

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



SHEEP GRAZING IN AN OPEN FIELD
ANTON MAUVE (1838 - 1888)

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 | 10:30 am Worship Service

-WE GATHER TO PRAISE -

§ Invites you to rise in body or spirit with the people of God.

As fallen people, we must be called from our worship of the created and focus on the proper worship of the Creator.

§ CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGIST

One: As we are called into worship today, it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him and therefore did not worship him. Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is, that we might worship him in truth. People of God, behold and see your God!

All: We open our eyes to see his glory. We open our ears to hear his wisdom. We open our hands to offer him gifts. We open our mouths to sing his praise. We open our hearts to offer him our love. He is Lord!

§ HYMN OF PRAISE

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES!

HYMN 77

Verse 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of Glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near,
the Savior of the world is here.

Verse 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Verse 5 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to Thee; here Lord abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

Verse 6 So come, my Sovereign, enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin!
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.

- Verse 1** **Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream,
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**
- (Chorus)** **In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever,
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**
- Verse 2** **Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star
shed His beams around me.**
- Verse 3** **Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me.**
- Verse 4** **Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand,
just beyond the river.**

§ CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Moment for Silent Personal Confession

All: Lord Jesus, We want to be your followers, and yet we hesitate to take up the cross. We want to be glorified with you, and yet we recoil from the shame that you endure. We want to enjoy the abundant life that you offer, and yet we fear the loss of life that you require. Look upon us with compassion in the days ahead, and unite us, not only in the fellowship of your suffering, but also in the power of your resurrection.

As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

§ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

§ RESPONSE TO PARDON

GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 614

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.

- WE SHARE OUR LIFE & GIFTS -

We pray for the world because God loves it. God created the world and cares for it. To abide in God's love is to share God's concern for the world. Our prayers should therefore be as specific as God's tender compassion for the least ones among us.

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;

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.

OFFERTORY

§ RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

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

- WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD -

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

SHORTER CATECHISM Q/A 1

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ZECHARIAH 9:9-13

LITURGIST

ONE THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

ALL THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON

LUKE 19:28-48

REV. BRANDON JOLLEY

Through the sermon we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow Him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the Gospel to others through our words and deeds.

- WE JOIN TO FEAST -

HYMN OF PREPARATION

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

HYMN 221

Verse

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ONE THE LORD BE WITH YOU
ALL AND ALSO WITH YOU.
ONE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS!
ALL WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD!
ONE LET US GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD
ALL IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE HIM THANKS AND PRAISE.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

ONE TOGETHER LET US PROCLAIM THE MYSTERIES OF THE FAITH.
ALL CHRIST HAS DIED, CHRIST HAS RISEN, CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS & LORD'S SUPPER

Lord's Supper is the culmination and high point of the worship service and is a reminder of the meal we will share in the New Creation. When we eat this meal we are taken up into heaven to feast with the saints and the Lamb.

- Verse 1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.
- Chorus Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
- Verse 2 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth!
- Verse 3 Yes, on through life's long path,
still singing as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.
- Verse 4 Still lift your standard high,
still march in firm array;
as warriors through the darkness toil
till dawns the golden day.
- Verse 5 Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your glor'ous banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

A benediction is literally a "good word" or a blessing to carry with us as we leave our time of worship.

§ BENEDICTION

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: The Good Friday service will be held here this Friday, April 3rd beginning at 6:30pm.

PRESCHOOL ROOM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are a lot of dates open for volunteering in the preschool room in April, starting on the 5th. If you have never volunteered, don't hesitate to ask Kathleen if you have any questions. If there isn't a volunteer those children will be in service on those dates.

CHILDREN'S SONG PRACTICE: We are asking for kids to arrive at 10:15 next Sunday, April 5th to practice their song before service.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The Hopewell Church annual EASTER EGG HUNT will be held on Saturday, April 4th at 10:30 a.m. starting in Fellowship Hall. ALL are invited, adults & kids, for donuts and refreshments before the hunt. The Hunt will begin at 11:00 a.m. Again this year, the Deacons are asking for donations of pre-wrapped candy only (as we already have enough empty eggs to fill). There is a large basket placed in the upper sanctuary for your candy donations. Be sure to invite your friends to join us for the refreshments, the egg hunt, and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny!

WOMEN'S SPRING LUNCHEON: *Blessed are the Gathered Ladies*, join us on Saturday, April 18th at 11:00 am for a lovely Spring Luncheon as we celebrate the conclusion of our study on the Sermon on the Mount. Let's gather for a time of fellowship, reflection, and encouragement, celebrating the wisdom of Jesus's longest teaching. Reply to the email or sign up in the side sanctuary.

VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS: There is information and a VBS sign up sheet in the side sanctuary. Please let me know if you have any questions about different areas to volunteer. VBS will be held June 8th - 11th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL: The meal will begin at 5:45 in the fellowship hall. Bring a friend and join us for an evening of good fellowship and a delicious meal.

MEN'S WINTER / SPRING BIBLE STUDY: Continues Wednesday at 6:30 pm or Thursday at noon at David Yount's office.

WOMEN'S WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY: Continues Wednesday at 6:30 pm (childcare will be provided) or Friday @ 9:00 AM at Hopewell

THURSDAY MORNING STUDY AND PRAYER TIME: Thursday, at 9:30 am, in the pastor's study. We are wrapping up A Good Confession (March 12 - Ch. 51 & March 19 - Ch. 52). March 26th we're starting a new study using Kevin DeYoung's book on the Heidelburgh Catechism. The book's title is *The Good News We Almost Forgot*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Saved, Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts by Nancy Guthrie. Sunday mornings at 9:30, downstairs in the back Fellowship Hall room.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Mike Jones, Peggy Woods, Cooper Andreas, Kim Hamilton, Becky Wertz, Dave Pennington, Abby Dougherty Nusbaumer, Hannah McAdams, Ashley Kelly, Missionaries: Josh and Libby Auyer

HOMEBOUND: Norma Jean Fox, Clarellen Kelsay, Pat Mundorff, Becky Wertz

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Amy Jones-2nd; Barb Dirk -4th; Michele Burgess-8th; Grace Haehl & Cathy Johnson-13th; Elaina Smith-14th; Dorcas Abplanalp-15th; Jake Findley-18th; Harrison Wicker-21st; Mike Jones-22nd; Jackson Lee-23rd; David Yount-26th; Brent Henderson & Janet Tearman-27th; Sable Gentry, & Victoria Yount-31st

ATTENDANCE: March 15th - 102, March Average - 115; YTD Avg.- 112

TO PONDER PRAYERFULLY

“This, after all, is the master-truth of Scripture, that “Christ died for our sins.” To this let us daily return. On this let us daily feed our souls. Some, like the Greeks of old, may sneer at the doctrine, and call it “foolishness.”

But let us never be ashamed to say with Paul, “Be it far from me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Gal. 6:14).”

– J.C. Ryle

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