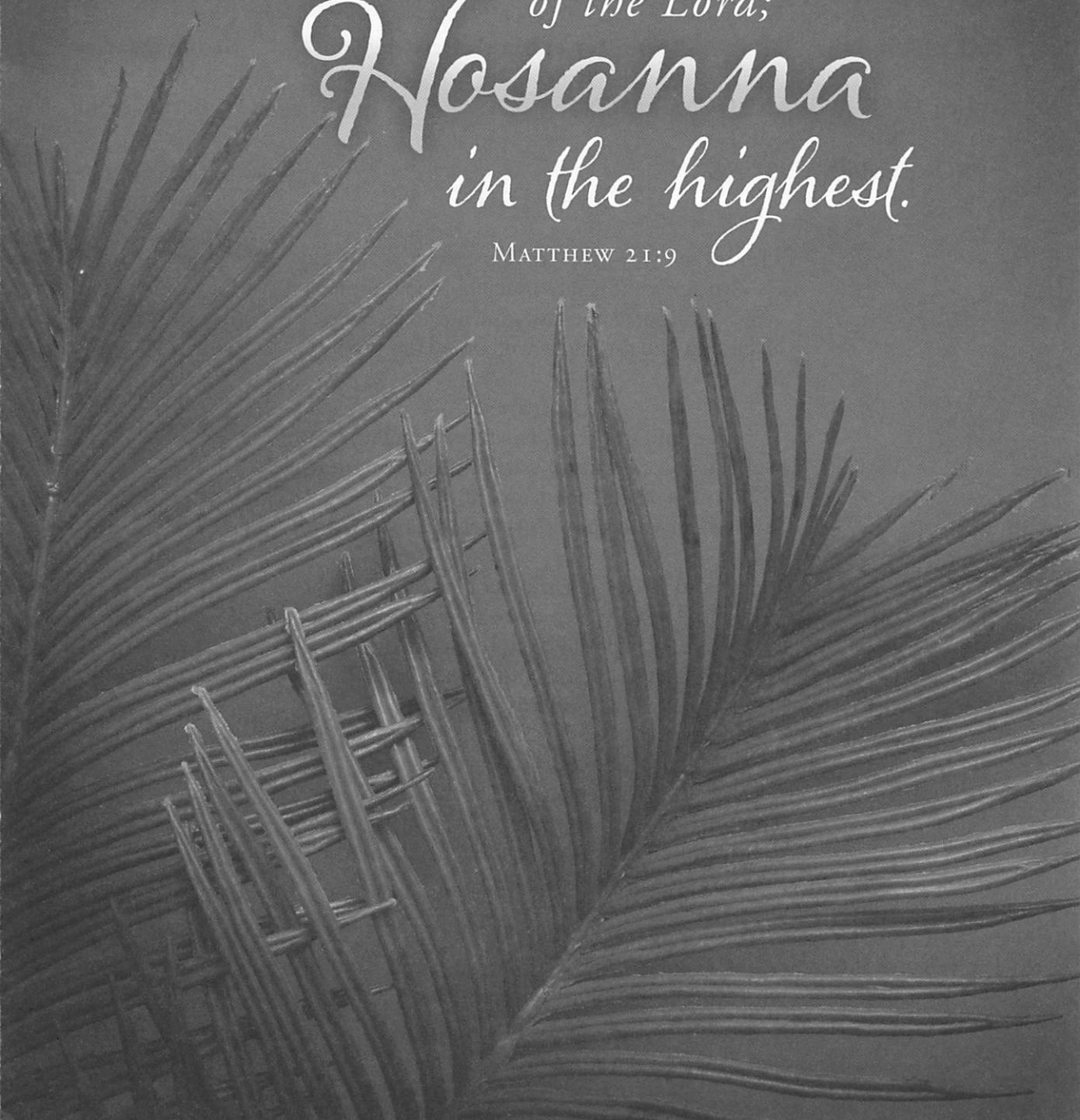


*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name
of the Lord;
Hosanna
in the highest.*

MATTHEW 21:9



**ORDER OF SERVICE
PALM SUNDAY**

APRIL 13, 2025

10:15 AM

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

String Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Bernard Nti

***PROCESSIONAL SONG**

THE PALMS

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away;
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

Refrain

**Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let every voice resound with united acclamation!
Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation.**

His word goes forth and peoples by its might
Freedom regain once more from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness find restored to light.

Refrain

Sing and rejoice. O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation;
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee for ever more.

Refrain

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barb Lauf

Liturgist: Children of God, Rejoice! Sing out in celebration, God's people! Your King is coming to you, humble, riding on a donkey, on a donkey's foal.

People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the Lord's name. Glory to God! Hosanna! Together, let us worship God!

***HYMN 89**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of heaven and earth, we give You thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in Your name. Even though we profess to follow Him, we confess that in times of trial, we too often deny Him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Barb Lauf

Hear the Good News: Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19: 28 – 40

Barb Lauf

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Bernard Nti

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

“Ave Verum”

String Quartet

DOXOLOGY: *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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord God, we are thankful for Jesus Christ - the author of Hope and Joy. May His joy fill our hearts and minds as we bring to you these tithes and offerings. Bless these gifts that they may be used in the building of Your kingdom.

“LIVING LAST SUPPER” by Ruth Elaine Schram

***CHARGE/BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bernard Nti

***POSTLUDE**

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

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SERVING THIS MORNING

Liturgist.....	Betsy Suppes
Acolyte.....	Avalyn Rehm
Ushers.....	Christine, Jeanne, Monica, Lana, Mary
Fellowship.....	Gretchen Lohr
Opener.....	Jim McCann
Chancel Flowers.....	The Priest Family
Children's Chat.....	No Children's Chat
Nursery.....	
Audio/Video.....	Kevin Howell

*Chancel Flowers were donated by Kevin & Jen Priest
to the Glory of God and in Honor of their Grandson,
Kavien's 5th Birthday.
Happy Birthday Kavien!!!*



FAMILY SOUP KITCHEN CONTINUES TO NEED OUR HELP! *Thank you and may you be richly blessed for your ongoing generosity.* A grocery cart is located on the lower floor. **Please remember our less fortunate neighbors in your giving.**

ATTENTION WPC BOOK WORMS!!

WPC Book Club Meeting Dates:

When: Monday April 28, 2025

Book: "Christ the Lord; Out of Egypt" by Ann Rice

Time: 7P

Where: Parlor

When: Monday May 19, 2025

Book: "James" by Percival Everett

Time: 7P

Where: Parlor



KOINONIA COMMITTEE GAME NIGHT

Our **next event is scheduled for Sunday, May 4 at 4 PM.**

Please mark your calendars now for **CINCO de MAYO!** fun, food, and fellowship. We plan to be outside and enjoy God's beautiful creation as we spend time together as a church family. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will meet in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

WE WELCOME ALL who join us in worship day. We are a Presbyterian congregation in the reformed tradition, seeking to glorify God in our worship, our nurture and support of one another, and our service to the world, near and far. Please sign and pass the Blue Ritual of Friendship pads located in the pew holders. We also have prayer cards in your pews. Please fill them out and place them in the offering bowl during offertory. Those who wish to learn more about the church and/or are considering membership are encouraged to call the church office.

Sunday, April 13

Worship (S).....	10:15A
Fellowship Hour / Seder Meal (F).....	11:30A
“The Last Supper” movie.....	6:30P

Monday, April 14

Prayers and Squares.....	9A
Garden Club.....	9:45A
Prayer Group ©.....	11A
Bridge Club (K).....	11:30A
Good News (F).....	2P

Tuesday, April 15

Spiritual Direction	10A
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Wednesday, April 16

Men’s Breakfast @ Jax.....	7:30A
Geneva Pre School Pre School Party.....	10A
Pot Luck.....	5:30P
“The Last Supper” movie.....	6:30P

Thursday, April 17

Staff Meeting (K).....	1P
Worship & Music.....	4P
Maundy Thursday Worship.....	7P

Friday, April 18..... (Office closes at Noon)

Thread Articles Due	
Tenebrae Good Friday Service.....	7:30

Saturday, April 19

Flower Delivery	9A
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Sunday, April 20

Easter Service / Price Field / 6:15A.....	Sanctuary 8:30A & 10:15A
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PRAYERS & SQUARES...Can you touch a prayer? YOU CAN!!!

... if it is tied into a prayer quilt made by our **Prayers & Squares** group.
Know someone in need of prayer support who would like a prayer quilt?

Please contact:

Joyce Norris 814.243.2659 or 241.6963 joyceanorris@gmail.com

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CE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO EXTEND a BIG THANK YOU!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the **Easter Egg Hunt**. Whether you donated candy, helped set up or tear down or helped during the event, *none of it would have been possible without each and every one of you!!!*

Also, we would like to extend a thank you to all the families that participated in the hunt. There were a total of 188 kids in attendance and it sure looked like everyone enjoyed the event! *We hope some of the kids and helpers will join us for VBS in June!!!*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

When: Saturday April 26, 2025

Where: WPC Fellowship Hall

Time: 8A

Speaker: Matt DiFrancesco

Matt DeFrancesco is a Financial Planner and Certified Exit Planner who is dedicated to helping families create something greater than themselves; aligning families to create multi-generational wealth. He has 20 years of experience, specializing in helping family businesses, specifically in the collision industry.

In addition to his professional achievements, Matt is the host of the impactful podcast "Your Business, Your Life," with over 100 episodes and counting. He shares valuable insights and interviews experts to help business owners achieve success and balance their entrepreneurial journeys.

Beyond his work, Matt finds joy in various pursuits; playing tennis, reading and music, as well as giving back to his community and parish, Our Mother of Sorrows.

However, above all, Matt cherishes spending quality time with his wonderful wife, Anne and their four sons.

PRAYER BOARD: Lyn G., Linda and Holly, Cindy C., Marianne R, Sue G., Teens, Ted & Diane, Linda B, Pastor Ben, Session, Deacons, Church Staff, Rev. Carole, John & Joyce, Anna A., Shut-ins, Kirkstadt's, Good News Club, Brian M., Chris S., Katie Ahlers, James, Angela B.

PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR PRAYERS. If you know of an active-duty person to be included in the list, call the church office with name, rank, address and, if appropriate, an e-mail address.

We remember that some of these people are in a war zone and may not be available for regular communication. The following person is on assignment without a current address:
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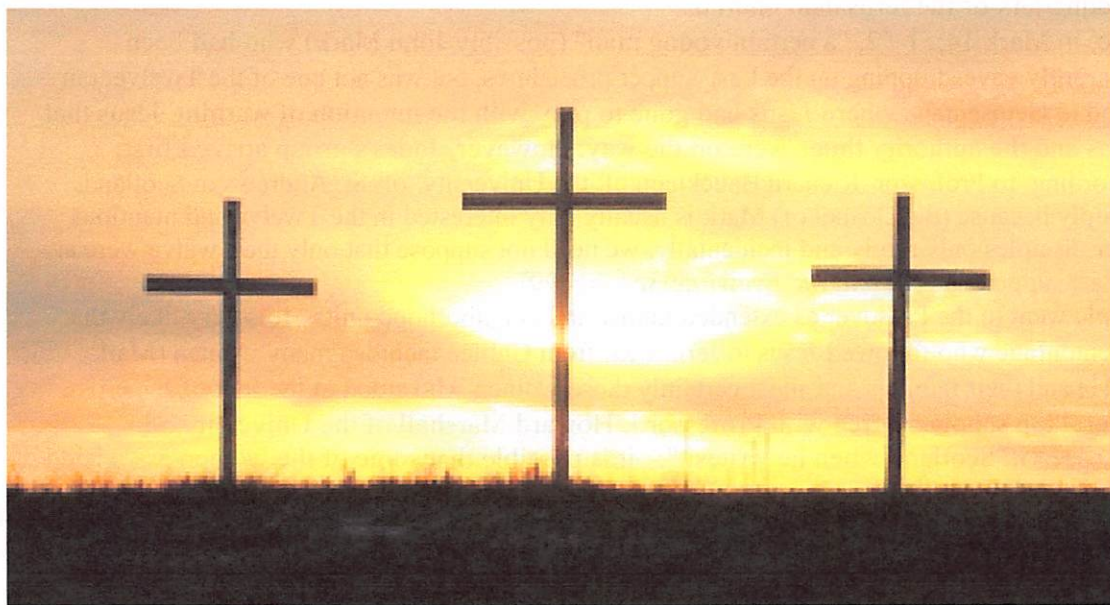
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2025 Palm Sunday Cantata "Living Last Supper" Explanation Sheet

Some may find the inclusion of women at Jesus' Last Supper oft-putting. However, this makes it an opportunity to do more homework on both the Passover meal and Jesus' interaction with women.

Much of the world's idea of Jesus' Last Supper comes from the painting by Leonardo da Vinci. Our tableau seating at tables reflects this depiction of the event. Experts now believe the group would have lounged on cushions around a low coffee-table type of furniture where the food would be placed.

Establishing a timeline for the events of the evening from the Gospel of Mark (14:13-17), we find at least 15 people at the meal: Jesus, the Twelve and two whom he asked to prepare the meal (customarily females). It is likely that the Upper Room was at the house of a certain woman named Mary, mother of John Mark. This house, according Acts 12:12 became the headquarters of the Jerusalem church.

Also, in Mark 14:51-52, "a certain young man" (possibly John Mark) who had been apparently eavesdropping on the Last Supper procedures, but was not one of the Twelve, ran ahead to Gethsemane where Jesus had gone to pray with the intention of warning Jesus that Judas and the authority thugs were on the way. However, Judas's group arrived first.

According to Professor Richard Bauckham of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, "Simply because (the Gospel of) Mark is usually only interested in the Twelve and mentions other disciples only rarely and incidentally, we need not suppose that only the Twelve were at the last supper." (*Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*, p. 199)

People went to the Passover as extended family and neighborhood units. It is very likely that the entourage who followed Jesus to Jerusalem from Galilee included many women (Mark 15:41) and their families and most certainly those women who stood at the foot of the cross.

Several top scholars agree with Professor I. Howard Marshall of the University of Aberdeen in Scotland when he writes: "... it is possible that some of the women associated with the followers of Jesus were present at the last meal." (*Last Supper and Lord's Supper*, pg. 59)

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke reveal that the Last Supper was a Passover meal.

According to Exodus 12, it had to be an extended family-type meal with small children in attendance, asking important questions. (Why are we doing this? What does this mean? etc.)

It is also very likely that a woman would light one or two candles on the Passover table and say a blessing since that is customary at all Jewish festivals. (See *Celebrate the Feasts*, Martha Zimmerman, p. 62)

The Passover meal was to be an opportunity for the father-figure to teach his children and explain the Exodus and that they too were to experience the event.

The re-experiencing of the Exodus event included singing Psalms 113-118 and 136. It featured four glasses of fine wine and at times resembled a joyful dinner party.

The New Testament strongly indicates that the women followers in Jesus' inner circle understood Jesus and his teaching better than the sometimes "thick-headed" males.

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

By Ruth Elaine Schram

“OVERTURE/PROCESSIONAL”

“HOW GREAT HIS LOVE”

Simon Peter - Andrew - James, the Lesser

“IS IT I?”

James, the Son - Matthew - Simon, the Zealot

“KING TRIUMPHANT”

Bartholomew - Philip - Thaddaeus

“HIS HANDS”

John, the Beloved - Thomas - Judas Iscariot

“YOU ARE THE BREAD”

“HOW GREAT HIS LOVE (FINALE)”

Cast

*Simon Peter – Dave Wylie Andrew – Danny Maciorowski James, the Lesser – Tim Dabbs
James, the Son of Zebedee – Bill Uhlig Matthew – Leslie Winters
Simon, the Zealot – Steve Maciorowski Bartholomew – Charley Maciorowski
Philip – Jim McCann Thaddaeus – Kenan Kevenk John the Beloved – Jeff Boback
Thomas – Izzabelle Maciorowski Judas Iscariot – Dave Thomson Jesus – Barney Custer*

Orchestra

*Violins: Cara Garofola, Quddus Khamooshi Viola: Steven Weiss
Cello: Cecilia Caughman Bass: Dan Morrison Flute: Tara Yaney Oboe: Kaylyn Shearer
Clarinet: Allyson Edington, Jorge Naranjo Piano: Beth Good*

A listing of overlooked activities of women around Jesus during his ministry follows:

1. Who was the first person to proclaim that Jesus was the Messiah and win multiple converts? The woman at the well. (John 4:28-29)
2. Who was the first to win Pagan converts? The woman at the well. (John 4:39-42)
3. Who were the only disciples not to deny Jesus? Women. (Mark 14:19-20).
4. We know that Peter declared that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of the Living God. But according to John 11:27 who made that declaration before Peter? A woman! Martha declared that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God.
5. Who knew that Jesus was going to His death and anointed him beforehand with valuable ointment? A woman. (Mark 14:3-9)
6. Who were the only members of the inner circle with enough courage to stay at the cross? Women. (Mark 15:40-41)
7. Who were the only ones up close to see Jesus die? Women, the exception: the beloved disciple. Was this John or Lazarus who had already died once? (John 19:26)
8. Who were the first followers with enough courage to accompany Jesus' corpse to His tomb? Women. (Matthew 27:61, Mark 15:47, Luke 23:55)
9. Even though they also had a price on their heads, on the third day, who were the first with enough gumption to go to Jesus' tomb? Women. (Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1-2, Luke 24:1)
10. Who were the first to witness the resurrected Christ? Women. (Matthew 28:9, Mark 16:9)
11. Who were the first persons to be commissioned by the Risen Christ to proclaim His resurrection? Women (John 20:17-18)
12. According to Professor Elizabeth Achtemeier (in renews, December 2000), "The Fourth Gospel makes Mary Magdalene...the first apostle. She is the first to see the risen Lord and to be given a commission by him – which is the definition of an apostle in the New Testament."
13. Who was the first convert in Europe? Lydia, a woman. (Acts 16:15)
14. Who was the first person to start a church in Europe? Lydia. (Acts 16:15)

I wish to thank the Methodist and Presbyterian ministers with whom I have served as a Minister of Music for their help in researching and compiling this information.

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