

FAITH MATTERS



Pastor Scott's Musings



“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:4-11.

This is it! This is that for which we have been waiting. This is to what all the self-investigation has been leading. Are we ready to lock our faith onto the atoning work of Jesus and store our treasures in heaven?

We have spent Lent determining who it is that will receive the glory. Will we store up treasures on this earth, earning glory and acclaim for ourselves, making sure that what we do for the Lord is seen and recognized?

Or will we humble ourselves as Jesus did, surrendering ourselves to the Father's will and store up our treasures in heaven?

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It is not an easy road we are asked to walk. Humble attitudes, sacrificial obedience, and selfless service do not come to us naturally. We would much rather blow our horns, demand others obey us, and be served. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to the former and to let go of the latter. We must get out of our own way to be changed into individuals more like Christ.

Our Savior is not unsympathetic. He too has had to humble Himself as we see in this passage above. However, that very humble approach to His mission bought us our salvation and eternal life in the presence of God Almighty. If He can do that, it gives me hope that I can find a way to be a humble servant too.

The beauty of the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter is that God saw fit to reconcile us unto Himself. It also reminds us where the glory truly belongs. Jesus, the Son of God, son of Mary, adopted by Joseph the carpenter from Nazareth, is the one to whom all glory in this mission to see His kingdom expand and disciples grow belongs. As the verses from Philippians remind us, it does not matter whether what we do is for our own glory or His. In the end, it will all be for His glory as *“God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

May you enjoy the most glorious and holy Easter as you celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! He is risen!! He is risen indeed!!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Scott

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

BIRTHDAYS

4/1 - Cameron Stepp

4/8 - Bill Harrison

4/14 - Linda Higgins

4/20 - Logan Heather


4/20 - Beckett Lawson

4/21 - Alexis Heather

4/27 - Theresa Messmer



April 2, 2023 (Communion) (Palm Sunday)


Sermon Title: Treasure of Heaven 
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11
Focal Verse: "Behold, your King is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." v. 5.
Synopsis: Of all of the treasures of heaven that the Heavenly Father pours out upon His children, none compares to the entrance of the King of all creation here among us. We do not want to miss the majesty of the gift just because of His lowly entrance.




*The steadfast
love of the Lord
never ceases;
his mercies
never come to an
end;
they are new
every morning;
great is your
faithfulness.
"The Lord is my
portion," says
my soul,
"therefore I
will hope in
him."*

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

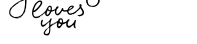
April 6, 2023 (Communion) (Maundy Thursday)

Sermon Title: A Lasting Ordinance 
Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Focal Verse: "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast." Exodus 12:14.
Synopsis: When God saved Israel He provided them with directions for a commemorative meal. When Jesus saved the world, He took that commemorative meal and changed it forever. Now we find new meaning as we too have been freed from slavery through Jesus.


April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)

Sermon Title: Of Anguish and Justification 
Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Hebrews 10:16-25
Focal Verse: "But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.
Synopsis: The pain. The agony. The anguish. The freedom. The forgiveness.

April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunrise)

Sermon Title: Look Up! 
Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4
Focal Verse: "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." v. 1.
Synopsis: The greatest treasure God has ever given us may have been put in the grave, but He has been raised and seated at the right hand of God. If we are looking up, we will store our treasures in heaven with the Great Treasure. Are we still seeking a body or are we seeking the Living Lord?

April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)

Sermon Title: Gone! 
Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10
Focal Verse: "He is not here, for He has risen, as He said." v. 6a.
Synopsis: A startling contrast to the scene that played out on Friday is now in place. Where once there was darkness, there is now light. Where there was once death, there is now life. Come look in the tomb. You will not find Him there.

April 16, 2023

Sermon Title: Feel Your Heart Break
Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1-4
Focal Verse: "The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire." v. 3.
Synopsis: God cannot reveal who He wants us to reach and how He wants us to reach them until we know for whom our hearts break. Brokenheartedness leads to compassion both within the internal community and the community at large.

April 23, 2023

Sermon Title: Pray For Next Steps
Scripture: Nehemiah 1:5-11
Focal Verse: "Let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, to hear the prayer of Your servant that I now pray before You day and night..." v. 6.
Synopsis: Nothing great accomplished for the Lord is ever done apart from prayer. Whether it is relationships within the life of the church community or whether they are relationships on the outside, change of heart, mind, or ministry must be done through constant contact with the Lord through prayer.

April 30, 2023

Sermon Title: Give It Your All
Scripture: Nehemiah 1:10-11
Focal Verse: "O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name, and give success to Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man." v. 11.
Synopsis: You cannot rebuild lives or communities with only half an effort. To engage in the transformative work to which God calls you requires you to be "all-in."

Special Notes: This is youth Sunday.



Alive & Breathing

Matt Maher

What holds your heart
What stirs your soul
What matters come to mind
The cares you keep
The thoughts you think
It's not all wasted time
Seek and you will find

Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord

Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still Good News worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing

Praise the Lord
Years roll by

We wonder why
We lost our way from home
Our Father finds
The child inside

We had left for growing old
Awake, awake, awake my soul
Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord

Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still Good News worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing

Praise the Lord
Let everything, let everything
Let everything praise the Lord
In the working, in the waiting
Praise the Lord
In the blessing, in the breaking
Come on, praise the Lord
In the dying, the rising
Let it praise the Lord
Let it praise the Lord

Praise the Lord
Joy still comes in the morning
Hope still walks with the hurting
If you're still alive and breathing
Praise the Lord

Don't stop dancing and dreaming
There's still Good News worth repeating
So lift your head and keep singing
Praise the Lord

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Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:1-5



[Click Here To Listen](#)





Easter Lily Order Form

Cost is \$9.00 each

Make Checks Payable to [Grace Mitchell](#)

Lilies Must Be Ordered By April 2!

Please Indicate if Lily is in Memory or Honor of Your Loved One and Print Their Name Below.

Number of Lilies: _____

In Memory Of:

In Honor Of:



thank you



**Thank you to everyone who participated in "Tacos for Izzy!"
Your love for this young lady was expressed not only in your fellowship
with one another but also in your giving. Together you raised
approximately \$1,400!**

*Do not be slothful in
zeal, be fervent in
spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be
patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs
of the saints and seek
to show hospitality.*

ROMANS 12:11-13

**The Presbyterian Women are
collecting twin size bed sheets
and toiletries for Sally's House,
part of the City Mission, through
April 16.**

**Contact Darlene McDonald for
more information.**



Dear church family,

I cannot thank you enough for your participation in my installation service. The gift is absolutely beautiful and will be kept close by. The reception was fantastic, and it was nice to get a chance to talk with so many of you. I am looking forward to what God has in store for us and pray for His continued blessing on this congregation and your lives as His disciples. Thank you so much.

In Christ,

Pastor Scott

Music & Worship News



The regular scheduled first Thursday of the month meeting of the Music and Worship committee for April will be held on Thursday, April 13 at 5 p.m. prior to the Session meeting due to Maundy Thursday services on the 6th.

Easter Lilies: Those wishing to purchase lilies for Easter Sunday please see the information and order form. The cost this year for lilies is \$9.00, payable to Grace Mitchell. Along with the number of lilies being purchased, please list any names of those for which you wish to place the flower in honor or memory. For any questions, please contact Grace.

Join us for services throughout Holy Week beginning on Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday at 10:30 am. The Maundy Thursday service on April 6 will start with the LPC Ringers beginning to play at 6:30 p.m. for a private time of reflection and meditation. The service will follow, with Communion, at 7 p.m. On Friday, April 7, a Good Friday Solemn Intercession service will be held at 7:00 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 9 beginning at 8 a.m., we will hold an outside vigil SonRise service, weather permitting. This will be followed by an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Then there will be an Easter Celebration worship service at 10:30 a.m. Communion will be observed at both Easter services. Please join us throughout Holy Week as we walk along the paths Jesus walked.

The Worship Committee is still seeking Liturgists to assist in our regular Sunday morning services. Anyone wishing to participate please see Colleen Dille to be added to the schedule.



Resurrection Power
Hope For Addiction

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL BREAKFAST BANQUET

Celebrating 22 years of fighting addiction, bringing healing, support and love to our community!



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023
8:30-10:30 A.M. (DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 A.M.)

THE ELKS LODGE
138 EAST MAIDEN ST., WASHINGTON, PA 15301

*EVENT INCLUDES FULL BREAKFAST, AUCTION BASKETS,
DARLA PEPPER-MILLER & MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT. HEAR A RESIDENT TESTIMONY AND A
MESSAGE FROM OUR VERY OWN REV. ROBERT HEDGES.*

**For donations, tickets or sponsorships, please mail this form and payment to:
Resurrection Power · P.O. Box 1533 · Washington, PA 15301
To register online visit www.rezpowerpa.org and click on the "Events" tab.**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ City, State Zip: _____

Email: _____

Please accept my gift of: ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ Other

Number of banquet tickets: ___ X \$25 Sponsorship: _____ Program Ad: _____

Would Like to Donate an Auction Basket: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

**Questions or Problems with Registering? Contact Sarah Angelo at (724) 884-5006 /
sangelo@rezpowerpa.org**



Washington Presbytery Leaderfest Lite

Sat., May 6, 2023 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Church of the Covenant

(267 East Beau St., Washington, PA 15301)

Join us for Leaderfest Lite; welcoming Ruling Elders, Deacons, and guests. Don't miss this opportunity to energize your spirit for leadership in your congregation. PLUS a Session Minute Book and Church Roll Book review station will be available throughout the event for Clerks of Session.

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Refreshments
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	Workshop Part 1
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Workshop Part 2
*8:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Minute Book/Roll Book Review Drop Off

Attendees will select **ONE** of the following Workshops. Each Workshop will last for 2 hours, with a 15 minute break after the first hour.

- Basic Deacon Training - RE Brad DeBusk, Deacons President, Faith U.P. Church, Washington
- Basic Elder Training - TE Skip Noftzger, Exec. Presbyter, Redstone Presbytery
- Re-Thinking Stewardship – TE Tom Moore, Pastor, Center Presbn. Ch., McMurray
This workshop will explore Stewardship in the 21st Century and provide resources to help congregational leaders discuss money in the life of the church. Additionally, we will work on cultivating a healthy theology of stewardship and gain insight about giving trends in the Church and other nonprofits.
- Connections: Church is a Team Sport – TE Scott Shetter, Pastor, Laboratory Presbn. Ch., Washn.
This workshop will discuss the importance of interpersonal connectedness for gospel proclamation and disciples' growth, with special emphasis on 'ice-breaking', acquaintance building, and deepening relationships as we mature together in Christ and impact the world where God has placed us.

You may register online at <https://www.washingtonpresbytery.org/event/leaderfest-lite/> or return the form below to the Washington Presbytery Offices by email (office@washingtonpresbytery.org), or mail to P.O. Box 146, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

Registration fee is \$15. Please make check payable to Washington Presbytery.

Registration Form:

Full Name: _____ Church: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

I represent a church within: () Washington Presbytery OR () Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery

Please Select **ONE** Workshop:

- () Basic Deacon Training
- () Basic Ruling Elder Training
- () Re-Thinking Stewardship
- () Connections: Church is a Team Sport

Ushers & Greeters



- April 2 - Stacey Pegram & Debbie Randall
- April 9 - Stacey Pegram & Debbie Randall
- April 16 - Stacey Pegram & Debbie Randall
- April 23 - Debbie Randall & Tammy Varner
- April 30 - Youth Group

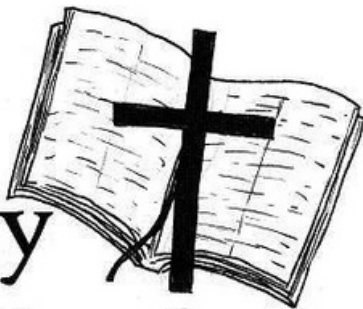


Children's Message

- April 2 - Colleen Dille
- April 9 - Pastor Scott
- April 16 - Tammy Varner
- April 23 - Harriet Dilly
- April 30 - Youth Group



Liturgy of the Word



- April 2 - Stacey Pegram
- April 9 - TJ Spruill
- April 16 - Darlene McDonald
- April 23 - Karen Hanes
- April 30 - Youth Group



April 2023

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2 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Bell Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5:30 PM FROG YG	3	4 6:30 PM Presbyterian Women's Meeting	5 4:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	6 6:30 PM Lenten Meditation w/Bells 7:00 PM Maundy Service	7 7:00 PM Good Friday Service 7:00 PM NA Meeting	8 Bill Harrison 🎈
9 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 8:30 AM Bell Choir 9:15 AM Easter Breakfast 10:30 AM Easter Celebration	10	11 10:30 AM Garden Club Board	12 12:00 PM Senior Luncheon 4:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM NA Meeting	13 5:00 PM Music & Worship 5:00 PM Trustees 6:30 PM Session Meeting	14 7:00 PM NA Meeting Linda Higgins 🎈	15 8:30 AM Resurrection Power Breakfast @ the Elks
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Upcoming Lenten Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship will be April 2

Maundy Thursday Worship April 6, 7:00 PM

Good Friday Worship April 7, 7:00 PM

Easter SonRise Service April 9, 8:00 AM

Easter Breakfast April 9, 9:15 AM

Easter Celebration Service April 9, 10:30 AM

