



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

Walt Coppersmith

Mission Minute: John Patterson, St. James Fellowship

Meditation & Preparation for Worship

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

***Call to Worship** (*Psalms 67*)

Brian Fisher

LEADER: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

CONGREGATION: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

LEADER: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

CONGREGATION: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

LEADER: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

CONGREGATION: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

***Opening Prayer**

WE APPROACH GOD

***Songs of Praise:**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Wonderful, Merciful, Savior
On Jordan's Stormy Banks*

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61

Hymn: #165 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *I Believe in A Hill Called Mount Calvary; If That Isn't Love*
Angie Bortoluzzi & Janis Gomola

***Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving:** #731

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavn'ly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Children (3 years old – Kindergarten) may be dismissed for Children's Fellowship

GOD SPEAKS TO US

***Hymn:** #705 *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13

Message: *"Trophies of God's Grace"* Rev. Walt Coppersmith

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

***Hymn:** #478 *I Love to Tell the Story*

***Benediction**

***Sending:** #735 *Gloria Patri*

**Congregation please stand as able*

If you are visiting with us today, **welcome!** We hope you are blessed by being here and that you feel comfortable and at home.

For guests with children: We welcome children in the service but if you need other resources, a **Nursery** is available for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old and, children 3 years old through kindergarten are welcome to attend **Children's Fellowship** (dismissed after the prayer). The nursery is located across the hall from the sanctuary and Children's Fellowship meets at the end of the hall in our education wing. Children are also welcome to pick up a Children's bulletin clipboard at the Welcome Desk.

This week:

Today <i>(March 24)</i>	9:00 am	Sunday School
	10:15 am	Worship
	11:45 am	Worship Committee meeting
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
Thursday	6:30 pm	A Physicians Look at Christ's Death
	7:30 pm	The Last Supper (Communion Service)
Saturday	10:00 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday <i>(March 31)</i>		No Sunday School
	10:15 am	Easter Morning Worship <i>Fellowship Coffee & Snacks after the service</i>

Serving Today

Worship Leader:	B. Fisher
Nursery:	K. Kessler, A. Campbell, N. Casile
Children's Fellowship:	R. & R. Mott
D.A.D.	B. Campbell

Serving next week: March 31

Worship Leader:	D. Howell
Nursery:	L. Fisher, A. Miller, A. Meyer
Children's Fellowship:	D. Bauer, S. Bauer
D.A.D.	B. Campbell

Note: Announcements for the bulletin should be submitted to the office by 3 p.m. Wednesday for printing on Thursday.

Connect

I'd like more info about:

- _____ Volunteering
- _____ Membership
- _____ Bible study
- _____ Home groups
- _____ Youth ministry
- _____ Other:

name

address

phone

email

_____ Please add me to the church email list

_____ Please add me to the email prayer chain

_____ Please add/change above information to church directory

Place this tear-off strip in the offering plate.

March 24, 2024

Prayer and Praises for our Church Family:**New Cov Family:**

Pray for the spiritual and all-around blessings for the following church members/friends and their families. This week, pray for **Brian & Laurie Fisher, John Fisher, and Deane Fowler.**

Remember the prayer needs of:

Pat Stotler – *for strength and healing*

Ben Kost – *for his recovery from surgery*

Pulpit Nominating Committee – *continued prayers for wisdom*

New Covenant - *Pray for our ministry of outreach to family, neighbors, co-workers and friends*

For our Military:

Pray for those serving or training in the military – especially those from our church family or who have friends or relatives in our church family: This week pray for: **Naomi Howard, Dan McCrorey and Dan Parsons.**

For Missionaries, Ministry and Outreach Partners:

Remember the organizations and individuals that we partner with prayerfully and financially. This week, pray for:

Mosaic Community Development Center - Kelly Bender

MTW France - B&P

MTW India - Phil and Amina

Easter Schedule:

Thursday, March 28	6:30 pm	A Physician's Look at Christ's Death
	7:30 pm	The Last Supper (Communion Service)
Saturday, March 30	10:00 am	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, March 31	10:15 am	Easter Morning Worship Service (No Sunday School on Easter morning)

We invite you to come hear a presentation by Dr. TJ Kessler, **Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm**. That will be followed by a communion service. We are planning to have childcare available for both evening events (babies through elementary-age children) and still need volunteers. Please contact the office if you can help that evening.

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, March 30 @ 10 a.m. | Children 12 and under are welcome to participate. Register @ <https://bit.ly/2024NCegg hunt>. Filled egg donations are due today; if you still have donations, please contact Erin Fiscus to arrange drop off.

Easter Offering | Our Easter Offering will be designated to the *St. James Fellowship* ministry this year. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please use the special Easter offering envelope or mark "*Easter Offering*" in the memo line of your check.

Bearing Witness - A Conference on Everyday Evangelism | April 12-13, Robinson Twp. | The Outreach Committee invites you to this conference hosted by Providence PCA. Dr. Richard D. Phillips will uncover the timeless principles to assist us in joyfully sharing the hope of Christ wherever God places us. Pick up a flyer from the Welcome Desk for more information or go to the website at <https://www.providencepgh.org/2024-conference> .

2024 Baby Bottle Campaign for Network of Life | Pick up a bottle from the display table in the Narthex to fill with cash or check or give online at <https://bit.ly/2024newcovbbc> . Donation-filled bottles are due back by April 7.

A Need at Mosaic | Mosaic's women's discipleship group meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. It is full of women in all walks of life, including non-believers. Some of the women are single moms who cannot find reliable childcare. Because of this, they are in need of 1 or 2 adults with clearances that could help with childcare at Mosaic from 6:30-8:30 PM. Their last date for the spring session is the fourth Wednesday in May. They will begin the fall session the second week of September. Please contact Katie Vance at 724-709-0886 or Katie.ann.vance@gmail.com if you can help.

In search of housing for the 2024-25 school year for 3 young Christian women who will be attending Pitt from the Harrisburg area. Please contact Kathleen Struble (412-444-9897) with any leads or ideas. Thank you.

Summer Mission Trip to Fairmont, WV - July 13-20 | Service opportunities include light construction, Vacation Bible School and food preparation in the camp kitchen. Please let a member of the Mission Committee know if you are interested. Committee members are: Zeta Turner, Lynn Galloway, Emily Twilla, Vance McMichael and Russ Cardwell.

Joni and Friends Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve at one or more of their Summer Family Retreats in Ohio. There are three opportunities this year:

- June 9-14 @ Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center, W. Portsmouth, OH
- July 7-12 @ Berlin Encore Hotel, Berlin, OH
- August 7-11 @ Berlin Resort, Millersburg, Ohio (Adult campers)

Families are on waiting lists to attend until enough volunteers are registered. The greatest need are the June and August camps. No prior experience is necessary; there will be training. Please consider joining this wonderful ministry! Visit <https://joniandfriends.org/> for more information or speak to Mary Lou Zolko who will be volunteering in August (if anyone is interested in joining her).