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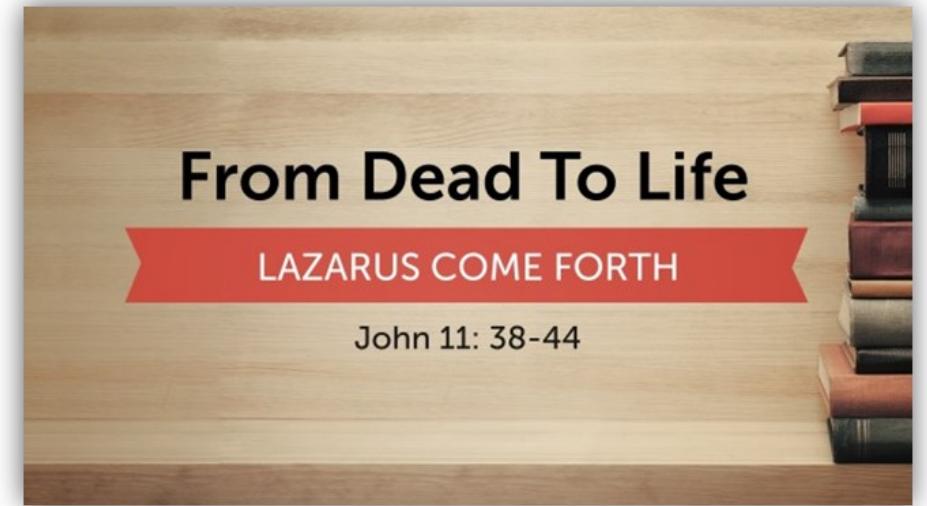
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**Called Together by God to worship...**



## **Middle Spring Presbyterian Church**

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*The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*  
*March 23, 2025*



**PROCESSIONAL**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**            *Once to Every Man and Nation*

by Stanley E. Saxton

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, you are our God;  
**our souls thirst for you, as in a dry and weary land  
 where there is no water.**

We have looked upon you in the sanctuary;  
**we have seen your power and glory.**

Our lips will praise you as long as we live;  
**we lift up our hearts and call on your name.**  
**Let us worship God!**

**\*GATHERING PRAISES (INSERT)**            *Rise Up (Lazarus)*

**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Lord be with you.    **And also with you.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

When the time comes to repent,  
 let us not accuse our neighbor,  
 but face the truth within us,  
 and not to belittle or shame,  
 but to seek grace,  
 that we can turn our lives around with God's help.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,**

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **Church Calendar** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Sunday, March 23	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship in person and online
Tuesday, March 25	10:00 am	ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday, March 26	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir
	7:30 pm	Handbell Choir
Thursday, March 27	<b>5-6:00 pm</b>	Community Meal
Sunday, March 30	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship in person and online



**Time for Easter Flower Orders!**

Signup sheets are in the lobby and narthex for Easter flower orders - choose from tulips, azaleas, and daffodils in a variety of colors.

Orders are due **NEXT SUNDAY, March 30.**

There is a list of the 2025 altar flower sponsors in the narthex and in the CE Lobby. Please verify the information for your sponsorship and, if correct, place a check beside your name.

The cost of the 2 bouquets is \$40.00. For payment, give the remittance to Gary Russell or put it in the offering plate, marked "altar flowers."

If you would like to sign up for an open date, please add your information to the chart.



~ ~ ~ ~ ~ *Joys and Concerns* ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**This week's concerns:** Mavis Karper is hospitalized in Chambersburg. Pray for Susan Ahrens (Pastor Ed's sister) whose husband David passed away last week. Kenneth "Gene" Rhodes, a friend of Greg and Shawna McMullen, is struggling with health issues. Pray also for Ed (Jan Ile's brother) who was admitted to the hospital for dialysis.

**Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:**

Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Sally Boden, Thomas Bruce, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Doe Davis, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Michael Harglerode, Bob and Betty Harper, Julia Lent, Pat Mogan, Dorothy Nye, Susan Petrina, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Richard Saul, Suzanne Turner, Dick Weaver, Jean Wenger, Robbie Weber, and Mark Zimmerman.

This week we pray for **St. James Presbyterian Church** in Mechanicsburg in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Hays Grove United Methodist Church** in local churches; and **Tierra Prometida** in Nacaome, Valle, Honduras.

The beautiful flowers on our altar today are given by the **Middle Spring Presbyterian Women** in memory of **Presbyterian Carlisle Women**.

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*Community Meal*

On Thursday, March 27, the monthly Community Meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider coming out and joining those who are partaking of it - this is one way for us to share the face and faith of our church with those we serve in the area.



**CENTURY OF SONG** The Fellowship Team has reserved 40 tickets for the dinner and show at Antietam Recreation for Friday, **April 25**. The show is "A Century of Song", and it is filled with music from the past 100 years, with much singing and dancing. A great show! The cutoff date to order tickets is **April 1**; signup

though you lovingly tend us,  
we have not put forth the good fruits of your Spirit.  
**Our consumption poisons the earth.**  
**Our violence threatens our neighbors.**  
**Our greed exploits the poor.**  
We must seem a waste of time,  
but don't give up on us yet, O God.  
**In your power to abundantly pardon,**  
**forgive us for the sake of Christ,**  
**and imbue us with love, peace, goodness, and faithfulness.**

**TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Incline your ear and listen, so that you may live!  
God makes with us an everlasting covenant,  
the sure, steadfast love known to Moses, David, and the ancestors  
and revealed in Jesus upon the cross.  
Trust in the good news.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*HYMN GTG #581 *Gloria Patri*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*APOSTLES CREED*)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

*Through it All*

by Trent Smith

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\*HYMN GTG #451 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* (verse 3 only)

## GOD'S WORD WRITTEN – John 11:38-44

<sup>38</sup> So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> "I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me." <sup>43</sup> When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

## GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED – Leaving the Tombs

\*HYMN GTG #418 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

## THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Jesus Loves Me (based on Clair de Lune)*  
by Claude Debussy/Fred Bock

\*DOXOLOGY GTG #606

## OFFERING PRAYER

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

\*SENDING HYMN (INSERT) *Lead Me to Calvary*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ Alone* arr. Jason D. Payne



On Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Puppet Ministry will be assisting Pastor Ed with the Palm Sunday worship service. This will be a time of song, dialogue, and the word of God.



**Palm Sunday - April 13** - Worship service at 10:30 am, assisted by the Puppet Ministry

**Quiet Communion - Mon-Thurs, April 14-17**  
Meditative time from 8:00 am -6:00 pm

**Good Friday - April 18** - Worship service at 7:00 pm

**Easter Sunrise - April 20** - Worship service at 7:00 am

**Easter Breakfast** - Following the early service;  
**NO Sunday School!**

**Easter** - Worship service at 10:00 am; Holy Communion offered

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Pastor is Rev. **Ed Blank**.

Liturgist is **Quay Stolte**.

Acolyte is **Gavin Schoenfelder**.

Elder of the Week is **Kemper Dyson**.

Ushers are **Larry and Vickie Ocker** and **Ray Staver**.

Greeter is **Gilda Blank**.

Organist is **Ingrid Winckler**.

Choir Director is **Lindsay Evanchak**.

Handbell Choir Director is **Jan Ile**.

Nursery Coordinator is **Brenda Varner**.

Deacon of the Month is **Jeanette Chamberlin**.



This month our designated offering will go to the  
**Therapy Dog Fund.**