Garry at (315) 771-3590. You can also call the church office (732) 491-2300 during office hours: Monday to Thursday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, or by appointment.





## EASTER MORNING FAMILY PHOTO-OP

March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Morning

9:00 – 9:30 am and after worship until 11:00 am

Chapel Garden

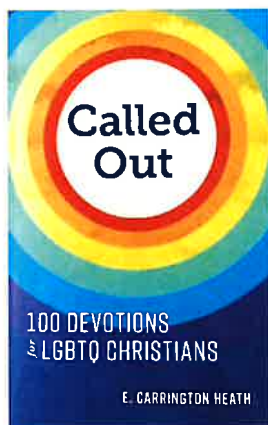
Remember this Easter with a photo of your family taken this Sunday morning. Our thanks to Fred Blake who will take photos in the Chapel Garden.

### Easter Egg Hunt

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Social Center Ball Field

Hop on over to the Ball Field for a fun egg hunt. Families of FPC Metuchen and CNS are welcome! Each child is asked to bring their basket.



### THE PRESBYTERIAN QUEER FELLOWSHIP

The Presbyterian Queer Fellowship will be meeting the first Friday of every month @ 7:00 pm in the PW Lounge. The topic for the April 5th meeting is: Called Out 100 Devotions for LGBTQ Christians by E. Carrington Heath.

For questions, please contact Niall Corbalis - 917-406-2167 text or call.

## APRIL COMMUNITY DINNER

Enjoy a home-cooked hearty Beef Stew.

APRIL 7, SUNDAY

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Social Center Dining Room

We have a place for EVERYONE!

Gather in community fellowship and enjoy the Beef stew, salad, crusty bread rolls with butter, and delicious dessert.

Interested in helping with the dinners? We welcome volunteers— please feel free to contact Deacon Gilly McKie. Email her at gilly@mckie.com or call (908) 405 2299. Feel free also to call the church office.

## Men's Breakfast Monday, March 25

7:30 a.m.

Social Center Dining Room

2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Study:

Today, March 24

After worship, In the Chapel

This devotional study resumes today; two more lessons remain. All are welcome, even if you have not joined before. The lessons are independent of each other. We hope to see you!

LENT  
IN  
PLAIN  
SIGHT

DEVOTION  
BIBLE  
REFLECTION



## LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

IN THE SANCTUARY

The weekly concerts have been enjoyable and you can still catch the final one this week featuring the Edison High School Choirs with Josh Lisner, director and Pam Moymer, pianist.



## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Service  
7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

March 29<sup>th</sup> Indonesian Good Friday Service  
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Services:

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Worship Service  
By the Cemetery
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service  
In the Sanctuary
- Noon Indonesian Worship Service  
In the Sanctuary