



FIRST DAY!

Weekly News and Opportunities at
The First Presbyterian Church of Howard County
April 13, 2025

TODAY

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. If worshipping in-person, you may appear in our livestream. If joining from home, the link for worship will open around 10:20 a.m. You can find this week's worship materials on the website:

www.firstpreshc.org

CHILDREN BEGIN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY. After the children's prayer, children ages 4-7 may go to Godly Play with Ms. Kathy Moore. Older children may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to Worship Bridge.

Worship bags for children are available in the Upper Commons.

FLOWERS THIS WEEK have been replaced by palms.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS TODAY: 10:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Sara

Ushers & Greeters: Chrissy, Margot

Tech Crew: Jonathan, Francois, Debbie



PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025

Please pray for: Lea, Dave, Dylan, Bob, Bob and Sarah Jo, Maria, Dename and Family, Chuck, Karin, Janet, David

And also for: everyone living in Charlestown, Encore, Millers Grant, Riderwood and Vantage House.

Non-Resident Members: Frank and Betty, Barb

Friends & Family: Matt, Susan, Judy, Gudeta, Anne & Nate and family, Evelyn, Bruce, Bart, Joe, The Beisler Family, Roy, Pastor Juan, Adolfo, family & friends of Jacob, Jennifer, Dan & Kathy, Ken, *Mitzi*

Care Center: Virgie, Margaret, Lois

Recovering from Surgery: Nana, Jim, Dot, Ann, Bob

Bereaved: Dave, Bob; Joe & Blasko and family, Natalie and Jeff, Wayne and Sharon, McKissick Family, Hilda and family, Jan and family, Lois, Agnes & Family, Blondell, Wade & Monta, Amanda, Margaret, Catherine and family, Anita and family, Kathy & family, Doyle & family

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



STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES DOING GOD'S WORK

Actual Income as of April 8, 2025	\$246,486.29
Actual Expenses as of April 8, 2025	<u>240,949.94</u>
Total	\$5,536.35

It takes an average of \$2,381.21 to fund the daily budgeted operation and mission of the church.
The total surplus/deficit shown above is 2 days ahead/(behind).

PER CAPITA FOR 2025 - The amount is \$42.00

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

Have you paid your per capita?! Thank you to those 47 people who have paid it!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All 5th -12th graders are invited to our next youth group which is on Wednesday, April 23 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Bring your own dinner.
Questions? Email Virginia Callegary (vcallegary@firstpreshc.org).

REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

3 year old - rising 5th graders (open to members and non-members)

\$20 per child/\$50 family max (free for family of volunteers)

To register scan the QR code to the right?

Contact Aja, vbs@firstpreshc.org, or

Virginia Callegary, vcallegary@firstpreshc.org if you are interested in volunteering.



ADULT EDUCATION & SPIRITUAL GROWTH

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 4/13 & 4/20

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

THE BIBLE IN DEPTH facilitated by Doyle – every Sunday – *Parlor*

NEWS FLASH APRIL 2025: ENVIRONMENTAL STUFF IS STILL HARD! –

Sundays, April 27, May 4 & 11 in Branch Hall

For three classes Environmental Professional Bill will explain with unprofessional language the changes made to national environmental policy through the Executive Orders of the current administration.

- April 27: An Energy Emergency? This Calls for Environmental Regulatory Bypass Surgery!
- May 4: Rule Breaking and Rule Making? What does Chevron have to do with it?
- May 11: Where is Climate Change? What about Environmental Justice? and Just Whose Water is this Anyway?

Things may very likely change between now and late April. Class content may change accordingly.

WEDNESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Lenten Preaching Journey with Pastor Ken – through April 16, 2025

Each Wednesday in Lent, Pastor Ken Page will lead a study of the scriptures for the following Sunday. You're invited to join the Wednesday Morning study group as we explore the sermon texts with Pastor Ken, and get a "sneak preview" of the upcoming sermon!

Then we will meet on April 23 and take a break on April 30.

Evening – *Life Without Lack* by Dallas Willard – with Rev. Andrea – Wednesdays at 7 pm through April 23

Life Without Lack is a look at the extraordinary claims of one of the Bible's most familiar passages, Psalm 23.

Register in advance for the Zoom link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qc-6vqTstGNdMbW4UBdwAfUcwDJiqHjXW>

CHURCH OFFICE

Someone is phishing with emails purporting to be from Pastor Ken. His two email addresses are kpage@firstpreshc.org and revkenpage@gmail.com. Anything else is a hoax. If you are unsure if you are hearing from Ken, give him a call.

WORSHIP, ARTS AND MUSIC

DATES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There are openings available on the following Sundays: May 4, 11, 18, & 25.

Here's the link to signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/flowers2025>

The flowers cost \$35. Please send a check to the church office or via PayPal.

Questions? Contact, churchoffice@firstpreshc.org

DISCIPLESHIP & CARING

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR

If you'd like to bring snacks one Sunday, please check the SignUpGenius link for more info:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DACAFA2BA0FCC52-51327460-coffee>



UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP HOURS on Sundays

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

* Sunday, April 13, 2025 will be hosted by Ruth Circle

* Sunday, April 20, 2025 will be the Easter Egg Hunt (on the lawn)

* Sunday, April 27, 2025 will be held by the Deacons

We thank all who have volunteered!

DEACONS NEWS

As part of the Deacons' continuing campaign against hunger in Howard County, we are asking for specific supplements to our on-going initiative called Just One Can. Our featured category for April is extra donations of baby items.

Recommended items are:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Formula
- Baby food

Please leave your regular contribution - plus baby items - in the "Just One Can" cart across from the Welcome Center in the upper narthex. Thank you on behalf of the Deacons and the Food-Stressed of Howard County.

THE KIPTON PROJECT

UPDATE!!! We have collected over 900 pounds towards our goal. Please Help FPCHC collect plastic bags, film, and other items towards our 1,000 pound goal. Trex will award the church with a bench made from recycled plastics. Please check the list of acceptable plastics below before donating:

<https://nextrex.com/view/educate>. Please drop your items in Lower Commons.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan or Woody Collins.

MISSION

2025 FUNdraising & GAMES for Coffee Microgrants

Changing lives one coffee plant at a time for over 15 years.

It's almost time for the **16th annual fundraiser** for the **Guatemala Coffee Microgrants Project!!** Join us at **First Pres on Saturday,**

April 26th from 2:00 – 4:00pm, rain or shine, for an afternoon of

fun, food, and fellowship, including a walking course, pickleball, cornhole, GaGa ball, bingo, and board games, **and support our Mayan brothers and sisters in our partner presbytery in Guatemala.**



Scan the QR code or visit the event page on the website to register online

Or stop by the table in the Harris Upper Commons to register and pick up posters to display at school, work, or your favorite local business!

You may attend without registering, but telling the event planners that you are going to attend allows for better planning. Questions? Email us at

coffeemicrogrants@firstpreshc.org

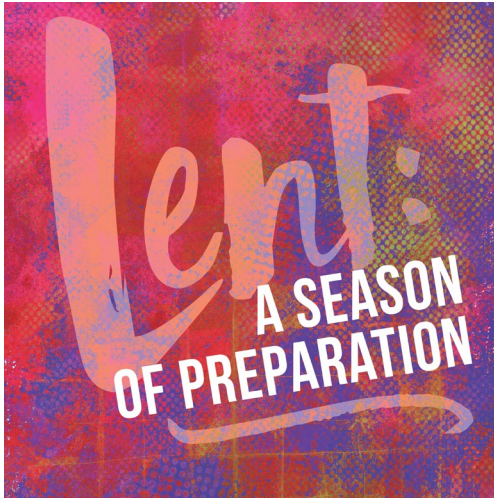
NEW YORK LIFE INVESTMENTS COMPANY will be hosting a Child ID table at the Coffee for Migrants event on Saturday April 26th, 2025. For years, New York Life has proudly hosted EZ Child ID events, which provide parents with a hard copy file containing essential information needed for the Amber Alert system. This includes fingerprints, photographs, and other important identification data to help keep children safe. These events have been a great success, with parents expressing high levels of interest and gratitude for the peace of mind of knowing that god forbid something went wrong, they have an ID with vital information to distribute to local authorities.

SAVE THE DATE - PDA Mission Trip to Western North Carolina

Please block your calendars for the Week of May 11-17 for a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Mission Trip to Western North Carolina for the purpose of rebuilding homes destroyed and damaged by Hurricane Helene. Exact travel dates, site and cost, etc. are being finalized. The plan is to work out of the PDA site in Black Mountain or Asheville. Let Debbie know if you have questions or are interested in joining us. Both full and partial week volunteers are welcome. Details will be communicated as they become available.

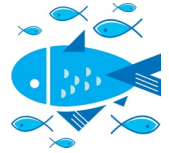
PC(USA)'s next Advocacy Hour will be April 23, on the topic of Fighting Hunger and Poverty: Taking faithful action in challenging times. Join hundreds of fellow Presbyterians and register for the series, the fourth Wednesday of each month, at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/A8XGueegQPGDIV3aw-632Q#/registration>

CALLING COLLEGE STUDENTS! Consider attending PC(USA)'s Young Adult Advocacy Conference, to learn how to influence public policy. Sept. 26-28 in Lansing Michigan. <https://presbyterianmission-22542400.hs-sites.com/advocacy-conference> The Mission Committee can help with costs - contact Sara.



FISH BANKS FOR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

TODAY Palm Sunday, April 13, we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering helps Presbyterians worldwide share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Pick up a fish bank in the Harris Upper Commons. Questions? Email Virginia Callegary – vcalleary@firstpreshc.org



MEDITATION MONDAYS

Mondays during Lent we will be offering brief meditation times led by Bruce Johnson starting at 8:30pm on Zoom. All are welcome. The sessions will last about 30 minutes and include mindfulness practices and Christian based centering prayer. Join us to journey more deeply into your personal understanding of our faith in Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Find the Zoom link in the Friday email.

PREPARING FOR EASTER

OGHS PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERING

*Received **TODAY**, Sunday, April 13, 2025*

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, April 20, 2025

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.



Worship
Schedule for
HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13, 2025

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

No Sunday 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, April 17, 2025

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

Good Friday, April 18, 2025

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

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 Sunday School; No Worship Bridge

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

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for children is on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Children 5th grade and under – grab your Easter baskets and join the hunt!

Easter Monday, April 21

Holiday for Church Staff.

The Church Office and Building will be closed.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday Morning Info

Nursery Care for ages 4 and under available 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/firstpreshc

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

Links can also be found on the Website 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.)

Sunday, April 13th

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only
- 9:30 a.m. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play & Worship Bridge
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

Monday, April 14th

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN MON-FRI– 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, April 15th

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

Wednesday, April 16th

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

Thursday, April 17th

- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday/Long Table Communion Service
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 18th

FRIDAY EMAIL WITH SUNDAY BULLETIN SENT OUT

- 1:00 p.m. Bulletins Folded
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19th

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

Sunday, April 20th

EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service – In-person only
- 7-10 a.m. Easter Breakfast – in Lyle Buck Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person only
- 9:30 a.m. **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – In-person & Livestream
Godly Play
- 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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:*

churchoffice@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: churchoffice@firstpreshc.org by **Thursday, May 8, 2025 for June 2025 events.** Then watch your inbox every week!*