



# FIRST DAY !

Weekly News and Opportunities at  
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County  
March 17, 2024

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## TODAY

### QUIET BEGINNINGS...

As we enter the sanctuary each week to gather for worship, we enter in a spirit of prayer and quiet preparation. Remember that your neighbor may be hoping for a quiet moment to center themselves, listen to the prelude, and prepare for worship. Take a breath – leave the busy, noisy, hustle-bustle world at the sanctuary doors and listen - God is ready for you!

### 8:30 a.m. EARLY SERVICE in the Sanctuary

### 10:30 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP (in-person and livestream)

Our in-person and livestream congregations share worship together. This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet, you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

### FOR OUR 10:30 a.m. ONLINE CONGREGATION

**FIRST CALL - Online Worshippers.** Please gather on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. for 10 to 15 minutes to say good morning, meet each other, and check in before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. (*See details under Worship, Arts and Music News.*)

The link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. This Sunday, March 17, is The Fifth Sunday in Lent. The liturgical color is **purple**. Pick up a copy of the bulletin so you can join in the liturgy at home. You can find this week's materials on the website: [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) or in the Friday email.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** All worship begins in the sanctuary.

At 10:30 a.m.: After the Children's Prayer and Lord's Prayer:

Children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play. Parents can pick up their children following worship in rooms 110 & 113.

Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to The Worship Bridge. They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.

**WORSHIP BAGS:** Worship bags are available to enhance the worship experience for children. Please return everything (except the bulletins) to the bags and return the bags to the ushers at the end of the service.

**FLOWERS THIS WEEK** are given to the Glory of God by Janice in remembrance of her parents; and by Eric and Kathy celebrating Harriet's birth, and Simon, Luke and Virginia's birthdays.

**WE WELCOME Kathie Metz** as our guest musician this morning.

Kathie Metz is from Huntington, WV, where she graduated from Marshall University, having majored in music education with concentration in organ. Her church music career began there at age 12, after a summer of organ lessons at Interlochen National Music Camp. She continued her education at Marshall Univ., Westminster Choir College, and at many workshops and conferences offered by the American Guild of Organists, The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, and the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts. Kathie served as Organist/Director of Music at several churches before going to Towson United Methodist Church, from which she retired in 2012. She currently directs The Broadmead Chorus and substitutes for organist colleagues around the area. Kathie enjoys spending as much time as possible with her family, playing bridge and watching the Orioles and Ravens (sometimes!)

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY:

*Liturgist:* Tyler Williams (8:30); Barb Reinhardt (10:30)

*Ushers & Greeters:* Chrissy Barnett, Mispa NGO Nguidjoi (10:30)

*Tech Crew:* Barry Firebaugh, Tracy Krzys, Francois Ngijoi, Jonathan St. John

## PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17, 2024

**Please pray for:** Lea, Dave and Jane, Dylan, Bob, Ken, Stacy, Bob and Sarah Jo, Bob and Carol, Maria, Peter, Jim, Ann and Family, Dename and Family, Dan.

**And also for:** everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House; the people of Ukraine.

**Non-Resident Members:** Frank and Betty, Barb

**Friends & Family:** Janet's friend, Sumner; Andy's parents, John & Judy; Terry, Kathy, Kris, Al, Barbara, Jane, Aaron, Eyler, Rita, Matt

**Care Center:** Virgie, Margaret, Paul, Barbara, Lois, Beth

**Recovering from Surgery:** Janet; Margaret, Jonathan, Ann

**Bereaved:** Bob; Angela and Trey and Family, Ellen and Doyle and family

**PCUSA Mission Coworkers:** Jeff and Christi Boyd in Congo, [www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd](http://www.PCUSA.org/jeff-and-christi-boyd); Jed and Jenny Koball in Peru, [www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball](http://www.PCUSA.org/jed-koball); Leslie Vogel in Guatemala, [www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel](http://www.PCUSA.org/leslie-vogel)

Please contact Pastor Ken Page, [kpage@firstpreshc.org](mailto:kpage@firstpreshc.org) or 602-799-7643  
with the prayers and concerns that you would like to share or in case of an emergency.  
Friends & Family names are listed for 8 weeks unless requested otherwise.



## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### MARCH FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in Lyle Buck Hall

- \* Sunday, March 17, 2024 – hosted by ROMEOS
- \* Sunday, March 24, 2024 – hosted by the Deacons
- \* Sunday, March 31, 2024 – Easter Breakfast, 7:00-10:00 a.m.

### EASTER EGGS

As we prepare for Easter, DCM is putting out a call for colored eggs to help beautify Lyle Buck Hall for Easter Brunch! They can be real eggs that you have dyed or plastic eggs that you have decorated! Bring them with you when you come for breakfast that morning!

### BINGO PRIZES NEEDED

Discipleship & Caring Ministries (DCM) is now accepting donations for our upcoming Bingo event on Sunday, May 19. Look for a bin in the Harris Lower Commons to place your donations.



# WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC NEWS

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

Handbell rehearsal: *Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.*

Geniá rehearsal: *Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 154.*

Chancel Choir rehearsal: *Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.*

Contact Director of Music Ministries, Dr. Margaret McGillivray,  
[churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org) for more details!

## FIRST CALL AT 10:00 a.m. – Click on the link below

Our weekly Zoom gathering for those worshipping online. Say hi, share a prayer request, and greet others who are coming to online worship.

Here's the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89326301087?pwd=WnpGTEU1SXpLYnlMQ1l4WTh0cGtoZz09>  
Meeting ID: 893 2630 1087 Passcode: peacebwyou

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**SUNDAY SCHOOL for children, youth and adults** of all ages takes place every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be this summer during the week of *July 22-26, 2024 (Monday through Friday)* from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Children age 3 through current 4<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to attend. We also need lots of volunteers! Mark your calendars now because you don't want to miss it!

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in Lyle Buck Hall. We are **not** meeting on Wednesday, March 27 so the next meeting is *Wednesday, April 10*. All 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome! Questions? Email DCE Virginia Callegary – [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)

## ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION HOUR, 9:30-10:25 a.m.**



**GRAB AND GO COFFEE** is available on Sunday mornings at the Wake Up Station on the second floor across from the Parlor until 10:20 a.m. Get a cup of coffee and head to class! Please return the cups to the drop off bins.

**THE BIBLE IN DEPTH** facilitated by Doyle

*Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor*

**MAKING SPACE FOR GOD** - taught by Bruce

*Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 258*

Using Tim Stead's book, *Mindfulness and Christian Spirituality* we'll learn about today's science-based mindfulness therapy, known as Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), and how it also can be part of a practice of Christian spirituality. Stead is an Anglican priest and also a trained teacher of mindfulness, who believes mindfulness can instruct and deepen our prayers and daily living.

Copies of Stead's book will be available from Christian Education Director, Virginia Callegary, and will be helpful for class participation. Donations of \$15 for those interested in owning a copy are appreciated, but not required.

### **WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS**

#### ***Wednesday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor***

*On the Way with Jesus - The Gospel of Mark*

*with Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton and Rev. David Welton*

We are exploring the Gospel of Mark. This study will continue through Easter, so come when you can as we journey "on the way" with Jesus.

#### ***Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom***

*with Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor*

*The Good and Beautiful God*, by James Bryan Smith

Focusing on the Gospels, James Bryan Smith invites us to examine our ideas about God to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. We delve into the narratives of the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed and explore spiritual exercises that guide growth in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.

*The Good and Beautiful God* is available on Amazon.com

#### **Register in advance for this and future meetings:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGndMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJqHjXW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

## **DEACONS NEWS**

### ***JUST ONE CAN...PLUS!!! – March – Breakfast***

Let's help the hungry start the morning right with a good breakfast. Our special request for March is donations of cereal (including instant oatmeal), which is the most requested food item month after month in food pantries. There is a limit of one visit per family per month to the Howard County Food Bank, where the quantities given out must be strictly rationed to meet demand.

Please leave your regular contribution – and "plus" items - in the "Just One Can" cart next to the Welcome Center in the Upper Commons or in the storage box by the back entrance (near the mailbox). Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

### **MARCH FOOD DRIVE FOR HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Through the Howard Community College campus food pantry, the Fueling Dragons program at HCC is helping students who are experiencing food insecurity. Fueling Dragons is a series of programs designed to increase students' knowledge about nutrition, support students in making healthy choices, and provide access to healthier food options through meal kits, recipes, education, and workshops. We invite you to join us by donating the most-needed items on the list (please see the list on the Deacons' bulletin board or the Friday email). Place your donations in the Black & Yellow Bins labeled for HCC in the Harris Upper Commons or outside the kitchen door near Lyle Buck Hall. Please bring food by *Sunday, March 31*. If you would like to help or have questions please contact [churchoffice@firstpreshec.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshec.org)

# MISSION NEWS

## 2024 COFFEE RUN AND FUN

We will be holding our 15th annual fundraiser for the Guatemala Coffee Microgrants Project this year on Saturday, April 27, 2024. We invite everyone to participate in an afternoon of games, fun, and fellowship - including a chance to try your hand at pickle ball right inside the church!

You can find full details, register and make donations using the QR code provided below. Or look for a table in the Harris Upper Commons on Sundays starting March 17th, where you can register in person, volunteer to help with the event, and get more information about the event and the Coffee Microgrants Project.



The Coffee Run and Fun is open to all on April 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Church - rain or shine. Please join us and spread the word!

Questions? Let us know at [letsrunforcoffee@firstpreshc.org](mailto:letsrunforcoffee@firstpreshc.org).

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

### OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of March 14, 2024	\$202,206.60
Actual Expenses as of March 14, 2024	<u>175,295.70</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,910.90</b>

It takes an average of \$2,274.17 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.  
The total surplus/deficit shown above is 12 days ahead/(behind).

### PER CAPITA FOR 2024 - The amount is \$40.00

The "Per Capita" is each church member's share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church.

For more info go to <https://baltimorepresbytery.org/per-capita/>

*Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 55 people who have paid it!*

*For more events throughout the week at First Presbyterian Church, please check our website at [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) for the weekly issue of First Day. Also, check your inbox for the weekly issues of Tidings by Ministry Area.*

*A Weekly Email is sent every Friday, if you would like to receive it please contact the church office.*

*To submit news or events for the weekly bulletin **First Day!** please email announcements to: [fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

*To submit articles for Tidings, the church's newsletter sent out weekly by Ministry Area, please send articles by email to: [fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org](mailto:fpcadmin@firstpreshc.org) by **Thursday, April 11, 2024 for May 2024 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*

# PREPARING FOR EASTER

## EASTER LILIES

**TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 17 IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER!**

Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

The cost is \$20.00 per plant.

[CLICK HERE](#) to order Easter Lilies on SignUpGenius

or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/EasterLilies2024>

Easter lilies can be picked up at the church after the last

Easter morning worship service on Sunday, March 31

– **OR** – leave your lily to be delivered by the Deacons.

For more information or questions, contact:

Church Administrator, Caroline Smith, [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)



## OGHS PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERING

*Received NEXT Sunday, March 24, 2024*

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

*Sunday, March 31, 2024*

7:00 - 10:00 a.m. in Lyle Buck Hall

All are welcome to enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs and sausage as we celebrate Easter Sunday!

A wonderful way to enjoy Easter with family and friends!

Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per family

If cost is a problem, please come anyway.

## HELP HIDE EASTER EGGS

On Easter morning, *Sunday, March 31*, we need help hiding the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are available please contact DCE Virginia Callegary at [churchoffice@firstpreshc.org](mailto:churchoffice@firstpreshc.org)

Help make Easter magical for the children of the church!



# Holy Week

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

### **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24, 2024**

*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

No Church School

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary

Worship at 10:30 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary and livestream

### **Maundy Thursday, March 28, 2024**

7:00 p.m. Long Table Communion, in the Sanctuary

### **Good Friday, March 29, 2024**

Mid-day Worship at Noon in the Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service, Fauré Requiem, in the Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir, organist Kathie Metz, and violinist Madalyn Navis will be offering Gabriel Fauré's Requiem as part of our observance of Good Friday.

### **Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service in the Woodlands Chapel

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Lyle Buck Hall

Easter Worship at 8:30 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary

Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m. in-person in the sanctuary and livestream

Childcare in the Nursery available at 8:30 & 10:30

Godly Play available at 10:30

No Church School; No Worship Bridge

On Easter Morning, we'll celebrate the Resurrection with trumpet, voices and song!

At the 10:30 worship service, we're looking forward to welcoming back Alexandria Crichlow as our soprano soloist in works by Handel and Haydn as well as Kathie Metz on organ and Paul Lindenmann on trumpet. The Chancel Choir will be singing *The Heavens are Telling* by Haydn and *Gaelic Alleluia* by Craig Courtney and members of the congregation are invited to come up and join the choir in singing the *Hallelujah Chorus* from the *Messiah* at the close of the service.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for children is on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under – grab your Easter baskets and join the hunt!

### **Easter Monday, April 1**

Holiday for Church Staff.

The Church Office and Building will be closed.



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children and Adults
- 10:00 a.m. First Call on Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Worship – In-person & Livestream
- Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15–11:45 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hour

FACEBOOK [www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live](http://www.facebook.com/firstpreshc/live)

YOUTUBE <http://www.youtube.com/c/firstpreshc>

Links can also be found on the Website [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org)

The Church Office is Open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
(The outside doors may be locked, please call upon arrival for entry.)

## March is Women's History Month

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

A WORD FROM THE COMMUNICATION & STRATEGY TEAM

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream  
Godly Play & Worship Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)

### Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING OPEN – 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

### Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting  
Session Meeting

### Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Study Group
- 1:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry
- 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening Study Group via Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

- 9:30 a.m. ROMEOS Breakfast at Bob Evans
- 6:30 p.m. Geniá Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream  
Godly Play & Worship Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
- 11:45 a.m. Nominating Committee Meeting (Library)
- 6:30 p.m. Ruth Circle Meeting

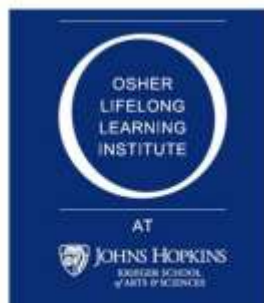


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Between April 1<sup>st</sup> & May 9<sup>th</sup> 2024  
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OR

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Try a 6-week Osher at JHU Course for ~~\$100~~ <sup>\$65</sup>.

That's 12 hours of learning for less than \$6 an hour! Classes in blue are in person at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County (address above). Courses in gray are online via Zoom. Select a course and join us to learn something new! Full course descriptions and instructor information can be found at [osher.jhu.edu](http://osher.jhu.edu) (click register for courses from the home page and select Activities for Non-Members and Guests—hover over the course name to view the description.)

Please select from the following courses:

Day	Time	Course Name	Check ✓
Wednesdays, 6 weeks (April 3–May 8)	10am–12noon	History of the Digital Revolution <b>IN-PERSON</b>	
Wednesdays, 6 weeks (April 3–May 8)	1pm–3pm	A History of Modern Israel, Part II <b>IN-PERSON</b>	
Wednesdays, 6 weeks (April 3–May 8)	1pm–3pm	Artificial Intelligence <b>IN-PERSON</b>	
Mondays, 6 weeks (April 1–May 6)	10am–12noon	Seeing History Thru Artists Eyes <b>ONLINE</b>	
Mondays, 6 weeks (April 1–May 6)	10am–12noon	Saddle Up Pilgrim: John Ford/John Wayne Westerns <b>ONLINE</b>	
Tuesdays, 5 weeks (April 2–May 7)	10am–12noon	Interviews with Local Novelists <b>ONLINE</b>	
Thursdays, 6 weeks (April 4–May 9)	10am–12noon	Discover the Dinner Party: Icon of 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Art <b>ONLINE</b>	
Wednesdays, 6 weeks (April 3–May 8)	1pm–3pm	A History of US Television <b>ONLINE</b>	
Thursdays, 6 weeks (April 4–May 9)	1pm–3pm	The Life and Writings of Edgar Allen Poe <b>ONLINE</b>	

Please register by **March 25, 2024** for *A Taste of Osher* via mail or email [osher@jhu.edu](mailto:osher@jhu.edu), (using the form below), or by calling 667-208-8692, or fax the registration form to 410-367-2336.

**Register online:** [osher@jhu.edu](http://Non-Members and Visitors - 24SNM | Johns Hopkins Advanced Academic Programs (jhu.edu) | Click enroll yourself. Enter Promo Code PTNR. In Box 1 of the registration page, check off your class. In Box 5, accept the refund policy and indicate your vaccination status. Proceed to Box 6 to check out.(or complete registration form fields below and email to <a href=).

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**A Taste of Osher: ~~\$100~~ \$65**

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**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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